



# Becoming a Town Councillor

## Alton Wards

- Amery
- Whitedown
- Ashdell
- Westbrooke
- Eastbrooke
- Wooteys
- Holybourne



## Councillors representing Alton



Local Government Level	Number of Alton Councillors
Hampshire County Council	1
East Hampshire District Council	7 (1 per Ward)
Alton Town Council	<p>13</p> <p>Currently 2 per Ward except Holybourne (1)</p> <p>Currently 8 Conservative &amp; 5 Liberal Democrat</p> <p>Will be 2 per ward except Eastbrooke (1) following the implementation of the "The East Hampshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2018" in readiness for the 2019 May election.</p>

## Local Council Responsibilities and Contact Information

### Alton Town Council:

[www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)

01420 83986

Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, GU34 1HD

- Alton Allotments
- Alton Assembly Rooms
- Alton's Open Spaces
- Bus Shelter Advertising (Town Centre)
- CCTV (monitored by local Police)
- Christmas Lights
- Markets
- Play Areas & Skate Parks in Alton
- Public Noticeboards (ATC owned)
- Sports Pitches and Pavilions at Jubilee & Anstey Park
- The Cairn, War Memorial
- Town Centre Hanging Baskets and Planters

### East Hampshire District Council:

[www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)

01730 266551

Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX

- Bins (not on ATC open spaces)
- Car Parks
- Cemeteries
- Council Tax and Business Rates
- Electoral Register / Elections
- Environmental Health
- Grass verges / Other grassed areas
- Housing
- Licensing
- Planning
- Protection of Trees
- Public Toilets
- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleaning

### Hampshire County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

01962 841841

The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ

- Education
- Gritting of Roads
- Libraries
- Museums
- Pavements
- Public Transport
- Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Rights of Way (footpaths)
- Roads & On Street Parking
- Social Services
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Youth Service

## Assets under Town Council management



- Play parks – Holybourne, Barley Field, Northanger
- Parks – Anstey Park, Jubilee Fields, Public Gardens, Barley Field, Butts
- Open spaces – Windmill Hill, Kings Pond, Flood Meadows, Northanger
- Allotment sites x 5 – approximately 300 plots
- Assembly Rooms
- Town Hall
- Small portfolio of commercial and residential units.

## Staff



- Town Clerk
- Finance & Administration Manager
- Finance Officer
- Grounds and Property Administrator
- Community & Events Officers x 2
- Business Development Manager
- Administration Officer
- 2 Senior Groundsmen
- 3 Groundsmen

## Committees



- Open Spaces Committee
- Planning and Transport Committee
- Community Committee
- Policy & Resources Committee
- Staffing Sub-Committee

### ALTON TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/2019

DATE	MEETING	DATE	MEETING
<b>MAY 2018</b> 02 May 2018 09 May 2018 16 May 2018 23 May 2018	Community and Events Planning and Transportation Policy and Resources Annual Meeting (AGM)	<b>DECEMBER 2018</b> 12 December 2018 19 December 2018	Budget Workshop Planning and Transportation
<b>JUNE 2018</b> 06 June 2018	Planning and Transportation	<b>JANUARY 2019</b> 16 January 2019 23 January 2019 30 January 2019	Planning and Transportation Community and Events Policy and Resources
<b>JULY 2018</b> 04 July 2018 18 July 2018 25 July 2018	Planning and Transportation Full Council Open Spaces	<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b> 06 February 2019 13 February 2019 27 February 2019	Full Council (Budget) Planning and Transportation Open Spaces
<b>AUGUST 2018</b> 01 August 2018 09 August 22 August 2018	Planning and Transportation Staffing Sub Committee Planning and Transportation	<b>MARCH 2019</b> 13 March 2019 20 March 2019	Planning and Transportation Annual Electors Meeting (APM)
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b> 12 September 2018 19 September 2018 26 September 2018	Community and Events Policy and Resources Planning and Transportation	<b>APRIL 2019</b> 10 April 2019 17 April 2019 24 April 2019	Planning and Transportation Mayor's Civic Reception Full Council
<b>OCTOBER 2018</b> 17 October 2018 24 October 2018	Full Council Planning and Transportation	<b>MAY 2019</b> 01 May 2019 02 May 2019 15 May 2019	Planning and Transportation Local Elections Annual Meeting (AGM)
<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b> 07 November 2018 14 November 2018 21 November 2018 28 November 2018	Mayor's Annual Charity Quiz Open Spaces Planning and Transportation Staffing Sub Committee		



## Events Programme



- Pancake Race
- Walking Festival
- Regency Week
- Summer Programme in the Public Gardens
- Last Night of the Proms
- Alton in Bloom
- Classic Car Show
- Yuletide Weekend

## Community Involvement



- Residents' Associations
- Alton Community Association
- Community Tasking & Coordination Group
- Alton Health and Wellbeing Forum
- Sports Centre Project Board
- Local Government Associations
- Residential Development Liaison Panels

## Recently completed projects



- Refurbishment of Holybourne play area
- Barley Fields park and play area
- New park and open space signage
- Trim trail in Anstey Park
- 3G sports pitch in Anstey Park
- Netball courts in Anstey Park
- New entrance to the Assembly Rooms
- Restoration of “the other” Miss Bell’s Fountain
- Creation of Parterre Garden of Remembrance

## Current projects (include)



- Youth Project.
- Town centre Wi-Fi scheme
- New skateboard park at Jubilee Fields
- Adoption of new open space in Chawton Park Road
- New Jubilee Fields pavilion

## Ways of working



- 30 minutes before each committee meeting, councillors will be available for an informal conversation on any topic with anyone who comes along
- We have relaxed our meeting procedures to enable quality debate and input involving everyone attending our meetings

## Good Councillor's Guide



Councillors have a responsibility to:

- attend meetings when summoned to do so
- consider, in advance of the meeting, the agenda and any related documents which were sent to you with the summons
- take part in meetings and consider all the relevant facts and issues on matters which require a decision including the views of others expressed at the meeting
- take part in voting and respect decisions made by the majority of those present and voting
- ensure, with other councillors, that the council is properly managed
- represent the whole electorate, and not just those who voted for you

## Personal reflections



- Part of a team serving your community
- Opportunity to contribute in many different ways
- You get out what you put in
- Work with interesting people with different perspectives
- We do not always agree but we always have the same objective

## Thinking of becoming a Town Councillor?



Please take the time to

- visit the Town Hall
- attend a few Town Council meetings
- talk to the current councillors