

THE ALTON SOCIETY

- **Flood Meadows** - a monthly working party of volunteers maintains this lovely site.
- **Tree planting** - in various locations around the town.

ALTON MUSEUMS

The Allen Gallery Garden is cared for by volunteers and is a peaceful place to visit at any time of the year.

AND

In addition the cemetery, schools, Society of Friends garden, and many lovely front gardens all contribute to the greening of Alton.

Why not explore and enjoy these spaces while remembering to respect them and to help to keep them litter-free? Sadly the UK has lost more of its natural diversity - wild animals and plants - over the last century than almost any other Western European country, and much of this is due to habitat loss.

By nurturing green spaces wherever we can around the town, we can all help to restore nature in our local environment.



Flood Meadows



ALFI's Westbrooke Plot

All the voluntary groups welcome donations to help with upkeep of their spaces, and are pleased to welcome new volunteers.

Helping at one of the working parties is an enjoyable and friendly community activity.

The groups can be contacted through their websites and Facebook pages.



Alton Local Food Initiative
altonlocalfood.org.uk



Alton and Villages Action
for Nature
altonclimatenetwork.org.uk



Alton Society
altonsociety.org.uk



Alton Town Council
alton.gov.uk

ALTON'S GREEN AND PLEASANT PLACES



Flower bed at Butts Road

Most Altonians enjoy one or more of the green spaces in the town, but perhaps few realise how many different sites there are and who looks after them.

AVLAN



Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature was formed in 2019 as a sub-group of ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network) with the aim of improving the area for wildlife.

Wildlife verges/green spaces

- **Butts Road** - with a colourful flower bed and an area of wild flower meadow.
- **Gilbert White Way**
- **Mill Lane**
- **Westbrooke Road**
- **Rakemakers** - Holybourne
- **Bolle Road** - Whitedown

Wildlife-friendly flower beds

- **All Saints Church**
- **Orchard House**

Native hedgerows

In early 2023, four working parties planted 1,750 hedging whips to form 2 native hedgerows

- **Will Hall Meadow** - on the Basingstoke Road
- **Greenfields** - above Northanger Close.

River monitoring

AVLAN volunteers regularly monitor the River Wey as it runs through Alton, by sampling for types and numbers of invertebrate species as indicators of pollution in the water.



ALFI

Alton Local Food Initiative was formed in 2009, with the objective of encouraging the growing and sourcing of local, seasonal food.



Plots and planters

- **The Station plot** - has four raised beds for vegetables, some soft fruit and a wall-trained pear tree.
- **The Vicarage plot** - in front of St Lawrence Vicarage. Soft fruit and some apple trees.
- **The Westbrooke plot** - a roadside verge cultivated as a wildlife garden with a well-filled herb bed, pollinator-friendly flowers and an area of wild flowers.
- **The BT plot** - in front of the BT building in Normandy Street is growing fruit trees and vegetables in large planters.

All the produce is put out for passers by to help themselves.



Community orchards

Over 25 fruit trees - apples, pears, cherry and quince - the produce is shared with the community.

- **Jubilee Orchard** - by the Sports Centre
- **Barley Fields** - opposite Eggars School

ATC



Alton Town Council looks after the main green spaces around the town and the ground staff do a great job of maintaining these for all to enjoy, while encouraging wildlife and protecting the environment.

- **Windmill Hill** - Platinum Jubilee Orchard, tree-planting with Alton WI
- **Kings Pond**
- **The Butts**
- **Jubilee Playing Fields**
- **Anstey Park**
- **Holybourne Play Area**
- **Barley Fields**
- **War Memorial garden**
- **St Lawrence Churchyard** - with Ecochurch
- Above **Northanger Close**
- **Flood Meadows**
- **Will Hall Meadow**
- **Treloar Meadows**
- **Public Gardens**
- Many **planters** and **hanging baskets** in the town

