



THE ALTONIAN

SUMMER SPECIAL

Alton Town Council,
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Message from newly elected Town Mayor



Dear Altonians,

I came to Alton in 1977 as a young bride, with no prior knowledge of the town and Alton has nurtured and supported my family through its many community organisations. These are the same organisations that have provided help during the recent pandemic, proving how enduring they are. I have always supported the well-being of our children and young people through my involvement with NCT, Home-Start, Boys Brigade, as a school governor and latterly working as a classroom assistant and teacher in several local schools.

As a councillor I have always tried to involve our young people when the Council has been providing facilities for them such as the skate park. I was delighted to play an active role in establishing Alton's Kings Arms and I will continue to offer support to them. The health and well-being of our young people is of particular concern for all of us and has to be a priority as we come out of these extended lockdowns...

In a recent zoom interview with pupils from The Butts school, I was asked if the Mayor had a servant..... I replied, 'No'. I consider the Mayor to be a servant to the town, so I am honoured to serve Alton again and will do all I can to ensure this sense of pride in our community continues...

With kindest regards

Pam Jones, Town Mayor of Alton

Alton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation for the proposed modification to the existing document. We are very pleased to say that, following the review of all of the responses received, the final version of the proposed modification was approved by Alton Town Council on the 28th April 2021 and subsequently submitted to East Hampshire District Council (the Local Planning Authority) on the 29th April 2021.

The District Council have now reviewed the documentation received and commenced a further statutory Regulation 16 Consultation which will run until the 5th July 2021. Please go to <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/alton-neighbourhood-plan-modification> for more information. We hope that the modified plan will be confirmed by early autumn of this year.

Message from outgoing Mayor - Cllr Graham Titterington

Dear Altonians,

When I wrote my last message for the Altonian we were looking forward to Christmas. Although Alton put on an excellent display of Christmas lights and festive stalls, the resurgence of the virus blighted Christmas for many. As we emerge from another long lockdown we can again glimpse hope of a better and more normal future, albeit tinged with the need for further caution.

My term as Mayor has now come to an end. It has been a great honour to serve the town, and a pleasure to meet so many people and see the great work they are doing. I am particularly pleased to see the establishment of the Kings Arms in the town, and the excellent work of Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre.

I am proud of the way in which Altonians have supported each other through the Covid crisis. I am also gratified that the Town Council and its staff have been able to support the town so well. It has provided a continuous stream of information to help people find the help and relaxation they need. It has facilitated relief efforts and used its substantial open spaces to maximise the opportunities for outdoor exercise and enjoyment. It has carried on with all of its regular work in a quietly and efficiently, so that the town is in good shape for the reopening.

With my best wishes

Graham Titterington, Alton Town Mayor 2019 - 21



Alton In Bloom 2021

Alton In Bloom is an annual local competition run by Alton Town Council in recognition of the residents and volunteers in our community that contribute to making Alton beautiful.

What you need to do:

1. Plant any required flowers / seeds.
2. Plan and build your Bug Hotel and Scarecrow?
3. Complete your entry form, please go to www.alton.gov.uk, you can do this before your entry is ready.
4. Take care and nurture your entry.
5. Photograph your entry when it is 'Blooming' or 'Built'.

Please send a digital copy of your entry/ entries or if you have any questions to Natalie Beckell at Alton Town Council community@alton.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENTRIES 31st JULY 2021

Go Wild! For Alton 2022 Calendar

Following the success of last year's Alton - In Harmony with Nature Mayor's charity calendar and walking trail, the search is now on to find the next crop of budding photographers to submit images for a new exhibition at the Allen Gallery later this year.

The images will also be used to create a calendar for 2022 and a set of notelet cards to raise funds for local charity Hart Wildlife as they commemorate and celebrate their 25th anniversary.



For more information please email events@alton.gov.uk

or go to [http:// www.alton.gov.uk/Go_Wild!
_Alton_2022_Calendar_32716.aspx](http://www.alton.gov.uk/Go_Wild!_Alton_2022_Calendar_32716.aspx)

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR - Please note: Details were correct at the time of printing.

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	DETAILS
SATURDAY 19TH JUNE	COMMUNITY FAYRE	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Community, charity and sports club stalls. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
WEDNESDAY 23RD - SUNDAY 27TH JUNE	J MILLER CIRCUS	THE BUTTS Various show times	First class, live, traditional family entertainment. www.jaymillerscircus.co.uk
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE	BIO-BLITZ	KING'S POND 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Help experts carry out a scientific survey. Free. www.alton.gov.uk
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE	HOLYBOURNE THEATRE PRESENTS: CAROLYN ROBSON AND IRIS BISHOP	HOLYBOURNE THEATRE 7:30 PM	Tickets £10.00 www.holybournetheatre.co.uk
SATURDAY 3RD JULY	BEER MILE AND MARKET	MARKET SQUARE 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Beer stalls from local breweries and Gorilla Gin, including Beer Mile Walk. www.altonbeerfestival.co.uk
SATURDAY 10TH JULY	LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM	Open-air concert performed by Alton Concert Orchestra. Free. Donations welcomed. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 10TH JULY	HOLYBOURNE THEATRE PRESENTS: RAY COOPER AND ROWAN GODEL	HOLYBOURNE THEATRE 7:30 PM	Tickets £12.50 www.holybournetheatre.co.uk
SUNDAY 11TH JULY	ECO- FAIR	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Celebrating earth friendly living. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
MONDAY 19TH JULY - SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST	ALTON'S BIG DIG	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS ALL DAY	Observe archaeologists from Liss Archaeology. Free. www.altonbigdig.uk
SATURDAY 17TH JULY	ARTS AND CULTURE MARKET	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Showcasing local art, craft and performing arts. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 17TH JULY	GARDEN COTTAGE FAMILY WORKSHOP	ALLEN GALLERY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery
SUNDAY 18TH JULY	GILBERT WHITE'S 301st BIRTHDAY	GILBERT WHITE'S HOUSE AND GARDENS 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM	A day of celebration on Gilbert White's Birthday! Free. www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
FRIDAY 30TH JULY	FUN FRIDAY MAGIC WANDA	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Magical Entertainment. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
FRIDAY 30TH JULY	MURDER MYSTERY EVENING	HOLYBOURNE THEATRE 7:30 PM	TICKETS £5:00 www.holybournetheatre.co.uk
SATURDAY 31ST JULY	DINOSAUR PUPPETS FAMILY WORKSHOP	ALLEN GALLERY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

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FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST	FUN FRIDAY ZUMBA KIDS	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Child friendly Zumba session. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST	CREATIVE AND CRAFTY MARKET	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 2:00PM	Craft stalls and creative activities. www.altonevents.co.uk
SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST	TRINITY BRASS BAND	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon of open-air musical entertainment. Free. www.trinityband.co.uk
FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST	FUN FRIDAY BABY BALLET	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Fun taster ballet session. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST	SILENT CINEMA	ANSTEY PARK	www.silentsummerscreenings.com
SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST	LIONS PARTY IN THE PARK	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 12:00 PM - 4:00PM	Fun family event with stalls and entertainment. Free to attend. www.altonevents.co.uk
FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST	FUN FRIDAY CIRCUS WORKSHOP	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Circus skills workshop. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST	RE-USE AND UP-CYCLE INCLUDING REPAIR CAFE	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 2:00PM	Re-use and Up-Cycle stalls. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST	ALDER VALLEY BRASS	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Brass bands performing from the bandstand. www.aldervalleybrass.org.uk
FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST	FUN FRIDAY PROFESSOR POTTY	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Magic and comedy show. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST	A TASTE OF AODS	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:30 - 12:30	Short performances in the gardens. Free. www.aods.org
SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST	FRENCH MARKET	ALTON HIGH STREET 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	A taste of France in Alton. www.altonevents.co.uk
SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER	EVERYTHING LOCAL MARKET ALTON IN BLOOM AWARDS	ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Celebrating everything local. Free. www.altonevents.co.uk
FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER	SILENT CINEMA	ANSTEY PARK	www.silentsummerscreenings.com
SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER	CLASSIC CAR SHOW	ALTON TOWN CENTRE 10:00 AM - 4:00PM	See over 100 Classic Cars in the heart of Alton. Free. www.altonclassicarshow.co.uk
THURSDAY 23RD - SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	JOHN SEARLE FUN FAIR	THE BUTTS VARIOUS TMES	Fund fair rides for all the family. https://www.facebook.com/ johnsearlefunfairs/
WEDNESDAY 10TH - SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	AODS PRESENTS: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	ASSEMBLY ROOMS VARIOUS TIMES	Celebrating AODS 100th Birthday. www.aods.org