



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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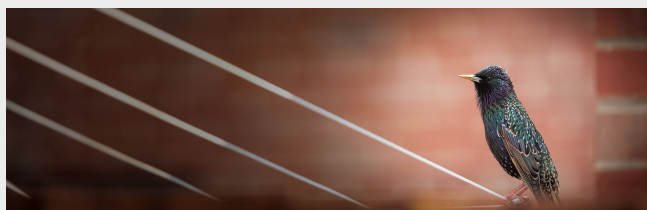
## Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice East Hampshire have fuel vouchers to give out from Hampshire County Council to people who qualify to help pay for household energy costs. You automatically qualify if you have children on free school meals or are in receipt of pension credit or other benefits.

Please contact Citizens Advice if you would like to access these vouchers. The funding is part of the Government Winter Fund and will have to be given back if not distributed to those who need it.

If you are or know of anyone that needs help with fuel costs as they are struggling with income or affordability of fuel - please contact Citizens Advice East Hampshire on Freephone 0808 278 7901.

## Big Garden Birdwatch



**Dates:** 29th -31st January

**Time:** Anytime for 1 hour

**Location:** Your garden or balcony

For more information go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

## BBC Bitesize - Home Learning



**Online - Bitesize - Lockdown Learning** offers a suite of engaging learning resources for children aged 5 to 15. These online lessons are full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help students keep on track when learning at home. You can use the lessons to introduce ideas for the first time or as refreshers. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

**TV** - Programming for primary pupils is on CBBC between 09:00 and 12:00 each weekday. Programmes for secondary school pupils are on BBC Two, between 13:00 and 15:00.

**iPlayer** - All programmes are available to catch-up, on-demand on iPlayer.

## PE At Home

Local PE teacher, Leo Maliphant, has created a YouTube channel and is posting weekly skill challenges for primary school children. You can check out his channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/leomaliphant/featured>

## Quiz Night

Starting 8pm this Friday you can play on Wey Valley Radio (101.1FM) & [Facebook@weyvalleyradioalton](https://www.facebook.com/weyvalleyradioalton)

Written by Lion Bill Tigg and presented by WVR broadcaster Dean Phillips, last year's quizzes raised a magnificent £1,200 for the Alton & District Community Resilience Fund.

If you enjoy the quiz and would like to, donations are welcome at [www.altonlions.org.uk](http://www.altonlions.org.uk)



On WEY VALLEY RADIO 101.1FM  
& Facebook @weyvalleyradioalton  
Friday 22nd January 8pm Start

**Open to All**

**FREE to ENTER**

**bring your own food and drink**

**No need to book / teams 1 - 100**

**just tune or link in**

No prizes - no winners just for fun  
if you enjoy it tell your friends and  
please donate to [www.altonlions.org.uk](http://www.altonlions.org.uk)  
Just click the **DONATE** button on the  
home page.

**All funds raised are donated to the  
Alton & District Community Resilience Fund**



## Alton Community Cupboard

The Alton Community Cupboard remains open during Lockdown, supporting 134 local families.

The Community Cupboard has now moved to new premises and can be found open every day from 11:30-13:00 (except Thursdays and Sundays).

**3 Westbrook Walk**

(By WH Smiths)

## Local Transport Plan

The County Council is asking for views on a vision, desired outcomes and the guiding principles behind a NEW Hampshire Local Transport Plan. This is the start of a conversation that we want to have with as wide a group of interested parties as possible to help develop a new transport strategy and plan.

Since 2001, Hampshire's Local Transport Plan has set the objectives, policies and strategy for transport across the County, helping people to maintain their quality of life and go about their daily business. Seven years have now passed since the Plan was last updated, and there is a need to review outcomes and design principles in the changed context of new technologies, the pandemic and increased focus on active lifestyles and the challenges of climate change.

You are invited to influence the early development of the new Local Transport Plan by sharing your views on the emerging:

**Vision:** What will our transport system look like in 2050?

**Outcomes:** What are we trying to achieve in terms of climate change, economy, the environment and society?

**Guiding Principles:** How we will change the way in which we plan and deliver transport?

To view more information and leave your feedback, visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

Feedback must be submitted by 28 February 2021.

## NHS Volunteer Responders

In addition to local support groups listed below, NHS Volunteer Responders are active and available to support with collection of shopping and other essentials in all areas. You can call them for free on 0808 196 3646. <https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/our-services/supporting-people>

# Local Covid-19 Support

Here is a reminder of what local support is available to assist residents in and around Alton...

**Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline - 0333 370 4000** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Weekends 10am-3pm) Information, advice, and support for vulnerable people, including those who have been shielding. If you are struggling to get the food, medicine, or essential supplies you need for yourself or for your family, call the helpline. More information, advice and support for Hampshire residents and businesses is available online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus](http://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus)

**Alton Community Care - 01420 541520** (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm)

A local charity providing transport for medical appointments and vaccinations. Bookings can only be made by telephone. ACC does not charge a fare but invites a voluntary donation to cover driver costs. Within Alton £3 is recommended, for Basingstoke and Chineham it is £15. ACC is short of drivers due to the Covid-19 crisis and may not be able to accept every booking, please only use this service if you have no other means of getting to your appointment. Website: [www.altoncare.org.uk](http://www.altoncare.org.uk)

**Alton Mutual Aid - Freephone: 0800 066 3697** (Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-12pm) or email: [altonmutualaid@protonmail.com](mailto:altonmutualaid@protonmail.com)

Offering support for anyone who is vulnerable or having to isolate due to Covid-19. Run by a team of local volunteers offering free support with shopping, food vouchers, collecting/delivering prescriptions, delivering post or simply a friendly voice to talk to.

**Citizens Advice East Hampshire - Freephone 0808 278 7901 or email: [digital@caeasthants.org.uk](mailto:digital@caeasthants.org.uk)**

Providing free, confidential, and impartial advice for money, benefit, housing, or employment problems. They can also issue Food Bank vouchers and help with fuel costs. For information and the online chat service visit: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/east-hampshireCitizens](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/east-hampshireCitizens)

**Alton Food Bank - 07773 034 447, email: [info@alton.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@alton.foodbank.org.uk)**

Alton foodbank can help those in need in Alton and surrounding villages. The foodbank can support you with a supply of food and can also help with household goods, toiletries, nappies, and pet food. Local agencies who can issue food voucher referrals include: Citizens Advice, schools, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services. [www.alton.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.alton.foodbank.org.uk)

**Community Cupboards -**

Giving away surplus food - Always Free! No referrals needed, no questions asked.

To organise a collection please email your local group:

**Alton** - [altoncommunitycupboard@gmail.com](mailto:altoncommunitycupboard@gmail.com)

**Four Marks & Medstead** - [fourmarkscommunitycupboard@gmail.com](mailto:fourmarkscommunitycupboard@gmail.com)

**The Alton & District Community Resilience Fund (ADCRF) -**

Providing support and assistance to local residents and groups who find themselves in exceptional circumstances and need help. The ADCRF panel has authority to approve funding applications for goods and services up to a value of £500 from individuals and families as well as local community groups, charities, and organisations. For more information visit [www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)



This was compiled by Alton Town Council, for more information about other support services available please go to [www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk) and click on the Community Resource Hub.

