



**ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 9

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Blood Donations In Alton

The next blood donations session (for registered donors) is on Wednesday 20th May from 1.30pm at Alton Community Centre. If you would like to register for Blood Donations please [register here](#).

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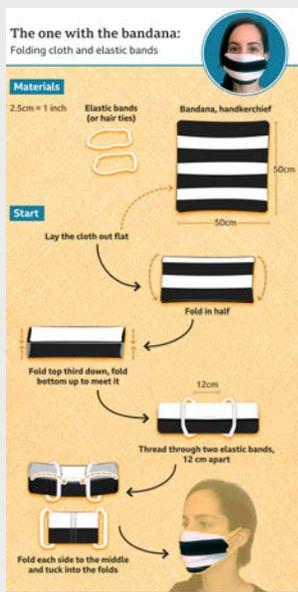
Alton's Waste Recycling Centre is now open from 10am - 4pm. For further details please [website](#) for further details.

Make Your Own Face Mask

People are now being advised to wear face coverings while at the shops or on public transport.

Why not try and make your own!

[Make your own](#)



Message From The Town Hall

Welcome to this weeks Altonian which is focused on re-use and recycle with contributions from Alton Climate Action and Network. An unintended, but positive consequence of recent weeks in our local community has been the reduction in carbon emissions, the increased take up of walking and cycle for exercise and for essential travel and an increase in people repairing, re-purposing, composting and recycling. We will continue to work in partnership with ACAN going forward to understand how this short term adjustment can help on our long term road to a sustainable future.

Unwanted Food Parcels

If you received an NHS letter and if you have [registered as shielding](#), you may have received a weekly food parcel. This will contain enough food for one adult for one week.

If you want to cancel you parcel, you can:

- go to GOV.UK [where you registered as shielded](#), go to the question 'Do you have a way of getting essential supplies delivered at the moment?'. You previously answered no to this question, please now reply as yes. You will then be removed from the government distribution list.
- call 0800 028 8327 and make sure you have your NHS number (this will be on the top of your NHS letter)
- Unwanted parcels can be left at 45 Ackender Road GU34 1JT.

News from Alton Climate Action and Network (ACAN)

ACAN brings people together in Alton and the local villages to tackle the climate and environmental crises, and create a better future for us all. We send our best wishes to all at this strange and difficult time.



ACAN's 2020 Vision

There have been some positive aspects of life in the past few weeks and many people are talking about the unique opportunity we have to shape our future society. **We don't want this opportunity to pass us by!** ACAN is keen to hear your views on what we should keep after lockdown to create a cleaner, greener and fairer society.

Please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com by Friday 22nd May, with your thoughts on a better future. Or post a comment on our [Facebook page](#).

We will bring together and publish the most popular ideas for further discussion with the community and its leaders. We hope we can all work together to make the most of what we have learnt during these challenging times and make our world fit for the future.

AVLAN Volunteers protecting the River Wey in Alton



Before lockdown, a group of 14 volunteers from Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature (one of ACAN's groups) was working with Glen Skelton, the Wetland Landscapes Officer from Surrey Wildlife Trust, to

protect and improve the health of the River Wey in Alton. We'll start work again as soon as it's safe to do so.

Our river is a beautiful, precious chalkstream, but it faces many pressures. [Click here](#) for more details.

Alton Community Cupboard during Lockdown



The Community Cupboard opened in Alton for the first time shortly before Christmas 2019, and was an immediate hit with its twice-weekly sessions, sharing food that would otherwise be thrown away. Anyone could go along and collect produce which would have been wasted as it was past its 'sell-by date'. The food was collected by volunteers from many of the supermarkets in the town and put out on tables for the grateful clients.

Once the current pandemic reached the UK, and we were in Lockdown, the Community Cupboard had to find a new way to operate – just when there were many people finding budgeting for food a challenge. In a very short time organiser Sandy Marks had a fit-for-purpose Covid-19 Community Cupboard up and running. It now operates on 6 days a week, collecting from half a dozen supermarkets, delivering boxes of food to over 60 households, and to at least one school breakfast club, which feeds 17 families.

For more information about Alton Food Cupboard [click here](#).