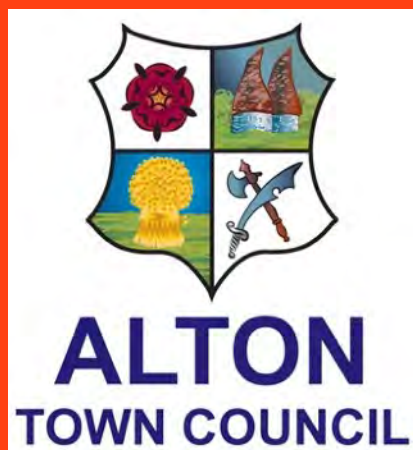




THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 26
13th July 2023

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
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Alton's Big Weekend

Come and join us for a bumper weekend of community events in the Public Gardens this weekend.

We kick off this Friday 14th July with a Teddy Bears Picnic and Storytelling with Pumpkin Pantos from 5.30pm. Join Red Riding Hood and her friends for a magical storytelling evening. You'll be transported to a world of wonder and imagination. The event is free to attend and don't forget your picnic, a blanket and of course your favourite teddy bear!

On Saturday 15th July from 10.00am - 2.00pm is Alton's summer 'village' fete, sponsored by HSDC Alton, with Live Music from Encore Choirs and South Berks Concert Band, Alton in Bloom summer show competition, free children's activities from Mini Explorers, Zumba with Hampshire Dance Fitness, family fun fair rides, tasty street food, a bar, Acorns Coffee plus lots and lots of fun fete style games and stalls!!!

It is not too late to join in, so why not enter the 'Alton in Bloom' summer show for the chance to win a garden centre voucher! To register in advance please complete the online form <https://forms.gle/iYCnWdW3FujUFMGN8>.

Or register on the day. Bring your entries to the Alton Town Council awning between 10.00am and 11.00am, ready for the judging to take place at 11.30am. It is free to enter.

Thank you very much to HSDC Alton for sponsoring this year's Summer 'Village' Fete in the Public Gardens. Principal & CEO Mike Gaston said: "It is fantastic to be part of Alton Town Council's Summer 'Village Fete' as a sponsor. We are delighted to support this key event as it is an excellent way to draw the local community together celebrating all that is local".

PUMPKIN PANTOS

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC and Storytelling

FREE ENTRY
FREE ENTRY
FREE ENTRY

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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HEAR FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

ACAN

For more information visit www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk



Sponsored by:

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HS DC ALTON COLLEGE

**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 - 01420 83986 - events@alton.gov.uk

Big Weekend continued...

To end the weekend this Sunday, make sure you come and celebrate 'Earth Friendly Living' at Alton's Eco-Fair. Aiming to repeat the tremendous success of their first Eco-Fair two years ago, Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) and Alton Town Council (ATC) have again come together in partnership to offer an exciting event for all the family with interesting stalls, exhibits, live music and a range of free activities for children.

Dawn Nelson, a well-known professional storyteller, will be connecting young people to nature with stories and special craft sessions. There will be insect face-painting, a poetry workshop, and Singing for Nature for the under-10s. Several schools have contributed to an exhibition on the themes of nature & wildlife.

There will be stalls for plant-based food, wildlife charities and various local environmental groups. Anita from Hampshire HawkWalks will be there with her beautiful hawks.

Alton's Repair Café, Resurrection Furniture, Community Share, and Action on Plastics will all come together in the Re-use Zone.

The bandstand programme will include the voices and music of young people concerned about the climate crisis, the Alton Concert Orchestra under Chris Gardner at 12.00pm, followed by Nature Warrior Rock band The Lürxx.

The Public Gardens, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1EN is located just off the High Street is easily accessible on foot or by bike but there is ample pay and display parking in Lady Place car park for anyone needing to drive.

There will be something for everyone. We will look forward to seeing you over the weekend.

Admission to all 3 events is free.

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/>

Play Area Maintenance And Repairs



The following play areas have scheduled maintenance and repairs due to be carried out over the coming week; the works will take up to half a day and access to some equipment may be restricted during these times. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Northanger (Greenfields) - Friday 14th July

Anstey Park - Thursday 20th July

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.

15
JULY 2023
10.00 - 12.00



Edgar Hall, Anstey Park, Alton,
Hampshire, GU34 2NB



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u3a learn,
laugh,
live

Alton u3a

Is u3a for you?

You are retired or semi-retired, or perhaps raising your family is behind you.

You have some spare time and want to meet other like-minded friends.

You would like to take up new hobbies or interests, and to keep learning.

You have knowledge and interests of your own and would like to share these with others.



55 DIFFERENT GROUPS & ACTIVITIES!

Our new 2023/24 Annual Programme is available from the **Allen Gallery**, the **Curtis Museum**, the **Alton Community Centre** and **Alton Library**. Postal applications are invited NOW – and are recommended as some groups have a limited capacity – alternatively please come to our [Registration Day from 2pm – 3.30pm at Alton Community Centre on Saturday 12th August 2023.](#) If you need more details please contact the group leader listed in the programme booklet.

For more information please visit

www.altonu3a.co.uk

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.

FREE!
Donations appreciated

Alton Repair Café

Bin it? No way!

Next Session:

SATURDAY 29 July

10.30 – 12.30

Alton Community Centre

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

Covid-secure venue with social distancing
One item each please.

Part of the global ~~Repair Café~~ movement

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

15 July - 16 September 2023

- ★ Read six books and receive an eco friendly sustainable medal & certificate
- ★ Finish the challenge for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!
- ★ Sign up for free in a library or online

Find out more by scanning the QR code

www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone

Hampshire County Council

LIVE FROM THE BANDSTAND THIS SUMMER IN ALTON'S PUBLIC GARDEN

Bring along your deck chairs and enjoy an afternoon of live music...

JUNE 25 BLUE SKY BIG BAND 2:00PM - 4:00PM JULY 23 CACTUS BRASS 2:00PM - 4:00PM AUGUST 13 BASINGSTOKE SILVER BAND 2:00PM - 4:00PM	JULY 2 THE ALTON STRINGALONGS 2:00PM - 4:00PM AUGUST 6 ALDER VALLEY BRASS 2:00PM - 4:00PM
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