



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 24**  
**29th June 2023**

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD  
[www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk) 01420 83986

## Meet Your Councillors



At every monthly Town Council meeting there is time set aside for questions and discussion with the residents of Alton, but this time is very limited.

We want Altonians to have the opportunity to meet their Town Councillors face-to-face, in confidence and with no time limits. We have arranged to use an office in Edgar Hall at Anstey Park. If you have concerns that you think the Town Council can help with, or just should know about, then please drop in. Bring a friend if you want. We are prepared to expand the time we make ourselves available to match the need.

**Time:** 10.00 - 12.00 Thursday 13th July

13.00 - 15.00 Thursday 13th July

10.00 - 12.00 Saturday 15th July

**Place:** Edgar Hall, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NB

## Message From EHDC



Thank you to everyone who took part in our last Local Plan consultation. The consultation looked at key issues and priorities for our district, such as the climate emergency and an ageing population.

We received more than 3,000 contributions and they are all now available to view online. The responses have been collated into themes, along with the results from the questions asked.

Thank you to everyone who took part, your comments will help us to make sure the Local Plan best meets the needs of our local communities and the requirements set by Government.

As can be seen from the responses, we have received a wide range of views, sometimes conflicting. It is the role of the council to use these responses, as well as other evidence, to identify a reasonable and deliverable strategy for the Local Plan. For full details and results please go to: <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/emerging-local-plan/evidence-base/responses-local-plan>

## Wey Valley Radio Plans



Community radio services in Surrey and Hampshire are joining forces to serve listeners via small-scale DAB.

The community stations in Alton, Haslemere and Petersfield are working with UK DAB Networks to apply for an SSDAB Ofcom licence.

Wey Valley Radio in Alton was first established in 1992 and holds an FM licence. Radio Haslemere and Petersfield's Shine Radio serve audiences online.

The area is one of the smallest advertised by Ofcom, but also a challenging one to serve from a technical perspective.

Ash Elford of UK DAB Networks said:

"The rolling Surrey Hills, the North and South Downs define the landscape and control propagation. Our bid is designed to serve key population centres and minimise outgoing interference to help Ofcom make efficient use of the spectrum."

David Way, the founder of Wey Valley Radio added:

"The opportunity to broadcast on DAB is the next stage in the development of Wey Valley Radio and will ensure the service is available on more of the devices today's listeners love to use."

Ofcom are expected to make their decision over the licence in around three months.

Tune into Wey Valley Radio on 101.1FM or listen online here <https://weyvalleyradio.uk>

### Children's Toy and Book Bonanza

#### Summer Special (ready for the holidays)!

Donate your pre-loved and in good condition toy & books in the porches at our local churches (St Lawrence, St Mary's Bentworth, St Andrew's Medstead, Holy Rood Holybourne, St Mary's Lasham)

Then come and join us on

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**11.00am-1.00pm**

**St Lawrence Church, Alton**

**All are welcome** to choose pre-loved toys & books—absolutely free (even if you have not donated)! Saving landfill (& your pocket). We will also have **hot drinks, squash and cakes** to keep you going whilst you browse! Don't forget to spread the word too!

All donations should be done if possible **before Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Any donations should be in full working order.

If you any queries about this please [contactecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:contactecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk)

 **ROCHA**  
Raising Our Children's Awareness

## Town Councillor Vacancy



Please be aware that there is currently a vacancy on the Town Council for Ashdell Ward.

Anyone who would like to request a by-election be called for this seat is asked to contact EHDC.

Please follow the link for more details <https://www.alton.gov.uk/elections/>

## Live from the Bandstand



The Alton Stringalongs will be performing in the Public Gardens on Sunday 3rd July at 2pm.

They are a local ukulele band, who enjoy playing music and sharing their eclectic music choices from the 1920's to a popular range of songs from the 1960's to 1980's.

They play at local events and gigs such as The Green Man, Free Folk Friday, Zoom sessions, shows in Hook, Alton Social Bowling Club etc. We are looking forward to them playing in the park in Alton once again.

## Encore Choirs. Summer Show

# ENCORE CHOIRS

## SUMMER SHOW

An evening of refreshingly good music performed by over 60 singers!

Songs from Jersey Boys, Moulin Rouge, Earth, Wind & Fire, Toploader, Coldplay and so much more!

Support local, live music on what promises to be a great evening out!

£10 adults

£8 concessions

Alton Maltings Centre  
GU34 1DT

22nd July

7.30pm

Scan me

FREE ENTRY

Enjoy a family day out at

# Thank You Day

## Anstey Park, Alton

Sunday 2nd July 10am - 4pm

For further information  
thankyouday2023@gmail.com

Our very own *Alton Choral Society* is delighted to welcome you to our *150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Concert!*

The programme includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah as performed by ACS 150 years ago in 1873!

We are delighted to welcome you to enjoy this unmissable event in our town's history at **St Lawrence Church Alton on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm**

Money is being raised for the valuable and indispensable work of the Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre:

<https://www.bushyleaze.co.uk/>

**Tickets £12 (free for under 16)**

available from Eventbrite via [www.altonchoral.org.uk](http://www.altonchoral.org.uk)  
or on the door (cash only)

For more information please contact:

Nancy Buck: [admin@altonchoral.org.uk](mailto:admin@altonchoral.org.uk) or Wendy Busby: Tel. 07799 475974



## Save The Dates... 14th-16th July

Our weekend of events in The Public Gardens kicks off with a Teddy Bears Picnic and Storytelling with Pumpkin Pantos on Friday 14th July at 5.30pm. It is free to attend just bring along a picnic tea and your favourite teddy and enjoy an enchanting evening.

On Saturday 15th July from 10am - 2pm come along to Alton's Village Fete which includes the summer show. Details on how to enter go to <https://forms.gle/jU6wAvDjb91pLmgE7>. With lots to see and do make sure you let your family and friends know.

To end the weekend on Sunday 16th July make sure you come and celebrate 'Earth Friendly Living' at Alton's Eco-Fair. There will be plenty to see and do with a focus on the voices of children.

We look forward to seeing you.



**PUMPKIN PANTOS**

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL**

# TEDDY BEARS PICNIC and Storytelling

**FREE ENTRY**  
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Suitable for  
ages 3+

Bring a packed lunch, plus your favourite teddy, and join a host of fairytale characters for an enchanting selection of stories and games.

**14 July at 5.30pm - Alton Public Gardens**



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**SATURDAY  
15th July  
10AM - 2PM**

# SUMMER 'VILLAGE' FETE PUBLIC GARDENS

**BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Alton In Bloom Summer Show -  
Incredible Edibles - Flower Show - Bake Off -  
Stalls - Fun Fete Games - Encore Choir -  
South Berkshire Concert Band

Organised by Alton Town Council  
[alton.gov.uk](http://alton.gov.uk) - 01420 83986 - [events@alton.gov.uk](mailto:events@alton.gov.uk)



**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL and  
Alton Climate Action Network**

# ALTON ECO- FAIR

**Celebrating Earth  
Friendly Living**

**SUNDAY 16TH JULY  
10AM - 2PM**

**PUBLIC GARDENS  
ALTON, GU34 1EN**

**FREE ADMISSION**

WILDLIFE GROUPS  
STORYTELLING  
FACE PAINTING  
PERFORMANCE & ARTS  
POETRY WORKSHOP  
RE-USE ZONE  
MUSIC  
HAWK WALKS  
THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN  
PLANT BASED FOODS

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For more information visit [www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk](http://www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk)



## *"Music Everywhere"*

Thursday 6th July 2023

At 7:30 pm



**Alton Methodist Church**

Drayman's Way, Alton, GU34 1LG

Tickets £10, to include refreshments, available on the door or  
by telephoning 07843 273483 or 07798 641427

Supporting the Choir's Charities

# MINI STEPPA'S UNDER 5's FIESTA

**6TH JULY 3.30-4.30PM**

**MUSIC DANCE    LIGHT UP TOYS FACE PAINTS    DRESSING UP SQUASH**

**ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
AMERY STREET**

**£4 PER CHILD, £2 SIBLINGS  
OLDER SIBLINGS WELCOME  
\*CASH ONLY\***

## THE HERO ACADEMY SUMMER CLUB

**POW!**

Wednesdays in August  
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd  
10am-1pm  
St Lawrence Church Yard  
For children currently in school  
years R-6

**ZAP!**

To register  
your child scan  
the QR code.

## SECRET AGENTS ACADEMY

**£1  
per day\***



**10am-12:15pm, 9-12th August**  
**The Butts School, Bolle Road, Alton**

Summer club for 5-11 year olds. For more info  
call **07710 021415** or for registration details  
go to [www.thebuttschurch.org.uk/hbc](http://www.thebuttschurch.org.uk/hbc)

\* suggested donation

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THE BUTTS CHURCH

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# Fun Fridays



## Free Children's Entertainment

**2.00pm - 3.00pm**  
**Public Gardens, Alton**



28th July  
Magic Wanda



4th August  
Movin Monkeez\*



11th August  
Scotty's Circus Skills



18th August  
Zumba Kids



25th August  
Baby Ballet



1st September  
Professor Potty's  
Magic Show

\*Please bring a teddy bear with you

### WET WEATHER RELOCATION

In the event of wet weather Fun Fridays will be in the Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton.