



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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WEEK 22 2nd June 2021

David Whitmarsh Young Hero Award

At last week's Annual General Meeting, the Council welcomed the family of David Whitmarsh. The Town Council was approached earlier this year by former Town Mayor Peter Whitmarsh, looking to make an award in honour of his late son David, a young Altonian who became ill with a rare Leukaemia as a child. David's life was full and active. Despite a bone marrow transplant aged 12, stem cell transplant and a lung transplant, he helped his father Peter with his council work, travelled to Australia on his own aged 16, volunteered on the Alton Youth Council and went to University in Southampton. He enjoyed sailing and appeared on TV several times including a mini documentary on a trip to the USA and gave interviews to the Herald. As a result, he showed that despite such terrible effects he suffered you can carry on and be inspirational. In this case David inspired his sister to become a doctor.

So, the David Whitmarsh Young Hero award is given for those who, either by the example of courage, endurance or hope in adversity have inspired other members of the Alton and Holybourne communities or those whose service to the communities of Alton and Holybourne has been outstanding.

This year's inaugural recipient is 19 year old Libby Bentley, who has been a consistent and dedicated member of the 2nd Alton Girls' Brigade, demonstrating courage and endurance beyond her years. She has worked her way through the company and now holds the post of "Young Leader" and is preparing to complete the training for a leadership position. Despite having to deal with her own medical condition and the restrictions of Covid-19, she has given as much as she can to 2nd Alton Girls' Brigade leading and supporting their zoom and face to face meetings. Congratulations Libby.



Walking And Cycling Festival 2021

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in this years walking and cycling festival. Over 500 miles were walked and cycled over the month of May. If you took part in the festival we would really appreciate it if you could complete a short feedback survey, a link has also been emailed.

WALKING - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AWCF2021>

CYCLING - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cycling2021>

Community Fayre 19th June

On Saturday 19th June we will be celebrating Alton's amazing community spirit by showcasing local clubs and societies, sports teams, charities and volunteering opportunities in the area at this year's Community Fayre from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

THEMED SATURDAY MARKETS 10:00am - 2:00pm Public Gardens, Alton

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN BETWEEN THE MARKETS
PLEASE VISIT WWW.ALTONEVENTS.CO.UK



Alton In Bloom 2021

Alton In Bloom 2021 is now open for entries. Thank you to everyone who has entered so far.

If you are stuck for ideas and have an old pallet hanging around, why not turn it into a wall / fence planter?

For further details on how to enter please go to:

http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton_In_Bloom_2021_30979.aspx

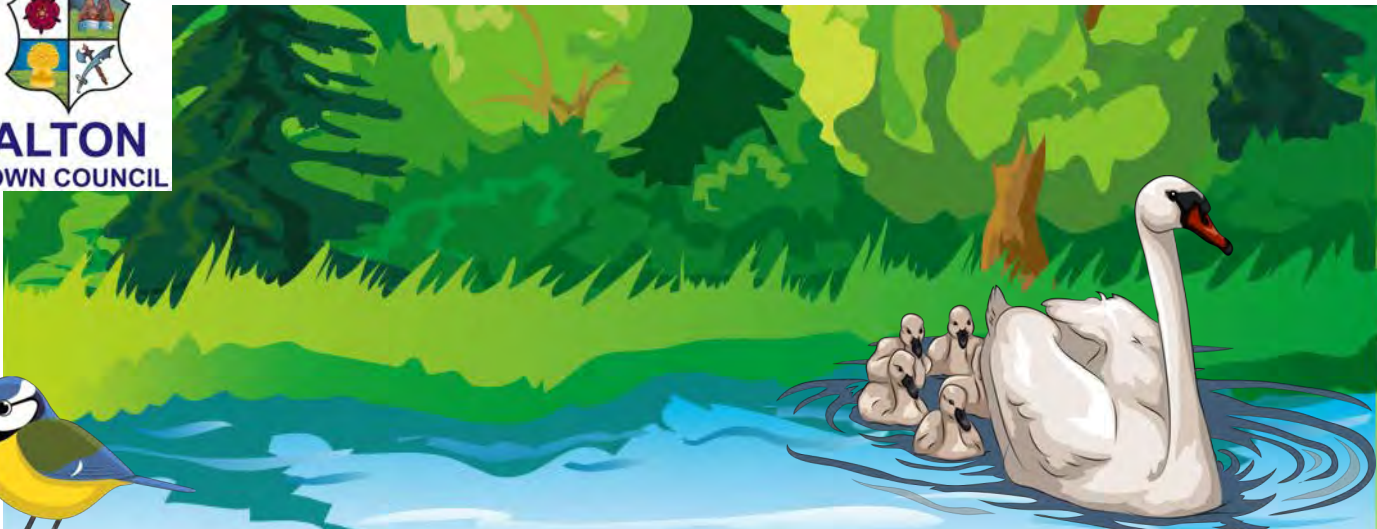


Public Meeting

Damian Hinds MP is hosting a public meeting for East Hampshire residents on Thursday 24th June, Please join him at the Alton Maltings between 7.30pm and 8.30pm to discuss both national and local issues.

The address is - Maltings Close, Alton, GU341DT - more information on directions and parking can be found at: <https://www.maltings.life/contact>





King's Pond



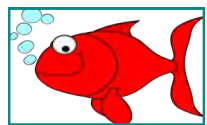
Bio-Blitz



Sat 26th June



9am - 3pm



Come and help experts carry out a real scientific survey known as a BioBlitz.

The BioBlitz is a race against time to create a snapshot of the variety of life found in a specific location – this time at King's Pond. Wildlife experts and the wider public will work together, within 24hrs, to find and identify in the area as many species of plants, animals and fungi as possible.



For the full programme and to book your place on an identification walk or survey group please visit www.alton.gov.uk



Gilbert Whites House interactive nature station
Hampshire Bio Records Centre - hourly finds totals



- Join the Friends of King's Pond
- Local nature and specimen displays
- Come and chat to AVLAN & ACAN
- Wildlife & nature stalls
- Pop-up Cafe