



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 37
12th October 2023

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www.alton.gov.uk 01420 83986

Autumn Walking Festival

Alton's Walking Festival starts on Monday (16th October). Don't panic if you haven't booked a walk yet, we currently have limited spaces on the following walks:

Monday 16th October

Walk 2 Alton Civil War Walk

11.00 am / 2 miles / 1.5 hours

Tuesday 17th October

Walk 5 Beacon Hill and Kilместon circuit

10:00 am / 7.5 miles / 3 - 3.5 hours

Walk 6 Four Marks and Medstead to Upper Wield

10:15 am / 10 miles / 4.5 hours

Walk 7 East Worldham Early Evening Circuit

4:00 pm / 3.5 miles / 1.5 hours

Wednesday 18th October

Walk 9 Practical Map Reading

9:30 am / 7 miles / 4 - 5 hours

Friday 20th October

Walk 16 Alton Brewery Stroll

11:00 am / 1.5 hours

Saturday 21st October

Walk 19 - Alton Town Guides: Town Walk

11:00 am / 2 miles / 1.5 hours

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.

Ghost Walks

Thursday 19th October (Adult Walk 7:30pm) and
Sunday 22nd October (Family Walk 6:00pm)

<https://ghost-walks.com/events/detail/ghost-walk-alton-2023-10-22>

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

Unique, handmade goods from local artisans, crafters and makers.



The weather is looking great for Alton Craft Market this weekend! There are over 30 stall holders this month and as always, they will be running alongside the fabulous farmers Hampshire Farmers' Markets.

Come down and support these amazing, local artists, makers and crafters this Saturday 14th October - 10am till 3pm - Alton High Street and Cross & Pillory Lane.

Interim Town Clerk

Following the announcement in August that the current Town Clerk, Leah Coney, is leaving the Council in November, the Council is very pleased to announce that stepping into the role as Interim Town Clerk is Pat Harris, who is currently the Council's Finance and Administration Manager and has been with Alton Town Council for the last 14 years.

Pat is a well-known face to many local residents and community groups and will provide a knowledgeable and safe pair of hands at the helm for the foreseeable future whilst the Council works towards securing a longer-term replacement for the Town Clerk going forward.

Home Energy Support Team Alton - HESTA

Have you been thinking about improving the energy efficiency of your home, but are not sure where to start? Saving energy means saving money, having a more comfortable home and reducing your carbon impact.

Energy Alton, a volunteer-run community group, is launching a new project to make it easier for residents to get advice on what they can do and to then actually get it done. Home Energy Support Team Alton (HESTA) is funded by East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council. All the advice and support provided by Energy Alton is free of charge and there is no selling involved.

Energy Alton volunteers have provided over 500 free energy surveys over the last 10 years. They have found that one of the biggest challenges for residents wanting to have energy saving measures installed is finding someone to actually do it.

HESTA includes a list of several local handypeople who can install loft insulation, secondary glazing, draught proofing and other measures. HESTA also provides grants of up to £100 towards the cost, for properties in council tax bands A, B, C or D.

Volunteer Green Home Champions are also available to talk to for advice. These are local people who have already had energy saving measures installed, who are happy to share their experience so that you can find out the benefits, challenges and lessons learned from someone who has already started making their home more sustainable.

You can find out more at <https://energyalton.org.uk/energy-advice/home-energy-support-team-alton-hesta/> or by calling on 07811 462 659.

Can You Help?

We have been approached by a local charity with the following message: "We provide outdoor learning for vulnerable children and young people aged 7-18 from Surrey and Hampshire. Most of the young people attending our services have complex social, emotional, or behavioural difficulties and have been excluded from school. We support them to gain skills, knowledge and self-confidence through animal welfare, horticulture, carpentry, and cooking. Most of our young people return to appropriate education.

We work with 27 children and young people per week, with most attending one three-hour session each week with their keyworker, working 1 to 1 on the farm. Most of our young people have special educational needs and are subject of an Education, Health, and Care Plan, so working one to one is crucial for their success.

We usually have a yearlong waiting list for a place at our service. We currently have ten young people waiting. We keep getting more referrals and have no capacity to accept them. We are also being asked to provide different services and support community groups who need outdoor space in which they can provide their services. We can't meet this increased demand or support the wider community in Surrey and Hampshire or become financially sustainable where we are. The lease for the larger of the two pieces of land we currently use runs out in December 2024, so we must move quite urgently, and we need support to save our services.

We are looking for a new site with at least 15 acres of grazing land for our 12 species of animals, which is easily accessible by road and has the potential to have an office and craft room built. Ideally, we would like to stay in the Farnham area so we can retain our children and young people, staff, and volunteers".

If you are able to help with please contact Natalie, community@alton.gov.uk and she will put you in touch with the charity.

FREE EVENT

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

NEW DIRECTIONS

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

    

**ALTON ARTS FESTIVAL**

FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT!

Alton Assembly Rooms

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER - 7.30PM

Join us for an evening of fun - drinks, nibbles, an arts-themed quiz, and a silent auction in aid of the first Alton Arts Festival!

WIN EXCLUSIVE FESTIVAL MERCH

Teams of up to 8 people
Tickets from Goldfinch Books or tinyurl.com/AAF-Fundraiser


Scan for tickets

Tickets £10

Footpath closed from Manor Car Park to High Street, Alton

**FOOTPATH
CLOSED**

Due to damage to a neighbouring building, we have closed the Wayside Walk footpath between Manor Car Park and the High Street in Alton to keep people safe.

Signage will be in place advising of an alternative route.

The footpath will remain closed until it can be made safe again.

Got electrical junk lying about?

If it has a plug, battery or cable, you can recycle it!

Saturday (14 October) is International E-Waste Day. If you've got a drawer or more full of electrical waste at home, there's no time like the present to get it recycled.

Recycle your electrical - <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/international-e-waste-day-2023/>

The phone charger you thought you'd keep in case you bought another Nokia 3210, the coffee maker you've kept as a backup for seven years in case the one you bought to replace it breaks; in the UK, we're binning or hoarding millions of tonnes of unwanted electricals.

75% of materials in electrical items can be recycled and used again, so as well as taking up space in your home, it's a valuable resource that isn't being reused.

Alton Santa

www.altonsanta.org.uk

NEEDS YOUR HELP

For over 50 years Santa has visited the streets of Alton for 2 weeks in December. We are at risk of this stopping.... **SO PLEASE HELP!**

We are looking for adult volunteers who will give up 2-3 hrs of their time in the evenings. (approx 6-8pm & earlier at weekends)

These volunteers will support Santa in his sleigh around fixed routes and collect money from door to door collections.

PLEASE HELP US to keep this tradition going.

To show your interest email your name to: fundraising@altonsanta.org.uk

DEC

2nd - 16th



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



Preloved parent, child and baby goods

Nearly new items for
every stage from
pregnancy and
newborn all the way
to 11 years.



14th October 2023

2-3.30pm

**Alton School, Anstey Lane
GU34 2NG**

Entry by £1 donations
1.45pm entry for NCT members
Bring your own bags
Cake sale!

To sell or volunteer, contact Nadia:
altonbordonnctnns@gmail.com

NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New Sales.
NCT is the trading name of The National Childbirth Trust Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2307573.
Registered office: 30 Euston Square, Stephenson Way, London, England, NW1 2PB.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 901395 and Scotland: SC041592



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

Psychic & Holistic Fair

Alton Community Centre

Sunday 15th October

10.00-15.00

Entrance £3.50 (inc Free talks)

Raffle (£1-per ticket)

**Holistic Therapies,
Tarot Readings, Psychic Mediums,
Stalls and much more**

Any enquiries,

please call 01420 85057

marie.kellie@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk



ALTON LIONS HALLOWEEN QUIZ

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
ANSTEY PARK / ANSTEY ROAD

7 FOR 7.30PM
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

ALL FUNDS
RAISED
TOWARDS
**HOME
START**



£10.00
PER PERSON
INCLUDES
PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER



TO BOOK EMAIL: atulpatel94@gmail.com

Alton Fringe Theatre

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

Anton Chekhov



Wessex Arts Centre,
Alton College

7:30pm 26 27 & 28 October 2023

Tickets : altonfringe.com



Childrens Halloween Disco

Thursday 26th October 4.00-5.30pm

Alton Community Centre

Tickets £4 (£2 Adults)

Fancy Dress Competition for both Children & Adults

Free childrens activities in our 'quieter room'

Free to enter Carved Pumpkin Competition

(please use a battery operated tea light)

Hot Dogs & other refreshements will be available to buy.



Tickets on sale from Alton Community Centre

01420 85057 or online via eventim

scan the code to buy



SET Events Presents:

THE HAUNTED HALL OF HORRORS

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023

7:30 until 11:30

Drinks | Dancing | Delicious Food
(Tickets £15; food included in the price)

COSTUME CONTEST

Tickets and information available at:

www.set-events.co.uk/tickets