



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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## **Cycle Infrastructure Improvements**

In the light of covid-19 and the emphasis on social distancing, people have been looking for safe ways to travel and have shown increased interest in shopping local, avoiding large shopping centres and wanting to support local business rather than shopping online, which became more prevalent during lockdown.



To encourage residents to continue to shop local and access other essential amenities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, and parks and open spaces, Alton Town Council, working in partnership with East Hampshire District Council, successfully secured £13,926 funding from the M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, Supporting Town Centres Fund. This money will provide essential infrastructure enabling people to cycle or walk into town, reducing pressure on the buses and the road network as well as encouraging those who took up regular exercise during lockdown, to keep physically active.

This project has delivered 15 new PlantLock secure cycle parking facilities; these are integrated cycle racks and planters filled with carbon busting edible plants. These are situated in key locations, chosen by residents from the local Cycle Alton initiative, adding to the existing 12 cycle racks already in Alton. This ensures there are plenty of places for cyclists to secure their bikes while visiting the town centre. There are also two new cycle repair stations, one located centrally in the Market Square and the second at the entrance to Station Road, with a third already located at Jubilee Skate Park.

A new map has been designed specifically to promote Alton's cycling and walking infrastructure. It features the National Cycle Route 224, Alton's off-road cycleways that are shared with pedestrians, recommended on-road cycle routes to connect essential amenities and wards within the town, by-ways open to all traffic, bridleways and footpaths.

The project has sought to use technology to measure the success of the scheme with QR codes being installed on the cycle planters and repair pods to link to the My Journey Hampshire Active Alton webpage, so the council can track which QR codes are scanned most frequently and will ensure there are enough cycle stands in the most popular locations.

The project also sees the launch of the new Active Alton page on the My Journey Hampshire website - [www.myjourneyhampshire.com/activealton](http://www.myjourneyhampshire.com/activealton) creating a hub of useful information on enjoying cycling and walking in and around Alton, places of interest to explore, where to go for local culture,

## Alton Walking Week

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Monday 12th - 18th October 2020.

### Monday 12th October

Northern Loop Of Alton

### Tuesday 13th October

William Cobbett Walk

### Wednesday 14th October

Shortheath, East Worldham and Wyck

### Thursday 15th October

Shortheath and Binswood

### Friday 16th October

Binsted, Bentley Station, Green Bridge and the Arboretum

Exploring Chawton House and Walled Garden

### Saturday 17th October

Celebrating Alton's Public Open Spaces

Alton To Beech

### Sunday 18th October

Alton, Bentworth, Bradley and the Wields

All walks are compliant with government regulations. For full details visit: [www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)



Above:  
Cycle  
Parking  
Planters



Left:  
Repair Pods

## Community Resource Hub

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We have recently added a new community resource hub to our website. The hub has been set up in response to the Covid -19 pandemic and as community connector we have centralised information, links and activities that have been of benefit to so many people in the community during these difficult times.



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are not alone

[Community Resource Hub](#)

## Keeping Up To Date

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