



# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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**WEEK 17 29th April 2021**

## New Homes For Alton Wildlife

To give our local wildlife a helping hand on the housing ladder the Town Council is providing a number of free home available for immediate occupation (with vacant possession)

The developments, which include commercial as well as residential dwellings are located in two sought after locations in the town within the urban backdrop of the Public Gardens and the waterside surroundings of King's Pond. The homes at Kings' Pond are available for Tawny Owls as well as homes of multiple occupancy for colony bats as well as spacious individual bat boxes for the single tenant.

The offering at the Public Gardens comprises of a multi-storey bug hotel, discrete hedgehog barns, a frog shelter, mouse house and bird, bat and bee boxes all in elevated positions with a sunny outlook over the town.

The accommodations have been made available courtesy of a grant of £641 from district councillor Richard Platt and are designed to help nature conservation by providing these facilities to assist our urban habitats. There is also evidence that the presence of wildlife in our open spaces can provide health and wellbeing benefits for the human visitor, providing an opportunity to connect with nature at a local level.



Multi-storey bug hotel



**FREE!**  
Donations appreciated

**Special Repair Café**  
**SATURDAY May 8th**  
10 am – 12.30 pm

**Alton Public Gardens**  
in the big marquee  
Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to  
**Clothes & textiles • Electronics**  
**Mechanical • Small Electrical**  
**Furniture (Bikes to Market Square)**  
Covid-secure venue with social distancing  
One item each please.



ALTON CLIMATE ACTION & NETWORK

Part of the global **Repair Café** movement

## Themed Open- Air Markets

On Saturday 8th May 2021, 10.00am - 2.00pm, Market Square will host the first in the series of themed open-air markets. To coincide with the Walking and Cycling Festival the theme is everything walking and cycling.

Walk Alton, Cycle Alton and Alton Cycling Clubs will have stalls on the day offering information on popular local walks and cycle routes and what how to join clubs in Alton.

Crank It Up and Hilary Hill Cycle Repairs will be there on the day offering free cycle safety checks and minor repairs - so bring your bike down!

Alton Walking Church for Men will be there with a stall offering information on how to join their group which combines local walking with a pub visit and spiritual refreshment.

Crafty Soles will be selling their handmade reusable and washable face masks along items for cycling and walking such as personalised name labelled water bottles, water bottle holders, t-shirts, sun hats etc.

Naomi's Preserves will be there with her stall selling small batch jams and chutneys made using the freshest ingredients using traditional methods. Perfect for your walking and cycling picnic lunches.

The monthly Hampshire Farmers Market and Lions Craft Market will also be on in the High Street so do pop down and see what's on offer there.

## Walk Alton Newsletter



Every month Walk Alton's newsletter will be keeping you updated with news and events from local walking groups, as well as other community interest groups .

They will be sharing expert insight and advice on how walking can benefit your physical and mental health. And we'll act as a signpost towards all the information walkers should know if they want to keep themselves safe and protect the wildlife they're walking through as well.

Whether you're already an avid local walker, or keen to make more of our beautiful countryside, there is something for everyone. Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/htTBiD>

## Local Elections

Next Thursday sees local elections for Hampshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire. For more details on the candidates and your local polling station please go to the weblink and key in your postcode.

[Who Can I Vote For?](#)





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# SATURDAY MARKETS

10:00am - 2:00pm

## Market Square or Public Gardens, Alton

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN BETWEEN THE MARKETS  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ALTONEVENTS.COM](http://WWW.ALTONEVENTS.COM)



8TH MAY  
WALKING AND CYCLING



15TH MAY  
ALL ABOUT PLANTS



19TH JUNE  
COMMUNITY FAYRE



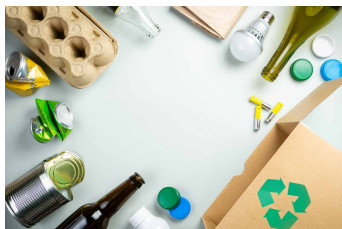
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BEER AND BREWING



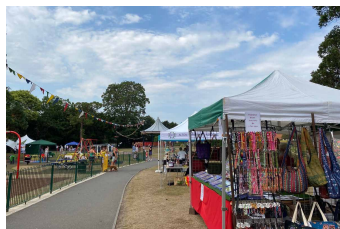
11TH JULY  
ARTS AND CULTURE



7TH AUGUST  
CREATIVE AND CRAFTY



21ST AUGUST  
REUSE AND UPCYCLE



4TH SEPTEMBER  
ALL THINGS LOCAL



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TOWN COUNCIL