



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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Anstey Road Junction

From Monday 15 February 2021 from 6:30am there will be a full road closure at the junction of Anstey Road and Anstey Lane for up to five days. This is to allow works to be completed to divert telecom cables and to undertake drainage works.

A local signed diversion will be in place to re-direct traffic via the A31. Please see southbound and northbound diversion plans found on the link below.

Please note that the works are weather dependent and may need to be re-arranged at short notice in the event of adverse weather.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/ansteyroad>

Winter Reading Challenge

On Monday 11 January Hampshire Library Service launched their Winter Reading Challenge! All you need to do is read 4 books and you have until 27 February. To sign up and to find out more visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/>



Daily Exercise In Open Spaces

We are really pleased that during lockdown people are able to take their daily exercise walking around the many beautiful and often tranquil public open spaces we have in Alton.

Just a polite reminder that if you are driving to spaces which are accessed via residential roads, please consider how you are parking and do not obstruct access ways or park in front of driveways. Whilst we are all spending a lot of time at home, residents still need to be able to exit their properties or enable emergency services to access in the event of any emergency, thank you for your understanding.

Temporary Census Jobs

The Office for National Statistics are hiring thousands of people in a range of exciting temporary roles to make Census 2021 a success.

The census is a survey about all of us. They need your help and enthusiasm to encourage everyone in England and Wales to participate.

The census gives a picture of communities, which helps to plan and fund public services in your area. Nothing else gives so much detail about the society in which we live, helping to make decisions with the potential to transform lives for the better.

For more details please visit <https://www.censusjobs.co.uk>

Virtual Challenges

Here are a few virtual fitness challenges we have found which may be of interest, if you would like to challenge yourself this February.



Join Country Walking on a virtual group walk in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and help add to the millions he raised for good causes.

<https://www.walk1000miles.co.uk/articles/a-walk-for-captain-tom-and-pledge-your-miles-to-do-good>



February is all about togetherness...

Take it steady: 100 miles : Ramp it up: 200 miles : Intensity: 350 miles

Gather your friends and family and create a 'virtual' team (maximum of 6, but number of teams not limited), only exercising in accordance with government regulations and simply select one of the distances listed. Split it equally or share the miles to suit your abilities... but remember each person in the Team must contribute towards the total by walking a minimum of 10 miles over the course of the month... the rest of the miles are up to you!

<https://walkthewalk.org/challenges/the-february-monthly-challenge-2021>

Virtual Fitness Challenge Series

Your next adventure awaits. Choose your next virtual fitness challenges to keep you focused and motivated to achieve your fitness goals.



Plant Real Trees as You Advance they will donate towards the planting of a tree for every 20% of the challenge you complete. There's no extra work or cost for you – just make sure you keep exercising! <https://www.theconqueror.events>

My Journey Hampshire - Active Alton

My Journey is a travel awareness campaign. For more information and to access the Alton website please visit <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/activealton>

Cycling In Alton - <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/cycle/active-alton/cycling-in-alton/>

[Cycling & Covid-19](#) - Information on travelling safely during COVID-19.

[Top tips for Cycling](#) - Things to consider when taking up cycling.

[How to choose the right bike](#) - Guidance on choosing the bike that best suits your cycling needs.

[Bike maintenance guides](#) - Read how to look after your bike to keep it safe and reliable.

[Where to cycle around Alton](#) - Explore the Alton area by using the maps shown here.

[Cycling Groups and clubs in Alton](#) - Meet fellow cycling enthusiasts by joining these groups.

Walking In Alton - <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/cycle/active-alton/walking-in-alton/>

[Walk Alton](#) - Walk Alton brings together representatives from local walking groups and clubs such as Walking for Health and Alton Ramblers and other local stakeholders. Their aim is to support and develop walking activities in the Alton area, both for recreation and to support local initiatives to improve people's health and to work with the local community, businesses, walking-related organisations & local authorities.

[Walking Groups](#) - For those who are seeking regular walks with a group these organisations offer various options (currently subject to covid restrictions).

[Walking Routes](#) - The area around Alton and its surrounding villages has something to offer walkers of all abilities and ages.