

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL



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Nicer Reception at Historic Venue

Alton's Assembly Rooms are more welcoming than ever for visitors, following the latest improvements at the Victorian town centre venue.

The most recent investment by building owners Alton Town Council, has seen the foyer, stairwell and landing all given a *Changing Rooms*-style makeover, sympathetic to the building's Grade II Listed status.

The staircase itself was restored last year, and the latest works have seen more 1960s panelling stripped away to reveal original attractive doors and fanlights. New light fittings, curtains and brass fixtures and fittings throughout complete the new period look.

Costing £9,000, the Town Council were helped with a Project Grant of £1,000 from East Hampshire District Council.

Assembly Rooms Manager Jason Passingham said: "Following a rolling programme of improvements by the Town Council over the last few years, we are now able to offer excellent facilities for every occasion. The new-look foyer and landing now gels it all together to complete the package, and ensures that visitors get a really good all-important first impression."

Cllr Ken Carter, Chairman of East Hampshire District Council, who inspected the new look with Town Mayor, Cllr Robert Saunders said: "It is wonderful to see all the period detail that has been revealed once again by this work. The Town Council has done a terrific job in returning some of its former splendour to the foyer and stairwell of this building and I am delighted EHDC could help them in this task."

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