



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 11**  
**17th March 2022**

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## Battle of Alton Event



The Town Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our online survey about staging this year's Battle of Alton event on the 1st and 2nd May. We are happy to confirm the event will go ahead as planned, but we need your help. We are looking for community minded volunteers to help bring this exciting event to Alton on Sunday 1st and Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May.

Various roles are available including helping steward the march through the High Street, marshalling of the Battlelines in Flood Meadows and St Lawrence Churchyard, or assisting on the road closure barriers.

We would be grateful for any time you can spare, from as little as 2 hours to 6 hours between 11.00am and 5.00pm on both days. No experience is necessary as all volunteers will be fully briefed on what their role is at the event.

If you would like to help bring this unique event to Alton then please email Kaylie at [support@alton.gov.uk](mailto:support@alton.gov.uk) to offer your availability with day/s, times and your contact details. Thank you.

## Alton Walking Festival

**ALTON WALKING FESTIVAL**  
1ST - 31ST MAY 2022

With over 100 walks to choose from 2022 is Alton's biggest festival to date. BOOKINGS OPEN MARCH 2022.

Discover  
The Six Hills of Alton

**EXPLORE**  
This hidden gem

*Inspirational Walks*  
FORAGING, NORDIC, CULTURAL, WILDLIFE, MEDITATION & MUCH MORE

All walks must be booked in advance:  
[www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk) - 01420 83986 - [community@alton.gov.uk](mailto:community@alton.gov.uk)

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Alton Walking Festival, which is now in its 10th year, is a truly friendly walking event, ideal for enthusiastic walkers, relaxed wanderers and curious explorers of all ages. The festival is the ideal opportunity for the local community and visitors from further afield to meet like-minded people, explore the Town and its surrounding villages and discover the superb Hampshire countryside with its abundance of wildlife and rich cultural heritage.

We have received an amazing response already and are fully booked on the Dawn Chorus Walk (Walk 33), Foraging Walk (Walk 60) and Chawton House Estate Walk (Walk 85). A waiting list has been set up for all of the walks. Make sure you book now to avoid disappointment [alton.gov.uk](http://alton.gov.uk).

## Free Energy Saving Measures

People living in Alton in an energy inefficient home, which is owned or privately rented, and in receipt of benefits or on a low income could qualify for a grant of up to £10,000 worth of energy improvements.

The Green Homes Grant funding has been secured by East Hampshire District Council and will help to reduce the impact of skyrocketing energy prices.

The grants can cover measures including:

Wall insulation, Loft insulation, Renewable heating systems (such as air source heat pumps), Double/triple glazing (to replace single glazing), Energy efficient doors and Thermostats and heating controls

Warmworks has been appointed as the managing agent for this scheme. They will work with residents through the process, checking that they - and their property - are eligible. They arrange the funding and installation and checking the quality of the work when it is done.

This round of funding will end on 31 March 2022 and installation should take place before the end of June 2022.

To find out more, visit: [www.easthants.gov.uk/ghg-alton](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/ghg-alton) or call Warmworks on 0808 196 8255.

## Platinum Jubilee Event



If you are looking to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, please visit the helpful guide EHDC have put together <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/organise-platinum-jubilee-event>.

If you are looking to apply for a road closure please note applications need to be submitted 6 weeks before the event.

## Live From Market Square

**LIVE FROM THE SQUARE**

CALLING LOCAL MUSICIANS LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM.

TO BOOK SLOT FOR 'BUSKING' IN THE SQUARE THIS SUMMER. GET IN CONTACT.

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

TO GET INVOLVED EMAIL: [SUPPORT@ALTON.GOV.UK](mailto:SUPPORT@ALTON.GOV.UK) OR CALL 01420 83986

## Best Kept Shop Front

The Altonian is looking to promote local businesses with an exterior picture of their shop.

Have you seen a retail unit, local service or charity shop that you think looks particularly interesting, is well-maintained or has a beautifully dressed window and deserves to be recognised with a shout out.

We will feature a window each month in the digital Altonian so please send us your suggestions to Kaylie [support@alton.gov.uk](mailto:support@alton.gov.uk).

## Dementia - Friendly Alton Plea

We need LOTS of small but wide jars WITH LIDS (mint / tartar sauce type) and egg boxes for (6 eggs) for a forthcoming project.

If you have any in your recycling please let us have them. You can either contact us through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Dementia-friendly-Alton-946494408765601> or leave for us at Alton Community Centre before the end of March. Thank you.

**FREE**

# ADULT CYCLE TRAINING COURSES



**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**Venue: Amery Hill School Playground, Alton**

**Two sessions: 10.00am or 1.00pm**

*Is this you?*

*I can ride a bike, but...*

- Sessions last two hours
- Courses run by



<https://123cycleright.wordpress.com/>

"...I get a bit wobbly at times!"

"...I need more confidence on the roads!"

Does your bike need maintenance first? Contact local bike repairers

Hilary at [hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com)  
07769 500270

or Leon at <https://crankitup.info/>  
07885 073538

**BOOK at**

[cyclealton@gmail.com](mailto:cyclealton@gmail.com)

or tel: Chris on 07815 670191

stating your level & preferred time