



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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Message From The Town Hall

The weekly Altonian is on holiday next week but make sure you keep an eye on your post as a six page spring/summer edition is being delivered by Royal Mail to GU34 postcodes. There is a lot of exciting events coming up and important local news.

The Town Hall will be closed on Good Friday (7th April) and Bank Holiday Monday (10th April) and will re-open on Tuesday 11th April. If your enquiry is urgent please contact your Ward Councillor <http://www.alton.gov.uk/your-councillors/>

Nominations for seats in East Hampshire's district, parish and town councils closed on Tuesday and now the lists of nominees have been published on EHDC's website. <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/elections/local-elections-may-2023>. Elections will take place in all 31 of the district wards and seven parishes. A list of uncontested seats in parish and town councils has also been published.

If you have visited our website over the last few days you have hopefully noticed a new look. Please be aware some items may be temporarily unavailable. If you can't find what you are looking for please email info@alton.gov.uk or call 01420 83986 and Town Council Officers will be able to assist you. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



EHDC Bin Update



There will be no change to bin collections over the Easter weekend (7-10 April 2023).

Our provider will be working as usual on the Good Friday and Easter Monday bank holidays so please ensure that you put your bin out.

If you don't have your updated calendar for April to September yet, [please visit our website](http://www.alton.gov.uk).

South East Water

We're in the process redefining our strategic priorities for the next 25 years and are keen to get your views on whether the direction we're planning is what you, as a valued stakeholder, expects.

We have recently published our draft Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) which outlines our challenges and priorities for the next 25 years, as well as how we plan to meet customers' expectations, secure future water resources, reduce leaks and water demand, improve resilience and performance, reduce our carbon footprint and adapt to climate change while protecting and restoring the environment and biodiversity.

You can read our [draft Strategic Direction Statement](#) and complete our survey by visiting our dedicated engagement hub.

You can submit your views up to **23:59 on Monday 10 April**. Through creating this draft SDS we've spoken to a wide range of customers and stakeholders, as well as reviewed existing research. The draft statement is built upon seven key priorities:

Provide top quality drinking water and an efficient service, support its customers and deliver greater value to society

Manage and steward its assets, invest and innovate to ensure its water supply system is resilient to future challenges

Protect and enhance the environment and biodiversity

Reduce its carbon footprint, adapt to the impact of climate change and be a truly sustainable business

Secure the future of water by protecting freshwater resources and developing new sustainable sources

Secure the future of water by halving leakage and helping reduce the demand for water

Be ready for the future through technology, innovation and investing in people

BACK ON THE RACK 3
SWAP TILL YOU DROP THRIFT SHOP
ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE GU34 1HN

Swap your preloved clothes
Sunday 16th April 11.00 - 13.30

Clothes drop off point: Community Centre from 11th April-15th April 16th April from 9.30am

Refreshments
Suggested age range - 7-20 years



HELPING OUR HEDGEHOGS



We all love hedgehogs! They were badly affected by the 2022 heatwave and drought and now need our help more than ever.

Local residents Sarah Nightingale and Mark Turner will share their experiences, followed by plenty of time for discussion.

ALL WELCOME!

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, Amery Street, GU34 1HN



Meeting organised by Alton Climate Action Network
www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk
Email: altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK FAMILY EVENTS



APRIL

3RD

EASTER BAKE OFF
PARISH CENTRE, 2PM-4PM

FAMILY FUN MORNING
PARISH CENTRE, 10AM-12PM

4TH

6TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY FAMILY SUPPER
PARISH CENTRE, 5PM-6PM

GOOD FRIDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE
OUTSIDE ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, 10AM-12PM

7TH

9TH

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY EGG HUNT
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, 10:30AM

WEBSITE: WWW.POTR-ALTON.CO.UK

EMAIL: MARTHA@POTR-ALTON.CO.UK

Easter At The Allen Gallery



Join us for an egg hunt with a twist!

There are 8 eggs hidden around the museum. On each egg there is a picture of different British Bird. Using your activity sheet, find the eggs and match them to the birds on your sheet. The trail is running across each of our Community Museums, and there are 8 different birds to find in each museum.

Once you have completed your spotter sheets, take them back to reception to collect your prize. The sheets can then be taken home and used to continue bird spotting at home or at your local green space.

Price: £2.00 per trail sheet

Please check website for opening times during Easter Holidays <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/allen-gallery-british-bird-eggs-hunt>



ECO CHURCH
AN A ROCHAUX PROJECT



Craft Swap

Saturday 8th April - 2-4pm

St Lawrence Parish Centre,
Church Street, Alton, GU34 2BW

Bring your arts and crafts 'leftover supplies' and take what you need... free and open to all!



Wool, haberdashery, papercraft, paints, craft books, fabric, rubber stamps, beads, jewellery, stickers, craft storage and more!

Donations can be left in the marked boxes at St Lawrence and All Saints Churches in Alton, St Peter's Church in Beech, the Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne, St Mary's Churches in Bentworth and Lasham and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Shalden, Alton Library and Alton Community Centre during late February, March and early April.

Monetary donations on the day will go to Alton Women's Refuge

Parish of the Resurrection, Alton

W: www.potr-alton.co.uk T: 01420 513881 E: office@potr-alton.co.uk

**CLOSED on
Easter Saturday**



**OPEN on Earth Day
Saturday 22nd April 2023**

10.00-12.00
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE, ALTON



Alton Walking Festival

Bookings are filling up fast on this year's Alton Walking Festival, sponsored by McCarthy Stone, Alton School and Pumpkin Pantos. With less than a month to go we have 40 walks fully booked.

Don't panic we still have plenty of walks to choose from for all abilities. For a full details on all walks go to: www.walkalton.org.uk. If you are looking for a walk to do with little legs, we have some fun family themed walks this year...

Walk 70 - Saturday 20th May Take The Train Down The Line For A Family Stroll

A family adventure starting at Alton train station. You will take the train to the Bentley and follow, as much as possible, an off road route to Alice Holt.

<https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-s0c1-20230520113000>

Walk 72 - Sunday 21st May If You Go Down To The Woods Today

An enchanting family fairytale trail around Alton School featuring some of the most loved characters. There are various slots available

<https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-s8n5-20230521000000>

Walk 100 - Monday 29th May Family Scavenger Hunt

A special scavenger walk around the Public Gardens with creative activities based on the treasures you find. <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-spte-20230529103000>

Walk 103 - Tuesday 30th May Family Walk In Holybourne

A family walk along St Swithin's Way to Holybourne Church and Village Pond. The on to see the farm animals at Mill Farm from the path and play pooh sticks in the river! <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-sn9h-20230530103000>

WE ARE INVESTING £10.6M TO BOOST BORDON'S ELECTRICITY NETWORK



Starting 1 May 2023, and running until September 2024, we are replacing 18km of existing cabling.

This will help support a greater uptake of low carbon technologies, such as electric vehicles.

The upgrade will start on Oakhanger Road and run west to the Alton Substation along Green Street and Caker Lane. To the east, the new cable will continue across to Bordon Substation on the outskirts of town.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Visit www.ssen.co.uk/alton-bordon-network-investment or scan the QR code for more information about our investment in your area.



Join us at a drop in event:

- 19 April from 3pm - 7pm in the members room at Alton Community Centre (GU34 1HN)
- 22 April from 10am - 3pm at the Shed (Saturday markets) in Bordon (GU35 0DJ)

GET IN TOUCH

We want to be a good neighbour and help answer any questions you may have.

Have a query?

You can email us at community@ssenbordon.co.uk or call us on 0800 046 9034.

Have a complaint?

You can email us at customercomplaints@ssen.co.uk or call us on 0800 980 1395.

Concerned about vulnerability in a power cut?

Visit www.ssen.co.uk/psr or call us on 0800 2943259.



[ssencommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ssencommunity)



Powering our community



Alton Repair



**Bin it?
No way!**

Café

**NEXT
SESSION**

FREE!
Donations
appreciated

Saturday 15 April
10.30 – 12.30
Alton Community Centre

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles • Electronics
Mechanical • Small Electrical
Furniture • Bikes

One item each please.

Part of the global *Repair Café* movement

