

Major investment in social and educational works

- Alcossebre Pensioners' Centre: 850,000.00€
- Day Centre: 515,000.00€
- Nursery for 0-3 year olds and Playcentre: 448,000.00€
- Premises for the Amas de Casa: 132,000.00€
- Sport and leisure area in Las Fuentes: 349,000.00€
- Children's park in the Plaza de Les Escoles: 72,000.00€
- Restoration of the Capicorb San Antonio Chapel: 70,000.00€



Restoration work continues at the Castillo de Xivert.



Construction work is ongoing for the Rural Emergency Brigade Base.



Final stretch of the Coastal Path finished.



Alcossebre Beaches: The first ones of the province with wireless megaphony.

The 2nd National Timbersports Competition will be held during the San Isidro Agricultural Fair

This is a sport which is very popular in northern countries and which was introduced in Spain in 2003. Those taking part put their strength, experience and skill to the test with special equipment for three disciplines with the axe and three with the saw.



Public address system for our beaches

The Council is the first on the Castellón coast to install public address systems on our beaches. This new service will provide

information for the residents and tourists who visit our beaches about planned activities, to warn against possible incidents.

A "falla" artist in Alcala



Passion for the Fallas has reached our town. Ángel Roda is a fallas artist and every year, at the time of the fallas

fiestas, he creates a falla to the delight of everyone - a Valencian tradition which is alive in Alcala thanks to people like Ángel.

There will be guided visits to the Bell Tower again

Following their success last year, the Council is again organising guided visits to the Bell Tower. Until the end of September, anyone who wishes to can enjoy the attractions of one of the most iconic buildings in the area, visiting the museum inside it and the parish church as well. From Monday to Saturday, there will be two tours in the morning and two in the afternoon, and in the morning on Sundays.

Access made easier in the municipality

The Council has lowered kerbs in the town to make it more accessible and easier for disabled people to move around the town.

The lowered kerbs can be found in various places, and the installation of pedestrian lights is also being considered at the end of the avenida de Valencia, at a crossing currently without this facility and which could be dangerous.

The Autoservef Service



The Council and Servef have signed a pilot agreement to collaborate (one of only 11 municipalities in the whole of the Valencian Community) to provide access for users to the Servef employment website.

By using the Servef service installed in the Council, residents can obtain information with total confidentiality and autonomy about job enquiries, and CV's; renewal of the demand for employment; the issuing of certificates and requests for training, and other related matters.

New tourist attractions to complement the sun and beach with a major drive for local nature and architecture



Our town promoted its wealth of tourist attractions during the Fitur fair in Madrid and the Valencian Community International Tourism Fair. New alternatives to the sun and beaches were promoted, with great emphasis on tourism in the Sierra de Irtu and the Columbretes Islands natural parks and the extremely interesting architectural legacy of the Bell Tower and the Xivert Castle. There were many visitors to the Alcalá-Alcossebre stand where they could find out about the many options available

to them. In recent years our town has achieved a privileged position as one of the most requested destinations among international tourists. This success is largely due to the Council's efforts to make the potential of Alcalá and Alcossebre well known, supporting initiatives to increase the yield from our tourist attractions by improvements to facilities on the beaches, setting up town tours and the promotion of Alcalá's gastronomy with products such as the hanging tomato.

Alcalá and Alcossebre support Haiti

Alcalá and Alcossebre were not slow in supporting the people of Haiti. After the tremendous earthquake which struck the country, different events were organised to

collect money for Haiti. The Council, the main local associations such as the Asociación Contra el Cáncer, the Asociación de Amas de Casa, the Asociación de Jubilados y

Pensionistas in Alcalá and Alcossebre, the Alcalá Red Cross, the Asociación de Bolilleres Local and the Resident English Community, all turned to help Haiti.



Waste collection in Alcalá



Alcalá now has a waste collection centre, covering about 2,000 m2 where residents can deposit different types of waste for the correct treatment. This new area, which can be reached via the “La Foia” underground path or via the north entrance to Alcalá, will help make recycling easier and people more aware of the need to adopt the correct attitude regarding the treatment of waste to preserve the environment.

Mention should be made of one particular fact about the waste collection centre in Alcalá which is that there is also a Light Packaging Transfer Station there, This provides a service for the whole of Castellón province north of Benicasim, from the coast to inland areas. For the Mayor, Francisco Juan, *“the opening of this Waste Collection Point fulfils the Council’s promise to contribute to*

preserving the environment of our own town, by making available to people facilities which provide proper treatment for waste, and in particular the most contaminating waste”.

>>Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm.

>>You can leave:
Vegetable oils, rubbish, paper, cardboard, glass, fluorescent tubes, car batteries, electrical equipment, etc.

>>Collection of large items:
Tuesdays and Saturdays by calling 900 50 55 23

>>There is also a free door-to-door cardboard box collection service for businesses.

>>All these services are free.

Children’s Park next to the La Mola school



Young children in Alcossebre can enjoy a new play area in the town. There is a children’s park next to the La Mola school, a recreation area with various equipment suitable for them to enjoy. Mayor Francisco Juan said that “this

park is another example of our desire to have play areas available for our youngsters. We are going to continue with a children’s park in the school square. The area is fenced and has a rubberised floor to soften any falls”.

Work on the Coastal Path finished

Work has already finished on the final stretch of the coastal path which goes to the Alcossebre Lighthouse. So that people can enjoy this privileged

landscape, the area has been provided with lighting and seats and there is look-out over the sea, with steps down to the cove.



Launch of the “Cakes and pastries of Alcala” recipe book

The Castellón Diputación has published a Recipe Book of Traditional Cakes and Pastries, a compilation of Alcala’s sweetest recipes prepared by the Asociación de Amas de Casa, divided according to the different festivals throughout the year. The Mayor, Francisco Juan, said that “with this sort of initiative, we are trying to encourage our young people to support the traditional gastronomy, so that the cooking tradition which makes up part of our culture is not lost”.



Red Cross stretcher-bearers’ course



Alcala de Xivert Local Red Cross Association organised a course for ambulance driving and stretcher bearing for all volunteers from Alcala and the rest of the province. The Council collaborated in the course, which was financed by the Castellón Fundación Ruralcaja.

The drums roll at the “Tamborà”

Alcala again hosted the Tamborà, a tradition which has returned to our town as a result of the efforts by the drum and bass drum group El Repiquet, restoring one of the most popular dates leading up to Easter. In this third year, there were 11 groups taking part from towns all over the province such as Alcora, Benicarló, Benicassim, Betxí, Borriol, La Vall, Nules, Moncofa, Vila-real, Vilavella and Vinarós, highlighted by the presence of the Alcala Agrupación de Bombs i Tambors El Repiquet.



Carnival in Alcala and Alcossebre



Pilot project to facilitate cattle breeders' formalities



In Alcala, Laura Peñarroya, Director General for Agricultural Production, announced a pilot project to make it easier for stock breeders to complete the formalities required. This initiative will enable them to request health certificates for the transport of animals (health waybill) by telephone without leaving their own town and to receive the documentation at the local Council Office, thereby saving time and money.

New tourist website

Clicking on www.alcossebre.org, users will find a new tourist site with much more content and information on an area which has become one of the best tourist destinations at an

international level. On the website you can find information about the natural parks and the cultural attractions in Alcala and Alcossebre. There are also sections on tourist

activities, sailing, the local traditional food, plans and how to find Alcossebre, diary of events, places to stay, services and restaurants as well as a complete, new gallery of photos.

Alcala and Alcossebre schoolchildren help the environment on Tree Day

Over 600 pupils from Alcala and Alcossebre planted trees in different areas of the town to celebrate Tree Day. Pines and kermes oaks were

planted to help preserve of the most important natural spots in our municipality, the Sierra de Irta, and to regenerate the mountain near the

quarry in Alcala. This initiative aims to make the children aware of the need to protect the environment from an early age.



Intercultural Day

The "Aires de Alcossebre" sevillana group, together with the Council and various Associations in Alcala and Alcossebre organised an intercultural day. There were typical cakes from England, Scotland and our area to be tasted and sampled, English tea, and dancing from the same countries. Girls from the "Aires de Alcossebre" modelled traditional costumes and members of the Asociación de Amas de Casa also took part in the parade wearing the traditional costumes of Alcala.

Alcossebre Tourist Office awarded the Q Quality mark

Alcossebre Tourist Office has been awarded the Q mark for Spanish Tourism Quality, for the work they carry out in giving service and tourist activities. This recognition is the reward for the daily work carried out in the Council's Tourist Office, the management of their office and the attention to and treatment of visitors, by offering tourists everything they need to give them the best quality service, making the Alcossebre Tourist Office a leader at national and international level.

The Hanging Tomato awarded the Quality mark certificate



The Hanging Tomato has passed all the controls required to certify the quality of this indigenous produce. Maritina Hernández, the Agriculture and Fisheries Deputy, accompanied by Joaquín Borrás, the Department's Delegate in Castellón, Alcala mayor, Francisco Juan Mars, Javier Tosar, Agriculture councillor and Jose Joaquin Herrera, President of the Hanging Tomato Association, presented the Quality Mark certificate, an award which recognises the work carried out to increase the promotion and yield of this typical product of the area.

Las Fuentes Promenade extended

Work to extend the Las Fuentes Promenade has been completed. It has been carried out at the northern end of the promenade, in a disused area, turning it into a

pedestrianised area. Parking spaces have been marked out and street furniture such as seats and lighting installed, as well as a garden area.



International Women's Day



Various events were held in honour of International Women's Day, such as lectures, etc.

New lighting in Alcossebre's Paseo de las Fuentes



The Council has received a grant of over 15,500 euros to replace the street lights in the Alcossebre Paseo de las Fuentes. The aid was covered by the Valencian Rural Electrification Plan (Plaver) and will improve one of the areas which attracts most residents and visitors, a privileged spot next to the sea which has already been much improved by the Council.

Sports area on Romana Beach in Alcossebre

Volleyball nets, five-a-side football and basket ball pitches, sign posts and a bio healthy area can all be found by residents and tourists in the town who

go to the Romana Beach in Alcossebre. With grant aid from the Tourism Department, these installations are already available for use.

