



**ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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WEEK 2

Community First

Community First is co-ordinating volunteers who will make sure all our vulnerable residents are contacted and have what they need through this time.

If you are worried about how you'll cope during the crisis, or if you have a relative who is vulnerable, please contact Community First on support@cfirst.org.uk

Age Concern

For older people in the area provisions are being coordinated by the Alton Centre at The Limes Community Hospital. 01420 84257

Tuesday Market

The Tuesday market will continue to trade but with a reduced number of stalls. In compliance with the governments directive stalls which offer essential retail, such as grocery and food are allowed to remain open. Therefore fruit and veg, the butcher, the bread stall, the cheese stall and pet supplies will be in the High Street on a Tuesday from 9am to 3pm. The stall holders also now offer a home delivery service go to www.thecheesestall.com for more information.

Message from Alton Town Council

Welcome to Week 2 of the Altonian. Much has changed since last weeks edition and as such, in accordance with government directions, we have now closed the Town Hall, with all of the team now working remotely. Please go to our website www.alton.gov.uk to find contact details for councillors and officers.

With the increased restrictions, Royal Mail have not been able to commit to delivering the weekly Altonian, so it will remain digital, but we have reduced the colour down, so that if you might like to print out a copy to post through the letterbox for a neighbour who may not be on-line, that would be much appreciated.

Alton Foodbank

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Foodbank has temporarily closed its Market Square location and moving to delivery of food parcels. Foodbank will be delivering parcels to doorsteps of those people referred people referred by local agencies.

Parcels will be delivered by local businesses, Gorilla Sprits and Cutting Edge Media, who are donating their time and vans to deliver food.

For more information please contact the food bank on info@alton.foodbank.org.uk or by calling the foodbank manager on 07773 034447.

Hello! If you are self isolating, I can help.



My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

I can help with

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Call or text me and I'll do my best to help you.

Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact. Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep

#viralkindness #beakindneighbour



The team at The King's Arms have been working tirelessly over the last few days to redesign their website (www.thekingsarms.org.uk) and create new online content for all of the young people to join in with whilst they are at home. The "KA at Home" section of the new site will have a blog added everyday with funny videos, inspirational content, activities, exercises and so much more: www.thekingsarms.org.uk/blog

Local Services

Public toilets across town have been closed as have all play areas and skateparks. The Public Gardens has been closed off entirely but all other public open spaces remain open for exercise (whilst abiding by social distancing rules).

Household Waste Recycling Centres have been closed.

Trains are still running (albeit on a revised timetable) but the Alton ticket office has temporarily closed.

Your NHS needs you

A huge thank you to the very many local residents and businesses who have responded to the government's call for volunteers to support the NHS during the COVID-19 outbreak. For anyone who has not yet signed up but is thinking about volunteering their time please go to <https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>.

Message from EHDC

We are currently working as hard as we can to keep your rubbish and recycling collections running as scheduled.

However, we may need to prioritise domestic waste (green bin) collections as the situation with the COVID-19 continues.

We will endeavour to collect your recycling (black bin) and garden waste (brown bin) on your regular day, but this is likely to become increasingly difficult.

Please put your bins out as normal on your scheduled collection day. Please leave your bin out all day as the crews may be running later than usual. If your bin is not collected please leave it out, where it will not cause an obstruction, and our teams will collect as soon as they can. This may not be until your next scheduled collection day.

We will collect excess recycling which can be left in clear plastic sacks or a cardboard box next to your bin. If your rubbish collection is missed, we will collect any extra rubbish which can also be left in sacks next to your bin.

We will continue to update our website and social media pages regularly so please keep an eye out for service updates in your area.

For people suffering with symptoms associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) or self-isolating at home, please follow Public Health England guidelines regarding the disposal of waste.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and patience during this difficult time.