



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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Message From The Town Hall

Following the announcement that three seats on Alton Town Council will remain vacant after the elections on the 4th May, due to a lack of candidates, the Council will be seeking to co-opt to fill these vacancies. These are for seats in the Amery, Ashdell and Whitedown Wards.

The co-option notices are available on our website at <https://www.alton.gov.uk/elections/> and anyone interested is asked to submit their nomination to the Town Clerk by way of a letter of introduction and details on why they would like to become a councillor. This is requested by the 9th May, so the seats may be filled at the Council AGM on the 17th May.

The next Full Council meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 26th April in the Town Hall from 7.00pm.

A UK-wide emergency alert system announced by the government is due to be tested on Sunday, 23 April.

A message will appear on the home screens of mobile phones and tablets from 15:00 BST, accompanied by a loud siren-like sound or vibration lasting for about 10 seconds. For more information please go to <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>

There is free bus travel on route 64 between Alton and Winchester every Sunday until 28th May.

Competition Winner

Thank you everyone who entered the 'Decorate Your Own Easter Egg' competition over the Easter Holidays. We received an amazing amount of entries, which were all fantastic, but there can only have one winner....

Congratulations Lois, age 8. Lois was very excited when she picked up her prize as it was the first time she had won a competition. Lois is now the proud owner of a cuddly bunny she has called 'Fuzzy'. Well done Lois.



New Promotional Videos



Alton Town Council have been working with local presenting duo and proud Altonians, Luke & Elliott, on a mini-series to promote Alton by embarking on a journey of discovery and exploration through their hometown of Alton.

With a different focus for each episode (from Alton's history, to its people, to things to do, as well as looking ahead to its bright future), these promotional videos were primarily made for new people to the area but we are sure they will jog the memory, excite the mind, and provide optimism for what's to come in and around the town.

Featuring interviews from local experts and societies, footage of shops and venues on the high street, and many personal resident's stories along the way, this 4-part series is all about showcasing the best of a place so many people call home. Thank you to everyone involved.

Luke & Elliott said "We're absolutely delighted to finally bring you the full series of 'Alton: A Town to Discover and Explore' this Spring. We've been filming on and off for over a year now, sampling all that Alton has to offer in terms of activities, personalities, and culture. And it's been great fun! We've Morris danced, litter picked, played Victorian Cricket, ridden the Watercress Line on Thomas the Tank Engine, tasted the finest local beer and cuisine on offer, and that was all just one weekend! We hope these episodes will be a window into the beauty and brilliance of Alton!".

Check out the videos on our website <https://www.alton.gov.uk/discover-alton/> - you might spot yourself!

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



SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

**Celebrate
Earth Day 2023 at
Alton Community Share**



with special guests from
Alton Repair Café,
ACAN Action on Plastics group and
members of the Eco Church



Alton Walking Festival

Walks are filling up fast on this year's Alton Walking Festival, sponsored by McCarthy Stone, Alton School and Pumpkin Pantos. With just over a week to go you still have time to book onto a walk. Here are few that might be of interest:

Walk 12 - Springtime stories on Shortheath From bird migrations across the globe, insects on the brink of extinction, to folk tales from heathland hundreds of heaths ago. Join Storyteller Dawn Nelson for an immersive storytelling walk around Shortheath common. <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-sap1-20230503110000>

Walk 25 - Dog Walking against the Climate Crisis During the walk, walk leader and environmental scientist Scott Gudrich MSc will talk about different aspects of climate change and how it affects us locally and hopefully answer some of the questions you might have. <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-sb68-20230507140000>

Walk 32 - "Railways & Writers" with Southeast Hants Ramblers

Initially taking the disused railway track from Chawton, we make our way through Upper Farringdon, Newton Valence and Selborne (avoiding the zigzag), returning via Bush Down where we hope to see bluebells. Coffee and lunch breaks en route. <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-s5an-20230510100000>

Walk 44 - Bentley Station to Alton Station

A walk back from Bentley Station to Alton via Binsted, Wyck, Neatham. <https://bookwhen.com/altonwalkingfestivalmay2023/e/ev-snix-20230513093000>

For full details on the above walk and all the walks during this year's festival please go to http://www.walkalton.org.uk/Alton_Walking_Festival_2023_44247.aspx



"WE'VE GOT THE POWER TO CHANGE"

Wed 10th May 7.00pm
Alton Community Centre

Light refreshments and bar



- Highlights from our Energy Champions
- Report on Energy Alton's and Powering Up's very active work programme
- Including business energy project and Energise South Downs
- And an update from ACAN

Boosting sustainability at home and in the community



Consultancy opportunity with Alton Climate Action Network

Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) has been awarded a grant by Alton Town Council from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy to engage with residents living on some of the town's new housing estates.

To support our volunteers, we are looking to appoint a paid consultant with expertise in community engagement and a good understanding of the climate and ecological crises.

For more information see <https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/acan-new-estates-community-engagement-project-applications-invited-for-appointment-of-consultant/>

Closing date 30 April



We are really looking forward to this year's Spring Garden Fayre in the Public Gardens on Saturday 13th May. With a variety of stalls, live music and entertainment it will be a great day out!

ALFI SEEDLING SWAP has turned into the biggest, most lively event of ALFI's year, since its launch five years ago.

Each May they invite people to bring their excess seedlings and swap them for other, different seedlings. Dozens of people take part, some bringing several trays of fledgling plants. People are also invited to take away some of the seedlings for a donation.

Helpfully, there's always someone from ALFI on hand with a bit of advice for the new grower, or to receive some from an old hand!

For more information on ALFI please visit: www.altonlocalfood.org.uk

Coronation Weekend

If you're organising a Coronation Big Lunch, street party or have Big Help Out activities planned in your neighbourhood, don't forget to add your local events to the Coronation digital map for others to find and get involved with.

If you're looking for events to join over the Coronation weekend, you can find what's happening in your local area - or maybe further afield by searching the map: <https://coronation.gov.uk/events/>

For helpful links and more information, see Hampshire County Council's Coronation webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/coronation>

Alton's Coronation Big Lunch with Alton Concert Band will be in the Public Gardens on Sunday 7th May from 12pm - 3pm.

Pop along for some Royal Themed Fun!

A blue poster for Alton's Coronation Big Lunch. At the top, a banner reads 'You are invited to'. Below this, the text 'A right royal knees up!' is written in large, white, stylized letters. A section titled 'You're invited to:' lists 'ALTON'S CORONATION BIG LUNCH WITH ALTON CONCERT BAND'. Below this, a location pin icon is followed by 'Where & when:' and 'ALTON PUBLIC GARDENS SUNDAY 7TH MAY 12:00PM - 3:00PM'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph: 'The Coronation Big Lunch brings neighbours and communities together to share friendship, food and fun. CoronationBigLunch.com'. Logos for 'edensproject', 'community', 'ALTON TOWN COUNCIL', and 'HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL' are visible. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are at the bottom left, with the text '@edencommunities | #CoronationBigLunch'.

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10.00 - 15.00

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alton, GU34 1AB

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saturday 25 november



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THE FRIENDS OF TRELOAR'S PLANT SALE

Saturday 20th May 2023

10:00am - 12:30pm at Treloar's, Holybourne

The Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale is back for 2023!

Join us and browse our selection of Annuals, Phoenix Perennial Plants,
Unusual Vegetables, Herbs and plants donated by local gardeners.

Plus, enjoy our home-made produce stall, refreshments and raffle.

For more information, please visit: www.treloar.org.uk/events

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ALTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN

**ASSEMBLY ROOMS
ON...**

**FRIDAY 19TH
MAY**

3:00PM - 7:00PM

**SATURDAY 20TH
MAY**

10:00AM - 1:00PM



@Alton Neighbourhood Plan



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KICK OFF ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

We need your views!

Come along and find out more
about the Alton Neighbourhood
Plan process and meet the team.



SCAN ME

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JAY MILLER'S CIRCUS

BACK FOR 2023
WITH A BRAND NEW PRODUCTION!

ALTON
THE BUTTS, GU34 1RD

PERFORMANCES DAILY
Weekdays 5pm & 7:30pm
Saturday 1:30pm, 4pm & 8:30pm
Sunday 1:30pm Only

Early
Booking
Strongly
Recommended

WEDNESDAY
12
JULY

SUNDAY
16
JULY

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