

THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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Message From The Town Hall



The Altonian Weekly is going on its annual summer holidays for a couple of weeks, we will be back on Thursday 8th September. If you have any information you would like us to share whilst we are away, please email support@alton.gov.uk and we will do our best to share your news on Facebook and Instagram.

Don't forget you can keep up to date with events happening in Alton and the surrounding areas by visiting www.altonevents.co.uk.

Contractors will be undertaking resurfacing works in the Anstey Park Play Area, commencing on the 5th September. The park will be closed whilst the work is carried out and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. The closest playground to Anstey Park is located at Barley Fields, with other play grounds located in Holybourne, at the Public Gardens and at Northanger which may be used as alternatives during this time.

Alton Town Council And SWR



Alton Town Council and South Western Railway has been shortlisted in the national Community Rail Awards 2022 in the category of Tourism and Leisure Award. The shortlisted project focused on Alton Walking Festival May 2022 which for the first year had over 100 walks on offer.

Through an introduction from the Alton Adopt a Station programme, a new partnership was formed with South Western Railway to take marketing of the event beyond local and to encourage participants to use rail travel as a sustainable way to travel to the Town.

The winners will be announced at a high-profile Awards Ceremony in Manchester on Wednesday 5 October 2022. The event is jointly sponsored by Northern and Transport for Greater Manchester.

Charity Sponsored Walk

Alton Lions and Walk Alton's charity sponsored walk will take place on Saturday, 3 September, the event is being organised as a joint project between Alton Lions and Walk Alton. The Walk is in aid of HomeStart Wey-Water, covering the Alton and Bordon area.

HomeStart is a voluntary organisation providing trained volunteers who offer valuable regular support and practical help to local families under extreme stress, to help give their children the best possible start in life. Visit www.home-starthampshire.org.uk

Starting 9.30am from the grassy area next to the Cardiac Rehab Centre, there are 2 walks:

- * 5 miles - taking in Chawton Park Woods
- * 10 miles - a second loop taking in Farrington.

The route will be clearly marked and walking will be at your own pace.

To enter please email Atul Patel:
atulpatel194@gmail.com

Sponsorship forms are available from:
www.altonlions.org.uk or www.walkalton.org.uk or make a donation to walk on the day.



Alton Repair Cafe
Bin it? No way!

FREE!
Donations appreciated

NEXT SESSIONS

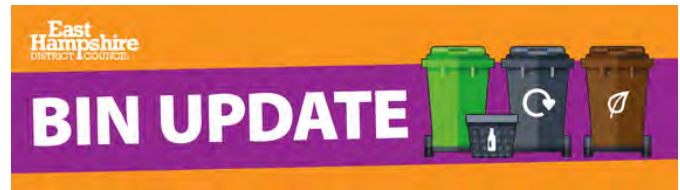
Saturday 10th Sept
10.30 – 12.30
Alton Community Centre

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles • Electronics
Mechanical • Small Electrical
Furniture • Bikes

Covid-secure venue with social distancing
One item each please.

Part of the global **Repair Cafe** movement

Icons: Hammer, Dress, Trousers, Arrow, TV, Bicycle, Wrench, and a globe.



East Hampshire District have released a message from East Hampshire District Council Leader Cllr Richard Millard and Chief Executive Gill Kneller about the difficulties residents are currently experiencing with waste collections.

They are keen to be open about the challenges that they and their supplier are experiencing and what they are doing to manage the situation. They wish to apologise to residents and reassure everyone that they are doing everything possible to bring the service back to the expected standard.

For full the full press release please go to:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/statement-about-waste-collections-august-2022?fbclid=IwAR1fqbRyh619ZwJU71zS5tohDLyyBP6OD1D2UprcKKXANm8i8b32VJ47yHw>

Best Shop Window

This months best shop window is The Swan Hotel. The Town Mayor, Ginny Boxall said: I would like to nominate Swan Hotel as it's looking great with all the beautiful hanging baskets this summer'.



Summer Reading Challenge

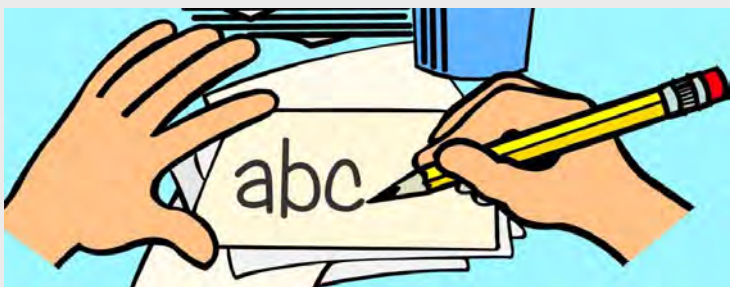


The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to share stories and encourage reading throughout the summer holidays, a time when children's reading skills can sometimes dip.

The theme of the challenge this year is Gadgets. Join Eddie, Leo, Ajay, Maggie, Aisha and James and discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you! Everyone who finishes the challenge has a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet too!

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone>

Children's Writing Competition



To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, Alton Town Council launched a children's creative writing competition with a Royal theme in June.

We are inviting children of all ages to let their imaginations run wild and submit a short story or poem for inclusion in our first children's anthology in aid of the Town Mayor's Charity 2022/2023.

To download a copy of the form please go to http://www.alton.gov.uk/Childrens_Writing_Competition_2022_42645.aspx

Free entertainment

Generously supported by:



Fun Fridays 

Free Children's Entertainment

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Public Gardens, Alton



29th July
Baby Ballet



5th August
Magic Wanda



12th August
Scotty's Circus Skills



19th August
Zumba Kids



26th August
Professor Potty's Magic Show

WET WEATHER RELOCATION
In the event of wet weather Fun Fridays will be in the Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton.



Bikeability Lessons

Our final Bikeability level 1 lessons are on Tuesday 23rd August at Jubilee Fields and Thursday 25th August at Anstey Park. We still have availability at the following times:

9:00am - 11:00am

11:30am - 1:30am

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Groups are limited to 10 children.

If you would like more information please go to:

http://www.alton.gov.uk/Free_Bikeability_Lessons_42916.aspx

SKATE JAM

SUN 21ST AUGUST 2022

JUBILEE SKATEPARK ALTON



FREE EVENT!



All ages, all genders. Everyone skates together.
Prizes will be awarded for individual performance.
Land something dope and score some free stuff.

Death Race • Deez Nutz Bundle • Best Trick • Rider of the Day
Music • Food • Merch • Demos

Sponsored By:

SHRUNKEN HEAD SKATES - 110 HIGH STREET - ALTON

ALTON
Town Council

Prizes By:

East
Hampshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Authentic French Market



Alton HIGH STREET
Saturday 27th August

9am - 5pm

FRANCE AT HOME
www.franceathome.com
fahmarkets@gmail.com

TOWNSHIP



Community First supporting Community Learning in East Hampshire

Community First are delighted to be able to offer a variety of great FREE courses to Organisations, Groups and individuals that are in the East Hampshire area to support Community Learning.

The courses available are a mix of face to face, online and blended learning. Details can be discussed with the Community First Training Team. Listed below are the types of courses available but if you do not see the course you want then please contact us on 0300 500 8085 or bookings@cfirst.org.uk and we will see if we can meet your requirements.

These courses are available to any organisations/groups and individuals that fit the following criteria:

- Residents with an East Hampshire home postcode
- Group size minimum 8 people
- Minimum 8 hours delivery

Some ideas of courses available

- Volunteer related sessions, including Management and Retention (Post Pandemic)
- IT - Various sessions including Digital support for the community and connecting online, Staying Safe online, Social Media applications, new digital skills to help you work at home, volunteer at home and meet up online.
- Food Hygiene Level 3
- Building your personal resilience and wellness
- Accredited Safeguarding
- Accredited Mental Health First Aid
- Accredited Paediatric First Aid
- Connect, Support and Change - Healthy conversations

Please contact us to have a chat about other FREE courses that may be available

Find our full training programme on <https://www.cfirst.org.uk/training/> which includes paid and FREE courses.



CLUB DAY

Saturday 3 September



EVERYONE WELCOME

If you would like to give hockey a go, come and give it a try!
We can lend you a stick but you must wear shin pads and a gumshield

9-10AM
U8s and U10s

10-11AM
U12s

11-12PM
U14s

12 - 1PM
U16s

EGGAR'S SCHOOL,
ALTON, GU34 4EQ

More information:
altonhockeyclub.co.uk

