



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 39
26th October 2023

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
www.alton.gov.uk 01420 83986

Trick or Treat

Please respect others this halloween, not everyone enjoys Halloween. If nobody answers the door or has a 'no trick or treat' sign on display, please be considerate and leave.

If you don't want trick or treaters to knock, you can down the poster below by visiting: <http://www.safernh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Infra-794272-Halloween-Posters-2012-flyer-print-friendly.pdf>

Sorry

No trick or treating here

Please respect our wishes



New Directions - Free Event

New Directions will be taking place at HSDC Alton College on Friday 27th October (this Friday). For details about about the workshops and how to book please visit:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/businesses/attend-new-directions-event-october-alton-college>

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





FORCES VETERANS REMEMBRANCE PARADES

Forces veterans of all ranks of
His Majesty's Armed Forces
are invited to parade at

Holybourne Remembrance Parade

Saturday 11th November

meet at Andrews' Endowed School, Holybourne
at 10:15am to march off at 10:45am

and

Alton Remembrance Parade

Sunday 12th November

meet in the Market Square, Alton
at 10:00am to march off at 10:30am

For more information please contact
Alton Town Council on 01420 83986
or email info@alton.gov.uk



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Craft Swap

Saturday 4th November - 2.30-4.30pm

**St Lawrence Hall (Parish Centre),
Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 2BW**

Bring your arts and crafts 'leftover supplies' and take what
you need... free and open to all!



*Wool, haberdashery, papercraft,
paints, craft books, fabric, rubber
stamps, beads, jewellery, stickers,
craft storage and more!*

Donations can be left in the marked boxes at St Lawrence and All Saints Churches in
Alton, St Peter's Church in Beech, the Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne, St Mary's
Churches in Bentworth and Lasham and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Shalden
during October.

Monetary donations on the day will go to a local charity

Parish of the Resurrection, Alton

W: www.potr-alton.co.uk T: 07865 292401 E: office@potr-alton.co.uk



The Bereavement Journey

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or
struggling with the long-term effects of loss?
The Bereavement Journey is a seven week
series of short videos and focussed
conversations.

Topics include attachment; separation and loss;
difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact
and pain of bereavement; coping with others;
coping with change; moving forward; and an
optional session on questions of faith.

Tuesday mornings, 10am - 12 noon, January
16th - February 27th at The Alton Maltings
Centre.

Suggested voluntary contribution £20.

To book your place, or to find out more about it,
please email bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk or
phone Wendy Burnhams 07514280362



Are you grieving the death of
a loved one or struggling with
the long-term effects of loss?
A six-session course will soon
be running in your area.

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January 16th - February 27th

at The Alton Maltings Centre.

Voluntary contribution £20.

To book your place, email

bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk

or phone Wendy Burnhams

on **07514 280 362**



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The impact and pain of bereavement, Coping with others, Coping with change,
Moving forward, an optional session on Questions of Faith

Meet The Funders



East Hampshire District Council is running a session to give local clubs and groups the chance to meet funding organisations and discuss possible funding streams.

The event is called Meet the Funders and will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at the Liphook Millenium Centre, 2-10 Ontario Way, Liphook GU30 7LD.

The aim of the event is to give local organisations the information they need to maximise their chances of making successful funding applications.

The event will begin with a short talk from each funder, followed by bookable one-to-one appointments.

East Hampshire District Council

Sport England

The National Lottery Community Fund

Hampshire Isle of Wight Community Foundation

Arts Council

Crowdfunder UK

Hampshire County Council

For more information contact EHDC Community Officer Callum Christie on callum.christie@easthants.gov.uk or visit <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/meet-funders>



Top 260 Place To Live - Alton

The best places to live in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight in 2024 have been chosen. Muddy Stilettos has put together its annual list of the 'Top 260 Best Places To Live', and it includes ten locations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and one of them is Alton.

For the full article please visit <https://hants.muddystilettos.co.uk/best-places-to-live/best-places-to-live-alton/>

Opening dates
28th October
11th & 25th November
9th December



10.00-12.00
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE, ALTON





Quiz for KA

THE KINGS FARMS

Saturday 18th November 2023

Four Marks Village Hall

6.30pm for 7.00 start, 10pm finish

£15 per person

**Includes Chilli/Curry Supper
Teams of 6-8**

Bar (no BYOB, please)

To book contact:

Lisa@thekingsarms.org.uk

All funds raised will go to The King's Arms Youth
Project supporting local young people

Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society Presents

'ALLO 'ALLO!

by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft

This amateur production of "'Allo 'Allo" is presented by
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of
Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Alton Assembly Rooms

8th - 11th November 2023

For more information and
tickets visit our website

www.aods.org

Scan here for
tickets



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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

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 57, October 2023

Sign up to Hampshire Alert

Hampshire Alert is a free messaging service that allows Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations keep you informed about issues in your area that are relevant to you.



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CONSTABULARY

Once signed up you'll receive messages about crime, witness appeals and general policing activity and issues in your local area, and be able to play an active part in helping make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place to live and work. You can sign up at www.hampshirealert.co.uk

Stop Loan Sharks week 24 – 31 October

For Stop Loan Sharks week The England Illegal Money Lending Team want you to know how to spot a loan shark.

Loan sharks won't offer any paper work, will add high interest rates to any loans, and can become aggressive or threaten violence. You can make sure a lender is authorised by checking with the Financial Conduct Authority.

To report a loan shark contact Stop Loan Sharks England on 0300 555 2222 or visit www.stoploansharks.co.uk for their live chat feature.



@SLSEngland @StopLoanSharksEngland
#SLSEngland #StopLoanSharksEngland

STOP LOAN SHARKS
Intervention - Support - Education

Halloween Trick or Treating



Every year, Hampshire and IOW Constabulary receives calls from dozens of people who have been frightened by trick or treat callers. It might seem like innocent fun, but it can be terrifying for elderly or vulnerable people. We want you to enjoy Halloween, but remember, not everyone wants to take part.

To download a copy of the 'Sorry, no trick or treating here' poster please click here: [2530318 - Trick or Treat A4 Flyer \(hampshire.police.uk\)](https://www.hampshire.police.uk/2530318-Trick-or-Treat-A4-Flyer)

Check your child's chat app settings

Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with friends and family but it's important both of you are comfortable with who they are talking to. Some apps allow users to message people they don't know, so your child could receive messages from people they don't know. Most apps have settings which only allow messages to be received from people they know. With your child, make sure these settings are in place and show them how to reject requests from people they don't know. For further tips and advice on chat app safety please check out: [Chat apps | NSPCC](#)



Keep your tools secure

We have seen a recent rise in reports of thefts of tools from vans across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Please share the following advice with professional groups and contacts you may have, especially if they are self-employed tradespeople:



- Keep your vehicle locked at all times.
- Wherever possible remove tools from the vehicle and store securely overnight. Use a lockable cabinet in the van during the day.
- Mark tools clearly with your name/company name using a suitable property marking system.
- Register tools on a property registration database such as [Immobilise](#) for free.

**Are you breaking the law?
Remember, remember...
It is illegal:**

**To set off fireworks
between 11pm and 7am
(Bonfire Night is extended
until midnight).**

**To cause unnecessary
suffering to animals
with fireworks.**

**To throw or set off a
firework in the street,
onto a road or in a
public place.**

**For a member of the public
to possess a 'display' style
firework (Category 4 fireworks)**

**To store fireworks for private
use for more than 14 days.**

A vibrant image of fireworks exploding in the night sky, with streaks of light in various colors like red, orange, and white.

Criminals use a technique called "spoofing" to make it look like you are being contacted by a trusted organisation. These scam texts can often appear in genuine message threads making them difficult to spot.

STOP. CHALLENGE. PROTECT.

takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

TAKE FIVE

TO STOP FRAUD

A graphic of a smartphone screen displaying a fraud alert. The screen shows a profile icon, the text 'YourBank >', the time 'Today, 13:15', and a message: 'This is a fraud alert from YourBank. We need to verify recent transactions. Shortly you will receive a message from +447766554433 with directions'.