



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 35
28th September 2023

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News From AVLAN

The Weyside Walk project is finished! On 18th September we planted water irises and sedge from Flood Meadows in the berms.

This stretch of river is so much improved already, with quite a few fish, and the plants will anchor the berms.

We also removed a lot of litter, sampled for invertebrates (quite good) and took a phosphate sample (excellent). Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project.

Credit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/431601764205638>



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.

We have received a fantastic response to bookings for this year's Autumn Walking Festival which has 24 Walks (Including 2 Ghost Walk). Booklets are available in various places in town with details about the walks and a special offer from The Rose and Crown in Farringdon.

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.

BIG NEWS FROM

EAST HAMPSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community garden highly commended in Wilder awards



A community wildflower garden in Alton has been highly commended in [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's](#) 2023 Wilder Annual Awards.

The Butts Community garden, which is being managed by Alton &

Villages Local Action for Nature (AVLAN), is in a former grass verge that has been set aside for rewilding to encourage greater biodiversity. This is one of several verges in Alton that have become community garden plots.

This verge is owned by East Hampshire District Council and we provided support for AVLAN through the process.

Most verges in the district are owned by Hampshire County Council. If you're interested in adopting a verge in your area, then you can apply via the HCC website for a licence <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/licencesandpermits/planting>

If you're thinking of turning part of your own land into a wildflower meadow, the best time to sow wildflower seeds is Autumn (before the temperature drops) or March-April. Credit: <https://www.facebook.com/EastHantsDC>

For more news from EHDC please go to <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news>

FREE EVENT

NEW DIRECTIONS

FRI 27 OCT 2023
10AM-4PM
HSDC ALTON COLLEGE

HELICOPTER FLIGHT SIMULATOR!

FREE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

ARE YOU LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? CONSIDERING A CHANGE OF CAREER? WANT TO RETRAIN?

Find many local opportunities at **New Directions** on Friday 27 October.
Visit: easthants.gov.uk/new-directions



Baby Loss Awareness Week

QUIZ

£100 FOR THE WINNING TEAM

Friday 13th October
7pm for 7.30pm start

£10 per person
Max Teams of 8
Bring your own food and drink
Raffle

Hawkins HQ
Chawton Park Road
Alton, Hampshire
GU34 1RF

To enter contact us via email
altonrainbows1st@yahoo.com



Hawkins Headquarters



The FORGET ME NOT Fund



101.1FM and online



Come and Join us!



**Every Friday
11am—2pm**

Alton Rugby Club

Anstey Lane | Alton | GU34 2NB

Please contact: Hello@thehappyhealinghubs.org.uk

Or Call: 02380983200

Available to Everyone

£3 Donation on entrance

Refreshments available

Accessible and Dementia—Friendly



Fairways House | Mount Pleasant Road | Southampton | SO15 0QB



www.thehappyhealinghut.com



Coffee morning



Wednesday 4.10.23 10-11am

Orchard House, Alton, GU34 1DZ

This event will be run by Abri and the Social Prescribing team

Are you a carer? What is an emergency care plan? Are you having financial difficulties because you are a carer?

Come along to this event and get some of your questions answered.

The princess royal trust provides free help to unpaid carers. Getting the right advice information and support when you need it will help you manage the impact of caring on your life.



**The Princess Royal Trust
For Carers in Hampshire**

The Meeting Place - Alton

We are dedicated to providing befriending services to individuals of all ages, who experience feelings of loneliness and isolation due to various circumstances such as ill health, challenging life events like bereavement, divorce or financial difficulties.

During happy events' which bring their own challenges, like becoming a new parent, moving to university, or moving away from your social network with a new job. During those times when you require extra support, our team is here to offer a professional friendship that can make a significant difference in your life.

To access our befriending services, simply reach out to us via telephone. You can refer yourself by calling our helpline and leaving a message at 0300-102-2546, or you can send an email to hello@thehealinghubs.org.uk. Alternatively, if you prefer, contact your GP, and they can refer you to us through the NHS social prescribing team.

In addition to our telephone services, we also provide face-to-face Meeting Places. We are thrilled to announce the recent opening of our new location at Alton Rugby Club, where we welcome all age groups every Friday from 11 am to 2 pm. Our intention is to create an intergenerational environment, where you can find solace and friendly faces. We understand the immeasurable value of having a place to drop by and connect with others, as it can truly brighten your week!

To join us at our Meeting Place, there is a small entry fee of £3, which covers hot drinks and light refreshments. We encourage young parents to bring their babies, family caregivers to bring their loved ones, and anyone else who seeks a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With open arms, we are here to greet you and make you feel at home.

New Bin Calendar

The new bin calendars are now available to view and download from our website:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/.../finding-your-bin-calendar>



Deputy Town Clerk Vacancy

Alton Town Council is seeking an ambitious, career driven Deputy Town Clerk to provide full support to the Interim Town Clerk in delivering the Council's operations.

The Deputy Town Clerk is expected to 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 have line management responsibilities and be responsible for ensuring all health and safety requirements are up to date and regularly reviewed as well as ensuring the Council adheres to its legal responsibilities as both a local authority and landlord of its small portfolio of commercial, community and residential properties as well as its open spaces.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate managerial experience, have a sound knowledge of local government law and procedures and hold (or must be willing and able to obtain within 12 months) the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA). The appointed post holder will be highly motivated, organised and ideally aspire to the role of Town Clerk within 12 - 18 months.

Closing date Friday 6th October at 12 noon. For a copy of the application pack, please go to <https://www.alton.gov.uk/vacanciesandelections/>



ALTON ARTS FESTIVAL

FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT!

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER - 7.30PM

WIN EXCLUSIVE FESTIVAL MERCH

ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

For more details and tickets please go to <https://tinyurl.com/3ytf2hr6>.

Teams of up to 8, but smaller groups can be accommodated.

Congratulations to Cassidy's



Cassidy's Bar in Alton, Hampshire was recently awarded Wine Bar of the Year 2023/2024 by South England Prestige Awards.

This award comes just 7 months after the new independent bar opened its doors. Congratulations to the team.

For more details about Cassidy's check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cassidys.alton>

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 katguenioui@gmail.com



Hampshire Outdoors
 Participation & Lifelong Learning



ADULT CYCLE TRAINING

at Amery Hill Secondary School, Alton GU34 2EB

Saturday 7th October 9am-12pm

COURSES

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| • Learn to ride 60 minutes 1:1 | £15 |
| • Learn to ride 90 minutes (group of 3) | £10 |
| • Developing rider 2 hours | £10 |
| • Road ready 3 hours | £22.50 |

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BOOK YOURSELF A PLACE

Booking is available online via this form

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>



For additional Bikeability enquiries
 please email us:-
bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk



HARVEST FEAST

Saturday 14th October 10.30 - 1.30

Alton Methodist Church Hall



*Coffee and cakes from 10:30 am
 and home-made vegetable soups from 12 noon.*

Enjoy delicious home-made local food,
 garden tips and chat.

To find out more about ALFI visit our website

www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk

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.

WHY NOT COME ALONG THIS MONTH AND FIND OUT?

OCTOBER EVENTS OPEN TO ALL!

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING

From 11am on Friday 13TH October

Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton (hot drinks from £1.90)

TALK & TEA

2.30pm on Friday 20TH October

Alton Community Centre (£2 cash admission on the door)

"THE ROLE OF THE TOWN CRIER" by Jonathan Jones

For more information please visit

www.altonu3a.co.uk

School Open Days



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 Mickfield:

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



AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Education for Life

Open Mornings

Tuesday 26 September

Wednesday 27 September

Thursday 12 October

9.00am - 10.30am

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




Amery Hill School is a thriving and welcoming learning community and we are incredibly proud to serve the town of Alton and its surrounding villages.

Visit our website for further information at <https://www.ameryhill.hants.sch.uk/2827/open-events>



Eggars's School Autumn Open Events

21 September 2023 Open Evening

22 September 2023 Open Morning

13 October 2023 Open Morning



Book Online

#TeamEggars

Belong Aspire Achieve

Parents and students can come along and get a feel for what life is like here, a sense of the teaching, of the community, the excellent facilities, and an opportunity to talk to current students, staff and the new Head Teacher, Mrs Sarah Holman.

To book a place please go <https://www.eggars.net/events>



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



**CHAWTON C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

'Love, Courage and Fellowship'



'Pupils go way beyond the vision of being kind. They show a high degree of dignity and respect to one another and attribute this to the vision.' SIAMS report June 2023

Will your child be starting school in September 2024?

Come and join us for the following events on:

Wednesday 11th October 2023 10am

Thursday 12th October 2023 7pm

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am

Tuesday 7th November 2023 10am

Our open hour events include a welcome from the Headteacher, a tour from a year 5/6 pupil, a chance to ask questions, and to meet other pupils and staff at our beautiful, successful and exciting rural school.



Please contact the school office to book a place:

01420 544381

or email: adminoffice@chawton.hants.sch.uk



Alton Infant School
Sowing the seeds of learning

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Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If so, please see below for the dates of our upcoming tours of the school with our Headteacher, Mr Richard Mead.



Please contact the school office on 01420 83857 or email adminoffice@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk to book a tour on one of the dates below:

Monday 18th September @ 9.30am
Wednesday 20th September @ 9.30am
Monday 25th September @ 9.30am
Tuesday 3rd October @ 9.30am
Wednesday 4th October @ 9.30am
Thursday 12th October @ 9.30am
Friday 13th October @ 9.30am
Monday 16th October @ 9.30am
Tuesday 17th October @ 9.30am
Wednesday 1st of November @ 9.30am
Thursday 2nd of November @ 9.30am
Monday 6th November @ 9.30am
Wednesday 8th November @ 9.30am
Tuesday 14th November @ 9.30am
Wednesday 15th November @ 9.30am
Tuesday 21st November @ 9.30am
Wednesday 29th November @ 9.30am
Tuesday 5th December @ 9.30am

<https://www.alton-inf.hants.sch.uk>

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.



Hampshire Highways

Resurfacing Works A32

Regarding the recent resurfacing works on A32 Gosport Road, Farringdon, this is to advise that following an inspection of the finished works, some defects have been identified around the bus stop adjacent to BMW Bahnstormer, Shirnall Hill junction and The Forge. As such, the delivery team have taken the decision to undertake remedial works to replace some of the surface material within this area, which will be carried out at no cost to Hampshire County Council.

In addition to this, and to utilise the road closure, we will also be carrying out some minor drainage works in the carriageway and verge adjacent to Boundary House.

These works are programmed to be carried out on the nights of Friday 6th & Saturday 7th October 2023, during which time the road will be closed to through traffic from approximately 20:00 to 06:00hrs each night.

For more information visit **One.Network** – <https://one.network/?tm=GB135521547> 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.

Or call - 0300 555 1388

Resurfacing Works A339/B3349

Regarding the recent carriageway resurfacing at the junction and approaches of the A339/B3349, Basingstoke Road/Pertuis Avenue Intersection in Alton, this email is to advise that following an inspection of the finished works, some defects have been identified. As such, the delivery team have taken the decision to undertake remedial works at no cost to Hampshire County Council.

The works are programmed to start Tuesday 3rd October 2023 and are expected to take 1 night 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.

For more information visit **One.Network** – <https://one.network/?tm=GB135614646>

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.