



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 31
31st August 2023

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Update On King's Pond - Data Gathering



Since the last update in early July, several activities have been carried out, or are in progress, to obtain more information about Kings Pond and the site, in accordance with the commitments made by Full Council in January this year. This is needed to develop and assess the viability of future options for the maintenance and improvement of the Kings Pond public amenity.

Rigour Surveys have been appointed to carry out the topographic survey of the whole site and a hydrology survey of the pond. This will include an assessment of the silt depths and volume. The survey will start in mid-September and be completed around the end of the month.

Sampling and analysis of the silt is expected to be completed alongside the survey work.

Alton Town Council has had some useful contact with RPS Group, engineering consultants who have specialists dealing with inland water. In July a consultant participated in an informal discussion and walk around of the pond with Councillors. This helped with understanding the main issues and some of the possibilities for the future.

Two Civil Engineers from RPS Group have visited the site prior to preparing a quotation for a study of the feasibility of weir removal and the implications of doing so. This work will make use of the topographic and hydrology information so will follow completion of the survey.

An ecologist has also been instructed to complete a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) baseline study. This is the first of several studies that will have to be carried out before any significant work is done in or around the pond. The BNG Scheme is a new government initiative and becomes active from November this year.

Developers who are unable to show that their projects do not enhance biodiversity as part of their housing projects, will be required to purchase credits from the government.

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Message From The Town Hall



The Town Council is currently recruiting for a new Town Clerk and various roles on the Grounds Team.

Town Clerk

Alton Town Council is seeking a forward-thinking and proactive Town Clerk to take responsibility for all the Council's operations and 13 staff. The Town Clerk is expected to advise and assist the Council in forming and delivering all policies and strategies and to produce all the information required for making effective decisions. They will also ensure that those decisions are implemented and that the Council meets all legal requirements. The person appointed will be accountable to the Council for the effective management of all resources.

For further details and an application pack please go to <https://www.alton.gov.uk/vacanciesandelections/>

Grounds Team

There are various roles available:

1. Groundsperson
2. Senior Groundsperson
3. Open Spaces Site Operative

For further details please go to <https://www.alton.gov.uk/vacanciesandelections/>

Full Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 6th September

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Town Hall, Market Square

King's Pond Data Gathering continued...

Landowners, including town and parish councils, who have projects that will improve biodiversity, can register for the scheme to help fund the works, through the sale of credits, where they can demonstrate a long term commitment to the management of sites. Alton Town Council is investigating to see if this scheme could be a source of funds for projects at Kings Pond and other green spaces in the Town.

When Alton Town Council has the surveys, silt analysis and weir assessment, the time will then be right to identify and appoint suitable consultants to develop proposals for the future of Kings Pond.

Final Fun Friday For 2023

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Fun Fridays



Free Children's Entertainment

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Public Gardens, Alton

1st September 2023

Professor Potty



Alton FlavourFest 2023



Flavours from around the world will be served up at Alton FlavourFest, as the town hosts its annual free food and drink festival from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 3 September.

Alton's Public Gardens will play host to more than 50 artisan food, drink and street food stalls, cookery demonstrations, live music on the bandstand and fun children's activities.

Hungry visitors can taste authentic street food from around the world, from Spanish paella to Neapolitan pizza, Greek delights to Thai treats. For those partial to a tippie, the festival hosts a garden gin bar, Somerset ciders, Hampshire ales and local liqueurs.

The festival also hosts lovingly created food and drink, created and sourced by leading producers from across the South East. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy handmade chocolates, scrumptious cakes and bakes, New Forest shortbread and hand crafted desserts, while the savoury stalls will offer freshly baked bread, charcuterie, pies, chilli sauces, jams and chutneys, and much more!

Over at the live cookery demonstrations, there's lots to discover with The Natural Cook Company, as they share their best tips and recipes.

Hot on the heels of the grown-ups, children can enjoy face painting and free children's crafts. Entrance to the festival is free.

Further information is available online at www.facebook.com/altonflavourfest or contact Jenny Atherton, Fuse Projects, 07527 596701 or jenny@fuseprojects.co.uk.

Alton Repair

FREE!
Donations appreciated

Bin it? No way!

Next Session

Saturday 2nd September
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 Cafe** movement

Come and join us.

Allotment Open Day and Fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support

Sunday 3rd September, 10.00am to 12.30pm

Wooteys/Spitalfields Allotments (Enter via Edward Road Gate)

Spend time looking around the Allotments and enjoy tea/coffee and cake in aid of MacMillan.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



In aid of MacMillan Cancer Support,

Registered Charity No: 261017 (England and Wales)



Montecchio Way and Mill Lane



ADVANCED WARNING OF ROAD WORKS

Update from Hampshire County Council...

The developer's contractor has been progressing the footway improvement works and bellmouth works on Mill Lane since the start of July and is now finalising plans for starting the next phase.

The next phase of project is due to start on Monday 4th September. This phase will start at the junction of Mill Lane and Montecchio Way to install the traffic signals at the junction. This will also include associated carriageway, drainage and footway works. The developer has been working hard over the past few months to ensure the scheme can be delivered within the agreed timescales whilst minimising disruption. At this time, the works will be carried out using 3-way temporary traffic signals.

The works must be completed by 8th of December due to other major works starting in the new year and we are continuing to work with the developer and contractor to ensure the project is delivering within the agreed timescales.

The developer will be carrying out a mail drop to local residents and placing advanced warning signs on site by close of play this Friday.

For your information, the contractor will be carrying out night time closures of Mill Lane to complete the works on Mill Lane at the entrance to the new development. These closures will be between 20:00 and 06:00 from 30th August to 2nd September.

Autumn Walking Festival

COMING SOON...Alton's Autumn Walking Festival will be from Monday 16th October - Sunday 22nd October.

After the success of our month long walking festival in May, we are excited to announce a selection of our popular walks from May will be included. This gives another opportunity to join in (as we know some people missed out as the waiting lists for these walks were quite long), so do make sure you register to receive updates.

If you haven't previously registered to receive information about our Walking Festivals please click on the below link and register to receive updates about all our walking festival and be the first to know when bookings are open.

Thank you very much to all the walk leaders from offering to lead walks during the Autumn Walking Festival 2023.

<https://forms.gle/dxjeftkG3wCWQbK86>

ALTON'S AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL

**16th - 22nd
October 2023**

Simply The Best

Featuring some of our most popular walks.

Local town tours including civil war and historic brewery trails.

Exploring trees, vineyards, practical map reading and foraging.

Photo credit: Alison Reynolds

Supported By:

All walks must be booked in advance:
www.walkalton.org.uk - 01420 83986 -
community@alton.gov.uk



Alton's Classic Car Show 2023



Alton town centre is gearing up for the excitement and colour of the race track when the chequered flag comes down on Saturday, 16 September, for the 2023 Alton Classic Car Show.

Organised by Alton Lions Club (CIO), this year's show will bring all the glamour and razzmatazz of 'Motorsport' to the town centre, supported by a market, a display of electric vehicles, live music, and on-street family entertainment.

Alongside a diverse and impressive range of classic vehicles there will be exhibits showcasing Formula 2 and 3 racing cars, Austin Healey 3000s, Camberley Kart Club, Tongham Car Club's Racing Bangers, Nija Karts for kids, and racing bikes.

A road closure will be in force from 7am to 6pm throughout the day and will cover the High Street, from its junction with Church Street to the Drayman's Way entrance to Lady Place Car Park, and including Market Street, Market Square, Turk Street and Cross & Pillory Lane.

This year a number of classic cars will be taking part in a pre-show Rally before arriving in the town centre to join the show that will be open to visitors from 10am to 4pm.

Any profits from this year's Alton Classic Car Show will go to support the charity Young Lives vs Cancer.

For further information and to register your vehicle visit the website:

altonclassiccarshow.co.uk

OUTDOOR CINEMA

TOP GUN MAVERICK

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
6:30PM, TRELOAR'S, ALTON

Join us for a special movie night under the stars!

ADULT TICKETS: £16
U16 TICKETS: £9

Food, snacks and drinks available to purchase.

Tickets available at:
WWW.TRELOAR.ORG.UK/EVENTS
01420 547 477



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Do I need a Power of Attorney?

You are invited to a FREE presentation on Lasting Powers of Attorney delivered by KJ Cox Solicitors with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

KJ Cox Solicitors was established by Kellie-Jayne Cox, a local solicitor with over 20 years legal experience.

Saturday 9th September 10:00 - 12:00

Brendoncare Alton, Adams Way, Alton, GU34 2UU

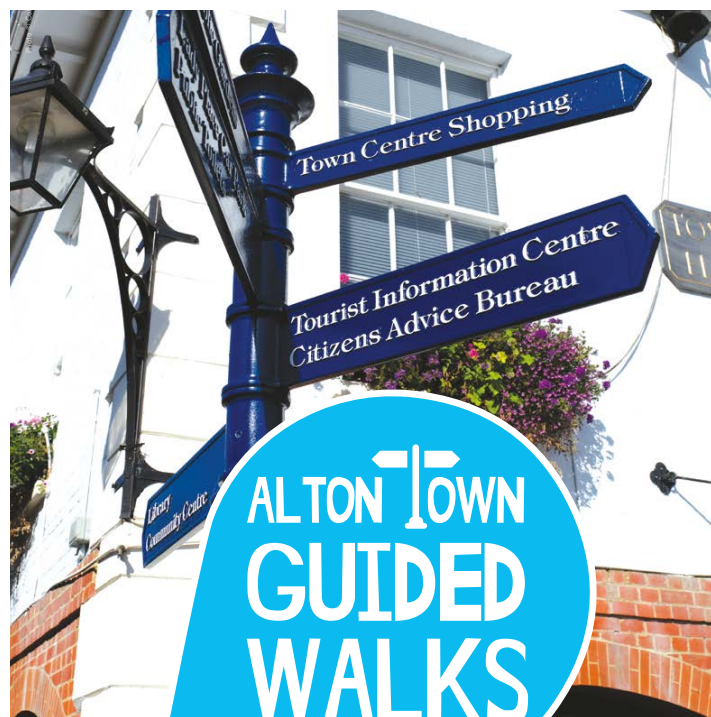
Interested? Book your place today!

For further information or to reserve your place please:
call 0300 303 4866 or email homes@brendoncare.org.uk

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**ALTON TOWN
GUIDED
WALKS**

**Join us on guided walks
around historic Alton**

Meet at the Cairn near the Curtis
Museum entrance, 11am, the
third Saturday of every month.

Supported by:



**ALTON
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**



Monthly guided walks take place around historic Alton where you can learn more about the town's history and points of interest. The walks meet at the Cairn near the Curtis Museum on Crown Hill at 11am on the third Saturday of every month.

Dates for the remainder of 2023 are:

9th September
21st October
18th November
16th December

Adults £3, children £0.50. Call 01420-85057 for more information or [click here](#).



**IS ALTON PREPARED
FOR THE NEXT HEATWAVE?**

LOOKING BACK ON 2023 & FORWARD TO 2024

JOIN OUR OPEN FORUM

Hear from experts in public health and the built and natural environment, discover practical solutions to making our homes and gardens resilient, and find out how we can keep ourselves safe in the climate crisis.



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH 7.30PM
ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, GU34 1HN

Bar open from 7pm

For further event information: altonclimatenetwork.org.uk



**Petersfield
Society**




Alton Climate Action Network

CARRR
Reduce Reuse Recycle

BOOT SALE

On Sunday 24th September, 7 - 11am

ACAN will have an  corner at the regular Hillside Car Boot Sale, Basingstoke Road, GU34 4BH, by the Departure Lounge.

ACAN will be there to promote *reducing waste*, *reusing items* and *recycling*.

If you would like to have a stall under our banner, please contact Wendy on

admin@altonclimatenetwork.org.uk





**HAVE YOUR SAY
ON THE FUTURE
OF ALTON**



THE NEXT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The Steering Group are seeking your feedback on the developing Alton Neighbourhood Plan.

Join us at The Assembly Rooms on:

**FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
3:00PM - 7:00PM**

**SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
10:00AM - 1:00PM**



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