



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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Voting Now Open



Alton Town Council proudly presents the annual Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition - voting closes on Sunday 17 December.

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 favourite, a lot of time and effort has gone into the windows.

For more details and to vote please go to:
<https://www.alton.gov.uk/best-dressed-christmas-window-2023/>

News From Parish Of The Resurrection



Starting on 1 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/



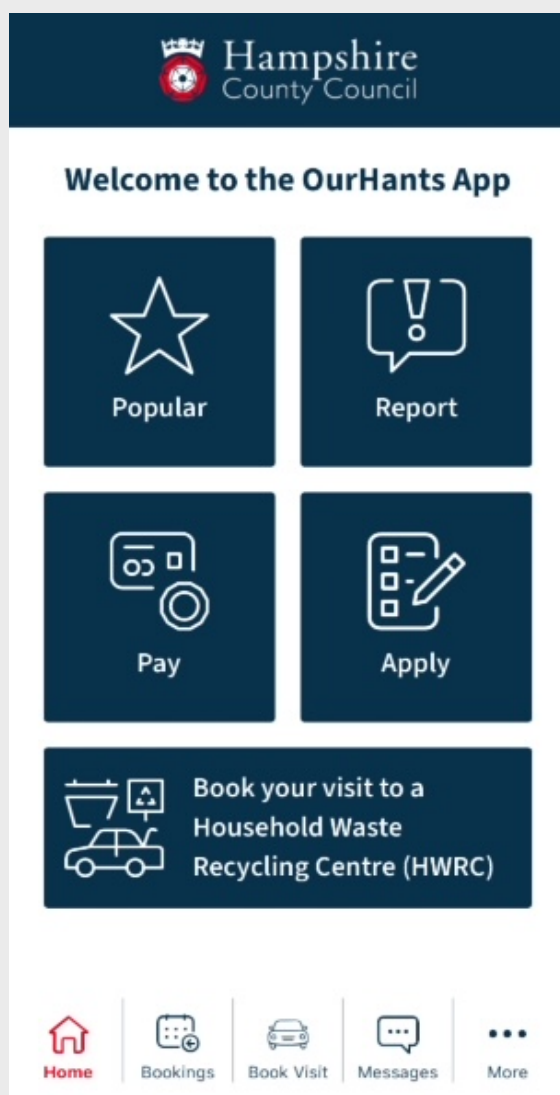
OurHants Mobile App

Download the OurHants mobile app...

- You can now book an appointment at your Household Waste Recycling Centre using the OurHants mobile app.
- Save your details securely in the app to make future bookings much faster.
- See your vehicle registration and permits.
- Manage your bookings in one place.
- Receive notifications on your phone for important updates about your booking.

The app also provides access to the full range of Hampshire County Council web pages.

Download the OurHants App from your phone's app store and make your future bookings easier to manage.



Household Waste Recycling Centres



From 1 January 2024, residents using our Household Waste Recycling Centres will no longer be charged for disposing of their DIY waste - in line with the Government policy changes.

Find out more about the changes in our latest news item: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20231112HWRCDIYcharges>



News From EHDC

**WE'RE
ALL
EARS**



**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>

For up to date news from East Hampshire District Council please go to:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news>



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

Thu 28 Dec

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.

Local Council Responsibilities and Contact Information

Alton Town Council
01420 83986
alton.gov.uk

East Hampshire District Council
01730 266551
easthants.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council
0300 555 1375
hants.gov.uk

Town Centre Allotments

Alton Assembly Rooms

Alton's Open Spaces

Bus Shelters (Town Centre)

CCTV
Town Centre and Open Spaces

Christmas Lights

Play Areas

Public Noticeboards (ATC Owned)

Pump Track

Skate Parks

Sports Pitches
Jubilee and Anstey Park

The Cairn - War Memorial

Town Centre planters

Residential Bins

Car Parks

Cemeteries

Council Tax and Business Rates

Elections / Electoral Register

Environmental Health

Grass Verges

Housing

Licensing and Planning

Protection of Trees

Public Toilets

Refuse Collection

Street Cleaning

Education

Gritting of Roads

Libraries

Museums

Pavements

Public Transport

Registrations of Births, Deaths and
Marriages

Rights of Way (Footpaths)

Roads and On Street Parking

Social Services

Street Lighting

Trading Standards

Youth Services

Alton Events

There are many events taking place in Alton throughout the year, not just at Christmas, therefore keep an eye on Alton's dedicated events page altonevents.co.uk for details on what is happening in and around Alton, including the Active Alton Guide altonevents.co.uk/active-alton/.

WHERE	WEBSITE
ALTON EVENTS	For a full list of what's on, go to altonevents.co.uk
THE ALLEN GALLEY AND CURTIS MUSEUM	For a full list of what's on, go to hampshireculture.org.uk
GILBERT WHITE'S HOUSE	For a full list of what's on, go to gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
JANE AUSTEN'S HOUSE	For a full list of what's on, go to janeaustens.house
MID HANTS RAILWAY - WATERCRESS LINE	For a full list of what's on, go to watercressline.co.uk
CHAWTON HOUSE	For a full list of what's on, go to chawtonhouse.org
ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS	For a full list of what's on, go to altonassemblyrooms.com
THE MALTINGS	For a full list of what's on, go to maltings.life
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE	For a full list of what's on, go to altoncomcen.org.uk
PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION	For a full list of what's on, go to potr-alton.co.uk

Alton Second Hand Book, Map & Ephemera Fair

Sunday 17th December
10.00am till 4.00pm
Alton Community Centre

Books for all tastes and budgets, antiquarian and collectables, hardbacks and paperbacks.

A massive variety of genres. fiction, non-fiction, classics, literature, food, the arts, transport, military history, children's books, local history, printed ephemera, maps and much more. The Regency Cafe will also be open & you can view the Art For Everyone Exhibition

£1.00 entry with accompanied U18s Free

Any enquiries for the book fair please contact Ed Bailey
07967643579 or altonbookfair@gmail.com



CHILDRENS Christmas DISCO

Thursday 21st Dec 5.00-6.30pm
Alton Community Centre
Children £4 & Adults £2
Family fun, music and plenty of festive treats

'Most Festive Outfit' Competition (Children and adults)
& Best Dancer Competition.
Childrens activities in our 'quieter room'
Hot Dogs and other refreshments
available on the night
Children must be accompanied
by an adult at all times

To book online scan the code or
call 01420 85057 also available on the door
(subject to availability)

Art For Everyone Exhibition

Sunday 17th December
10.00am till 3.00pm
At Alton Community Centre



Display of artwork produced by the
students who attend ACA Leisure Learning
Art courses tutored by Maggie Cole

Some of the paintings are available to buy with a
commission fee donated to Alton Community Centre

For more information or to book call 01420 85057 or
marie@altoncommunitycentre.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>

CRIME PREVENTION

YOUR

UPDATE



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 59, December 2023

Crime Prevention advice for the holiday season



Christmas shopping?

So are thieves.
Don't make it easy for someone to take it.



Don't advertise your Christmas

Dispose of present packaging carefully, as they can show that you have expensive goods inside.



Stay with your car this Christmas

Don't leave your car unattended while it defrosts.



Online shopping securely

At this time of year online shopping can be convenient and save you time - but make sure you take steps to protect yourself. These three tips from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will help you [shop online safely](#) this festive season.

Shop securely online:

- Research sellers, check they're legitimate
- Use a credit card or secure payment platform
- Only provide enough details to complete your purchase



Could your smart device be hacked?

Smart devices are electrical items that connect to the internet (or to your home network), usually via Wi-Fi. Unlike conventional electrical items, there is a risk that they can be hacked into.



Keep your device updated to help keep it secure.

When you first use the device, set up a new secure password, and use 2-step verification where possible.

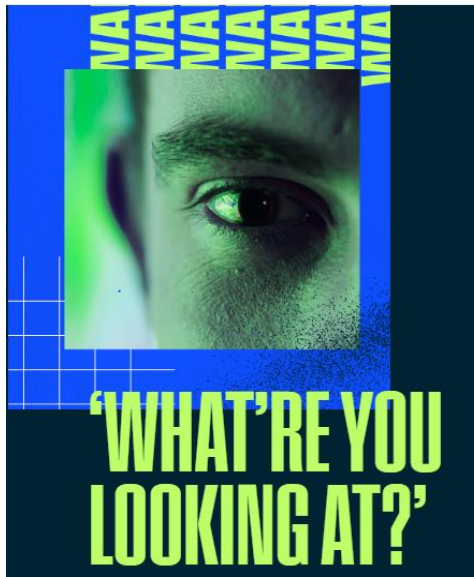
Avoid buying devices that are no longer supported by the manufacturer, as they will be easier to hack into.

[Smart devices: using them safely in your home - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

CrimeStoppers Drink and Drug Driving Campaign

Alcohol and drug drivers put other people's lives at risk. Your information could help prevent an accident from happening - it could even help save lives.

If you suspect someone is drink or drug driving regularly, whether that be a relative, friend or work colleague, you can tell CrimeStoppers what you know 100% anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report online. For more information on the campaign and reporting visit: [Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)



Walk Away Campaign

Help your mates to walk away. That's the message of a new campaign being launched by forces around the UK to prevent deaths and serious injuries caused by a person being assaulted on a night out.

A single punch can result in death or serious injury.

The new campaign encourages self-control, support from friends and for men to walk away from heated situations before other people become violent. Visit the We Walk Away website for resources and tips to prevent violence on a night out: <https://wewalkaway.uk/>

Call blockers available to help stop scammers

The National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team has secured funding to provide free TrueCall blocking units to help protect people in receipt of scam and nuisance phone calls.

You can apply on behalf of someone else with their consent, or you can apply for yourself.

Visit Friends Against Scams for more information: [Friends Against Scams - Call blocker](#)



National Business Crime Centre Advent Calendar

From the 1st - 24th December the NBCC will be opening a door to reveal a daily gift of top tips, crime prevention guides and other resources available to businesses to help them combat business crime.



Follow the NBCC on LinkedIn for more information or visit their website:

<https://nbcc.police.uk/>



Visit www.hampshire.police.uk



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