



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 25**  
**6th July 2023**

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## King's Pond Update

In accordance with earlier Council instructions, research remains on-going in respect of data gathering to inform future works and management of King's Pond. This includes undertaking the following studies:

Topographical  
Silt / Sediment  
Ecology  
Arboricultural  
Utilities  
Hydrological modelling  
Engineering assessment of the weir/sluice.

In addition, any future works to the pond will likely require statutory approvals from a number of authorities which are being explored alongside work to establish a governance structure for future projects.

At this time, as a newly formed Council, we remain in a position where no decisions have been made as to what future works may be undertaken at the site. Councillors are investigating potential ways forward and as such are not yet ready to present the public with the findings of these works. Therefore, the matter of King's Pond will not be considered at the Council meeting scheduled for the 12th July. The meeting will be cancelled and re-arranged for a future date, the details of which will be conveyed to local residents at the appropriate time later this year.

The Council wishes to reaffirm its long-term commitment and investment in the future of this much-loved public amenity space.

If anyone was planning on attending this month's meeting to address the council, there will be drop-in sessions at Edgar Hall, next Thursday 13th July (10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm) and Saturday 15th July (10am- 12pm) to come and speak to your councillors on any matter; we look forward to welcoming you there.

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS



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

**13**  
**JULY 2023**  
10.00 - 12.00  
13.00 - 15.00

**15**  
**JULY 2023**  
10.00 - 12.00



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## Town Councillor

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/>

## Full Council Meeting Cancelled

The Full Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday 12th July has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm at the Town Hall, Market Square, Alton.

## Community Event and Project Grant Funding

Alton Town Council would like to remind local groups and organisations that they are still accepting applications for the Community Event and Project Grant Fund from third-party event organisers, local groups and charities for one-off events or for small projects to be carried out during the forthcoming financial year.

Grants may be awarded up to £1000 (although most are for £500 or under). Examples of previous beneficiaries are Victorian Cricket, Alton Lions, the "Wonder of Christmas" and Regency Day to name a few.

Applications for this fund must be submitted by Sunday 20th August for consideration at the Full council meeting in September.

Further details of the applications process, guidance notes and application form can be found on the Town Council website <https://www.alton.gov.uk/council-policies/>

Join us for business networking in Alton

**CAN WE HELP YOUR BUSINESS SAVE MONEY?**

Thursday 13 July 2023 8am-10am  
Goldfinch Books, 24 High Street,  
Alton GU34 1BN

Businesses are being asked for more and more information about their eco credentials – by customers, supply chain businesses, and employees.

How are you meeting this challenge - and are you benefitting from the opportunities it presents?

Please fill in this [short survey](#) and join EHDC, Energy Alton and ACAN at Goldfinch Books to discuss your sustainability journey, what you could do, and how it could save your business money.

For more information and to confirm your free place email [business@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:business@easthants.gov.uk)



Refreshments will be available



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## Alton Craft Market



THIS SATURDAY! It's that time again for The Alton Craft Market, organised by The Alton Lions Club.

We have a fantastic selection of makers, artists and crafters joining us, alongside Hampshire Farmers Market, this month!

Come down and shop with some amazing, local businesses/crafters - with all pitch fees being donated to local charities!

**Saturday 8th July - 10am till 3pm - Alton High Street / Cross & Pillory Lane.**

## 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)

# Hampshire Highways

As part of Hampshire Highways' annual programme of planned maintenance carriageway resurfacing works at the junction and approaches of the A339/B3349, Basingstoke Road/Pertuis Avenue Intersection in Alton are programmed to start 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and are expected to take up to 6 nights to complete.

Due to the impact the works will have on traffic and to minimise disruption, it will be necessary to carry out all works at night between 20:00 to 06:00hrs. The road will re-open during the day and over the weekend.

Whilst there is an allowance within the time periods shown above for delays, there may be times when we have to postpone works at very short notice; based on the latest weather forecasts, this can occur just prior to works commencing. We will always look to provide up to date information wherever we can, but sometimes these last minute decisions can be difficult to relay to the travelling public in a timely manner.

When we can, any significant changes to the scheduled dates will be made clear on the yellow sign boards located at the works limits.

For further details of how the road closure may affect your access please visit our website - [www.hants.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roadworks)

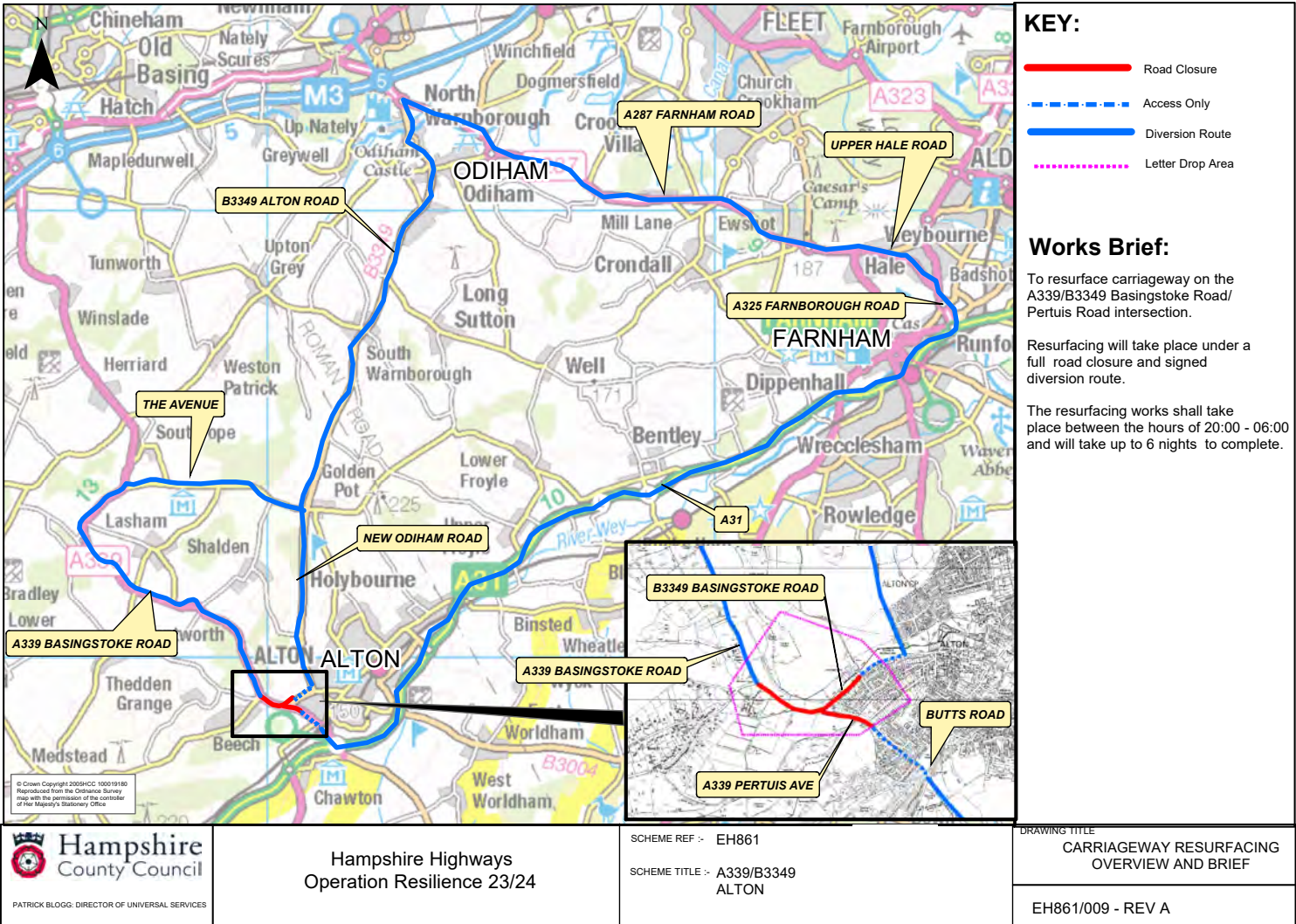
Thank you for your co-operation and if you need more information regarding these works, you can using any of the options below.

Visit One.Network - <https://one.network/?tm=GB132375433> which is where our planned works are published and is an independent platform that allows real-time monitoring of all the UK's roadworks and diversions.

Call - 0300 555 1388

If you ever need to report a problem with the roads, you can do so by visiting:

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



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# Fun Fridays



## Free Children's Entertainment

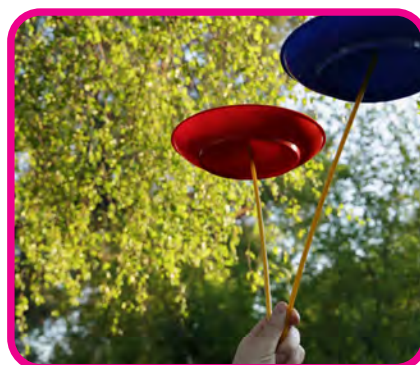
2.00pm - 3.00pm  
Public Gardens, Alton



28th July  
Magic Wanda



4th August  
Movin Monkees\*



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.