



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 45
7th December 2023

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Voting Now Open



Alton Town Council proudly presents the annual Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition - VOTING NOW OPEN.

This festive event invited businesses and individuals alike to showcase their creativity and spread Christmas cheer through festive window displays. Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations.

This competition is not just about winning; it's an opportunity to engage the community and create a joyful atmosphere. Altonians are encouraged to explore the displays and vote for their favorites, a lot of times and effort has gone into the windows.

For more details and to vote please go to [Best Dressed Christmas Window 2023 - Alton Town Council](https://www.alton.gov.uk/best-dressed-christmas-window-2023)

News From Parish Of The Resurrection



Starting on 1st December leading up to Christmas Eve, an Advent window will be opened each day to reveal a beautiful festive display.

The windows will be lit up between 4pm to 7pm for you to go and enjoy!

The trail will take you around Alton and Holybourne. To see a list of the locations and an interactive map, please go to our website: www.potr-alton.co.uk/potr-advent-windows-2023/





Over the Christmas and New Year period 2023-24, bin collections will change around the bank holidays. If your collection would have been due on Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) it will be collected two days earlier on the Saturday (23 December).

All other collections will be a day later.

December 2023 - Usual day **New day**

Mon 25 Dec

Sat 23 Dec

Tue 26 Dec

Wed 27 Dec

Wed 27 Dec

Thu 28 Dec

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Fri 29 Dec

Fri 29 Dec

Sat 30 Dec

January 2024 - Usual day **New day**

Mon 1 Jan

Tue 2 Jan

Tue 2 Jan

Wed 3 Jan

Wed 3 Jan

Thu 4 Jan

Thu 4 Jan

Fri 5 Jan

Fri 5 Jan

Sat 6 Jan

Our garden waste service will be suspended from 25 December and restart on Monday 8 January 2024. If you have a real Christmas tree, we'll collect it then. Trees over 6ft tall should be cut into smaller pieces that can be lifted by one person. If you don't have your October 2023 to September 2024 bin calendar, visit our ['find your bin calendar'](#) page.

Upcoming Road Closure - B3004

Road closures and diversions will affect the B3004 Alton to Bordon road for seven months next year while Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks does a £10.6 million cable upgrade stretching more than 11 miles.

For people wanting to find out more about the work there is an exhibition today at:

The Three Horseshoes pub in East Worldham December 7 from 3pm to 7pm.

The sections of the B3004 affected are Mill Lane (January 9 to March 16), Wilsom Road (March 16 to April 22), Caker Lane (April 1 to April 28), Worldham Hill (April 28 to June 21) and Green Street (June 11 to August 12).

For full details about the road closure are on our [website](#) or you can download a [PDF here](#).



SIGN UP!

Reindeer Run!

Sunday 3 December, Festival Place, Basingstoke, 9am
Sunday 17 December, Jubilee Playing Field, Alton, 9am

Join us for a festive family-friendly 3k fun run in Basingstoke and Alton to raise funds for your local Hospice!

Find out more and sign up today:
stmichaelshospice.org.uk/reindeer-run



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EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

East Hampshire District Council is all ears – and wants to hear what you think about us and the services we provide by completing a [short residents' survey](#).

By completing the online survey, you have the opportunity to give us your views and ideas and shape what we do in the future.

We want your thoughts on a whole host of important topics and we will use this information to develop our long-term strategy – which guides where we will channel our resources over the next four years.

We want to know what you think about the services we provide, like bin collections, planning and financial support – as well as things like how you access our services and what you think about your local area.

We hope to hear from as many residents as possible and if you take part then you can enter a prize draw to win £150 cash.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and can be done quickly online – there are 23 very short questions which will help us plan our services.

The survey will run for six weeks from now until Wednesday 17 January 2024 – but don't delay, have your say today.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/b0adffc3-67b5-4b44-8dfb-3500266f58d0>

News from EHDC continues on the next page...



Alton Repair Cafe

FREE!
Donations appreciated

Bin it?
No way!

NEXT SESSION

Saturday 9 Dec
10.30 – 12.30
Alton Community Centre

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles + Electronics
Mechanical + Small Electrical
Furniture + Bikes + Jewellery

One item each please.

Part of the global **Repair Cafe** movement





Christmas Tree Festival

St Lawrence Church Alton

Saturday 9th December 10–4pm
Sunday 10th December 12–4pm
With Christingle at 4pm

Free Entry & Refreshments

All Donations Will Support:
Alton & District Community Relief Foundation & Homestart

Christmas Fair

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun at Treloar's!

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 1PM - 4PM

Treloar's, Powell Drive, Holybourne, GU34 4GL

- Explore our student stalls with handcrafted goodies
- Take part in our annual hamper raffle
- Enjoy some delicious festive refreshments!



Scan the QR code to find out more & book your FREE ticket! Or visit: www.treloar.org.uk/events

T: 01420 547477 E: events@treloar.org.uk



Carols Around The Tree



**All Welcome
Market Square**

Saturday 23rd December from 7 - 7.45pm
with music by the
Alton Concert Band

BIG NEWS FROM



Tourist attractions and community hubs receive £190k rural grant funding

East Hampshire's most famous tourist attractions were amongst those awarded money through the Rural Grant Scheme.

Six organisations including Chawton House and Butser Ancient Farm, will benefit from grants which come from a government programme to fund small businesses and community infrastructure.

As a rural district, to be able to support important projects with a capital grant is crucial to those organisations which serve the residents of East Hampshire and those visiting to see what the area has to offer.

The Rural Grant Programme funding follows the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Grants ranging from £5,000 to £50,000 will bring improvements to businesses and communities in rural East Hampshire through the Grow Up! programme. The next round of the Rural Grant programme launches in 2024.

Click here to find out more about which projects received the awards:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2023/tourist-attractions-and-community-hubs-line-rural-grant-funding>

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

You are welcome to join us at The Butts Church this Christmas
All services will be held at All Saints Church, Queens Road

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
1700 - SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS
1030 - SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MORNING
0930 - MONDAY 25 DECEMBER



www.thebuttschurch.org.uk



Come and join us for
Alton Churches
POP - UP CAROLS 2023

On a green space near you

Thursday 7 th	11.00am	Treloar School and College
Monday 11 th	6.30pm	Lingfield Close, Racecourse Estate
Tuesday 12 th	6.30pm	Charrington Close, Rivermead Gardens
Tuesday 12 th	7.00pm	Queen Elizabeth Place, Town Centre
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm	The Butts Green
Tuesday 12 th	8.30pm	Connaught Way, Treloar Heights
Wednesday 13 th	6.30pm	Vyne Close, Greenfields Estate
Thursday 14 th	6.30pm	Greenfields Avenue, Opp Brandon Close
Friday 15 th	5.30pm	Beech Village Hall
Saturday 16 th	5.00pm	Lipscombe Rise, Wooteys Estate
Saturday 16 th	6.00pm	Barleyfields, Nr Holybourne
Monday 18 th	6.30pm	Hop Fields Estate
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Holland Drive, Four Marks
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Wentworth Gardens, Greenfields Estate
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	The White Heart, Holybourne
Wednesday 20 th	7.30pm	Northanger Close, Greenfields Estate

'For unto us a Son is born'
Isaiah 9:6

More location details can be found on the Alton Church website

<https://harvestchurch.uk/pop-carols>