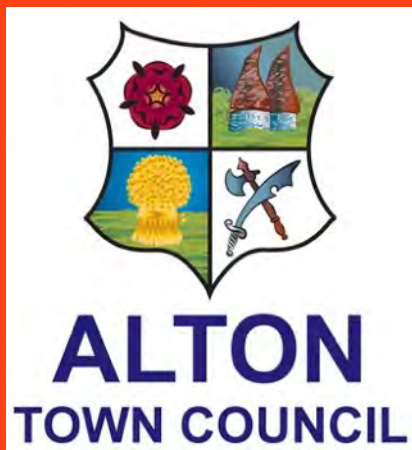




THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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The Future Of Alton



On Friday and Saturday last week (8th and 9th September), people living in and around the town were given their latest opportunity to have their say on the how the Alton Neighbourhood Plan should be shaped and developed. Over 350 people came to the Assembly Rooms, across the two sessions, eager to see what progress had been made on the Plan since the last public engagement sessions in May.

There was plenty to see. Some options for potential areas of housing development in Alton over the next decades to 2050, as well as the Policy Areas suggested for inclusion in the Plan, were carefully set out on nearly forty display boards.

These included suggestions on infrastructure improvements and climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as other topic areas which will come together in the final Plan to shape the town over the coming years to ensure it remains sustainable and retains its sense of community, whilst responding to the needs for more affordable housing and the climate emergency. Further information was available in several detailed documents including a Housing Needs Analysis and a draft Town Design Code.

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan team, Mike Heelis, gave hourly short presentations to explain the Plan in more detail and to emphasise the importance of public feedback. He responded to a large number of questions and suggestions, all of which have been noted, and along with the hundreds of comments written by attendees on Post-it notes, will contribute to the ongoing development and formation of the Plan, which will be subject to formal public consultation early next year.

The Plan team – all volunteers themselves – expressed their thanks to those who attended and gave up their time to provide valuable input to this important emerging Planning document.

Further information is available at:
<https://www.alton.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

or by sending an email to
altonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Autumn Walking Festival

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.

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www.walkalton.org.uk - 01420 83986 -
community@alton.gov.uk



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New Directions is a tailor-made event for people looking to make a change - whether that's a new career, a new challenge or learning a new skill.

We need organisations who have exciting new opportunities to offer to come forward and take part in the day. Anyone looking to exhibit should contact business@easthants.gov.uk

Monthly Town Walks

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

Dates for the remainder of 2023 are:

21st October

18th November

16th December

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

Bookings Open Today....Thursday 14th September.

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). The festival hosts a wide variety of walks led by knowledgeable volunteer walk leaders, offering an extensive programme of routes to suit all abilities. Whether you're looking for a shorter stroll, a day long hike or themed walks including Foraging, ghost walks (<https://ghost-walks.com/events>) and Town Walks, there is definitely a walk for you.

To book a walk please go to walkalton.org.uk. Please remember all walks need to book in advance. If you have any questions please email community@alton.gov.uk or call 01420 83986.

Alton Arts Festival



The first ever Alton Arts Festival is coming to the county. The 10-day, multi-arts, multi-venue festival based in Alton, Hampshire, will run from 5th to

14th July 2024. The first festival of its kind produced in and for the town, the not-for-profit celebration of the arts, community, and creativity is designed to showcase and encourage pride in Alton's culturally thriving community and the unique place itself.

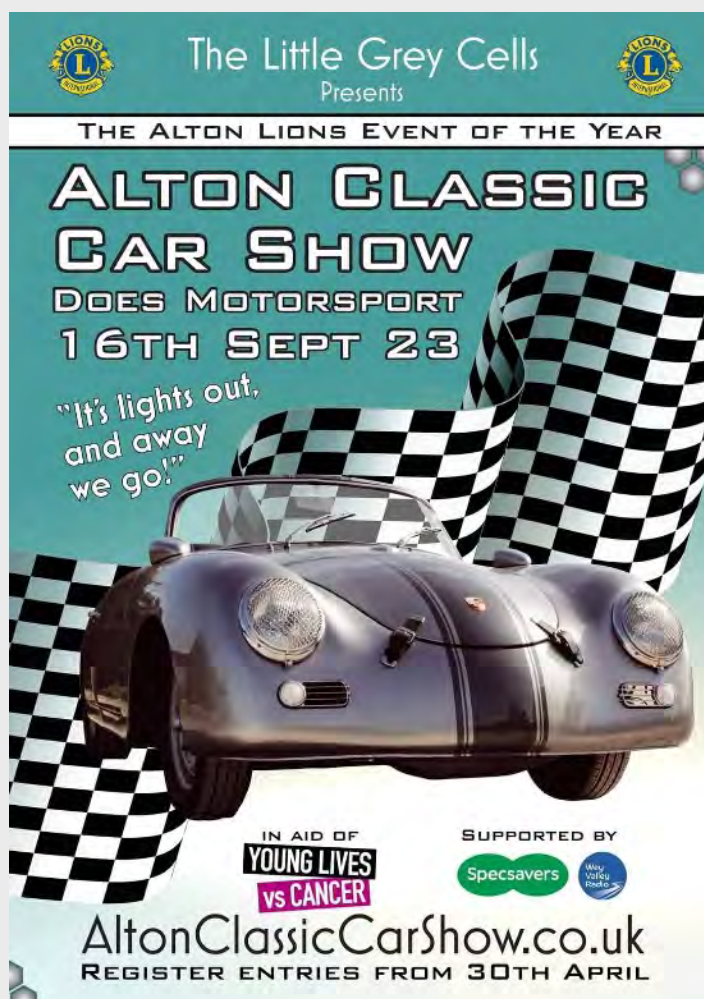
An ambitious and eclectic programme will deliver fantastic audience experiences across literature, music, visual art and theatre, fringe and participatory events, and a family and schools programme. Nationally acclaimed names will sit shoulder-to-shoulder with professional artists from the community and a strand of emerging talent. Ticket prices will be set as low as possible to encourage accessibility, with a free schools' programme and open events in the town's public spaces and gardens.

The first headliners will be announced in the coming months, and tickets are expected to go on sale early 2024.

Programming is already underway and the festival organisers are calling for entries from the community. Anyone who would like to perform or lead an activity as part of the festival should submit their interest at www.altonartsfestival.com.

Funding is being sought from corporate sponsors, trust and funds as well as a crowdfunding effort and public fundraising events. A fundraising quiz will be held on Friday 27 October 2023 at Alton Assembly Rooms - more details to come.

Alton's Classic Car Show 2023



Don't forget on Saturday (16th September) will see the return of Alton's Classic Show from 10am - 4pm. Please note there will be a road closure 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 for this year's Classic Car Show.

Alton Craft Market will be also joining The Lions Alton Classic Car Show 2023 on Saturday to bring you some fabulous makers, bakers, crafters and artists, alongside some homemade tasty treats! We will be situated in Cross & Pillory Lane all day from 10am till 4pm

Any profits from this year's Alton Classic Car Show will go to support the charity Young Lives vs Cancer. For further information altonclassiccarshow.co.uk

School Open Days

Calling all local primary and secondary schools...Do you have an open day or evening coming up in the next couple of months?

If so, please email Natalie the details to community@alton.gov.uk and she will happily include details in the weekly Altonian.



AMERY HILL SCHOOL
Education for Life





Open Evening
Wednesday 20 September
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher Talks
at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

Come and explore our school
and meet our students and staff.
No appointment necessary.

Tel: 01420 84545 www.ameryhill.hants.sch.uk



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If so, we would love you to come and visit our school. Appointments are available on the following dates for a tour of school by our Headteacher, Mrs Fiona Micklefield:

Wednesday 20 September	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Thursday 21 September	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Thursday 28 September	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Friday 29 September	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 2 October	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 4 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 9 October	9.45am; 11.00am
Tuesday 10 October	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Thursday 19 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am; 1.15pm; 2.00pm
Tuesday 31 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Wednesday 8 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Thursday 9 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Wednesday 15 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Monday 20 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Friday 24 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 27 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 29 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 4 December	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 6 December	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am



You will be able to see the school in action and meet our wonderful staff and children.

Please contact the school office on 01420 84400 or email adminoffice@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk



Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School
92 London Road, Holybourne GU34 4EL

New Intake – Reception 2024 OPEN MORNING

for parents and carers of prospective pupils

Tuesday 17th October
9.30am – 11.00am

Children's 'Stay & Play'
Tuesday 10th October
3.45pm – 4.45pm

Please telephone the school office
to **register your place**, on

01420 83094

www.andrewsendowed.co.uk

Alton Infant School
Sowing the seeds of learning



Play and Stay Session and Open Evening.

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If so, please see below for the dates of our upcoming events.



Play and Stay Session – Thursday 5th October - 4pm – 5.30pm.

This is for parents and their pre-school children to drop in at any time between 4pm and 5.30pm and enjoy our Reception classrooms and outside space. No need to book, just turn up!

Open Evening – Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm.

This is an evening just for parents to come and find out about our wonderful school and setting for our Reception children. The evening will include:-

- A tour of the school.
- Time to explore the Reception classrooms and outside space.
- A short presentation from our Early Years Leader, Mrs Karen Cooper.
- Please phone or email the school office to book a place.

Please contact the school office on 01420 83857 or email adminoffice@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk for more information and to find about booking an additional day-time tour of the school.

BIG NEWS FROM



Interested in installing solar panels and battery storage?

If you're interested in installing solar panels on your home, or adding battery storage, sign up now for Solar Together East Hampshire and get the best possible price.



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Solar Together East Hampshire (www.solartogether.co.uk/east-hampshire), a Hampshire County Council initiative, will help homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers.

You can join the group-buying scheme which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate as well as increase their independence from the grid.

There's a simple five-step process:

Register – registration is quick, free and without obligation.

Auction – a reverse auction is held with pre-vetted installers, who compete to offer the most competitive price.

Personal recommendation – you'll receive a detailed but easy to understand personal recommendation.

You decide – you decide if you want to accept the recommendation, with access to a dedicated helpdesk to answer any questions.

Roof survey and installation – the winning installer will survey your roof to check if the recommended number of panels will fit and the expected level of generation will be reached. If you're happy, the installation of the solar PV system will take place.

For more details and to register please go to <https://solartogether.co.uk/east-hampshire/home>.



Alton Climate Action Network

CARRR
Reduce Reuse Recycle

BOOT SALE

On **Sunday 24th September, 7 - 11am**

ACAN will have an **RRR** 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



Treloar's

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Recruitment Open Evening

Tuesday 26th September 4pm - 7pm

- Term time, part-time & full-time roles
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www.treloar.org.uk/careers
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hr@treloar.org.uk



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Next course starts Tuesday 3rd October '23, 10:00 at Alton Maltings

Book your free place by contacting Mark
07769 030913 freshstart@harvestchurch.uk

www.harvestchurch.uk
connect@harvestchurch.uk

ALTON'S AUTUMN LITTER PICK



30 September, 10 am - 12 pm.
Meet at the Cairn by the Assembly Rooms.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.

Organised by the Alton Society and the Guild of Optimists.



Questions? Contact katgueniout@gmail.com

