



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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**WEEK 19 12th May 2021**

## **EHDC Town Centre Recovery**

Heartflood has been commissioned by East Hampshire District Council to provide a Covid-19 Recovery Plan for Alton High Street. As independent experts in town and city centres, Heartflood is asking for the views of local consumers and businesses to help shape the priority actions which will be recommended to the Council.

As well as supporting businesses to recover from the current pandemic, East Hampshire District Council is committed to supporting the ongoing development and long-term sustainability Alton and this work will inform key future activities to achieve this.

Whilst Heartflood will be making a number of assessments and recommendations based on its specialist knowledge, it is hugely important to gather the views of local businesses and consumers. Whilst specific responses will remain confidential, the information you share will play a key role in the conclusions reached and recommendations made.

Heartflood wants the views of as many businesses and residents as possible in helping shape the plans and would urge you to complete the survey via the following link. Thank you.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/EHBUSINESSES](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EHBUSINESSES)

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/EHCONSUMERS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EHCONSUMERS)

## **Alton In Bloom 2021 Launch**

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:**

Decide on the categories you would like to enter: Please go to [http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton\\_In\\_Bloom\\_2021\\_30979.aspx](http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton_In_Bloom_2021_30979.aspx)

Plant any required flowers / seeds (which you can purchase at the All About Plants Market this Saturday in the Public Gardens 10am - 2pm).

Plan and build your Bug Hotel and Scarecrow? Why not enter them both?

Complete your entry form, you can do this before your entry is ready, which is on our website.

Take care and nurture your entry.

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](mailto:community@alton.gov.uk)

**CLOSING DATE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS 31st  
JULY 2021**

## 2022 Calendar - Go Wild! For Alton

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 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)

## Alton Community Share

On Saturday 22nd May we're opening our doors for everyone to help themselves. We're inviting local schools, pre-schools, care homes, charities and anyone who would like to come to St Lawrence Parish Centre from 10.00-12.00 and takeaway whatever they like, books, toys, games and jigsaws. We need to free up space for new donations to refresh our stocks.

We've been open for nearly a year and we've done our best to support local families to find nearly-new toys, games and jigsaws, to help keep busy throughout the pandemic. We're planning 'Saturday Morning Takeaway' as a stock clearance to make way for new donations. We need to evolve to keep our stock fresh and interesting to attract new visitors.

Do you know someone who runs an after school club, or a holiday club. Perhaps you organise a day care centre and would like some jigsaws. Does your local school need some more reading books? We're inviting everyone to come and take their share.

Our mission has always been to help people keep busy at home, save money by not needing to buy new, and reduce waste by re-using things which still have plenty of life left in them. We're keen to continue providing a lending library to encourage families to think about their consumption and make it easy to re-use 'stuff'.

## Adult Bike Training



**Saturday 12th June 2021**

**2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Amery Hill School**

2 hour group course for £20.00 (reduced from £40) thanks to Pedal Power.

Please discuss your abilities and book direct, with Darren from Pedal Power [pedalpowertraining@gmail.com](mailto:pedalpowertraining@gmail.com) or call 02392 290474

### Group A

*"I haven't ridden my bike for years- I'd be a danger to any traffic and will wobble like mad".*

Small groups of up to 5 'wobbly' cyclists in traffic-free and flat car parks.

### Group B

*"I'm OK riding my bike on quiet roads but I hate cycling through Alton when it's busy".*

Small groups of up to 5 'unconfident' cyclists through the town, outside peak hours.

### Group C

*"I've always wanted to ride a bicycle. I've got one in the shed - it glares at me!"*

Individuals who want to learn to ride a bike from scratch.

### Group D

*"I dread having a puncture or trying to fix anything that goes wrong when I'm out for a ride"*

A simple bicycle maintenance course including a pre-ride check. one to one hands-on advice on owner's bike, weekdays only contact Hilary Hill: [hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com) or tel 07769 500 270.

For reduced or free places please contact [cyclealton@gmail.com](mailto:cyclealton@gmail.com)



ALTON  
SCHOOL



Whole School Open Event  
Saturday 15 May, 10am

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*Nursery & School  
Tours Available Now*

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Register at [www.altonschool.co.uk](http://www.altonschool.co.uk)  
or call us on 01420 82070

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6 months to Sixth Form

