

# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 19**  
**19th May 2022**

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## Best Kept Shop Front



**Congratulations to 'Printy Banana' located along Goodfellows Alley, Alton who have been selected as shop front of the Month.**

Printy Banana is an independent, creative and sustainable gift shop in Hampshire.

*"Our mission is to help our little corner of the world to gift thoughtfully, for each other and the planet. We curate beautiful homeware and clothing that is sustainably made, as well as art, illustrations, ceramics, sculptures and more from local creatives. Working with our creative partners and our sustainable brand partners, we ensure that what we offer is exclusive to our bricks and mortar shop within Alton, so you can always find something different when you visit."*

The shop is closed until Tuesday 31st May but you can still check out what they have to offer online by visiting [www.printybanana.com](http://www.printybanana.com).

If you have seen a local retail unit, local service or charity shop that looks particularly interesting, please send your nominations to Kaylie [support@alton.gov.uk](mailto:support@alton.gov.uk).

## Alton Youth Award



*Last year's winner Libby Bentley*

Nominations are now open for this year's David Whitmarsh Youth Award. The award, donated to the Council by Peter Whitmarsh in memory of his son David, a young Altonian

who became ill with a rare Leukaemia as a child. Despite this David's life was full and active and in celebration of this annual award is given for those who, either for an example of courage, endurance or hope in adversity or having inspired other members of the Alton and Holybourne communities or for service to the communities of Alton and Holybourne that has been outstanding.

The inaugural recipient in 2021 was Alton resident Libby Bentley, who despite her own personal challenges and the challenge of Covid has given as much as she can to 2nd Alton Girls' Brigade, which she has been a part of since the age of 5, leading and supporting their zoom and face to face meetings and demonstrating courage and endurance beyond her years.

If you know of someone like Libby who deserves to be nominated for this award please email Samantha Brown [info@alton.gov.uk](mailto:info@alton.gov.uk). Entries close on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## £150 Council Tax Rebate



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£150 Energy Rebate payments are ready for the 31,000 East Hampshire households in bands A to D that are eligible for the payment. Residents in band E homes who receive Disabled Persons Relief are also eligible. There are a few ways they can receive their rebate.

24,000 customers who pay by direct debit (whose details matched the information on East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) files) have already been issued with their payment, totalling £3.6million.

Residents who do not pay their council tax by direct debit can now complete an online form to claim the rebate through the EHDC website. Eligible households are being sent letters over the next couple of weeks with information on additional support to apply (if needed).

Payments may take up to 21 days as bank checks are carried out.

On 26 June, the online form will close and any eligible households who cannot be paid the rebate directly will have a £150 deduction applied to their council tax bill, and a new bill issued.

Councillor Charles Louisson, EHDC portfolio holder for Finance, said:

“We understand just how much households are feeling the squeeze from increased energy bills, and the council tax rebate is designed to help with these.”

“Every eligible home will receive the rebate; we just want to know how you as a resident want to receive it.

“I encourage anyone who is struggling with their energy costs to apply online now, and we’ll get the payment to you as soon as we can.”

[Find out more on the EHDC website.](#)

## Alton Walking Festival

As we head into the last full week of this year’s Alton Walking Festival, there are still places available on walks.

If you are still thinking about joining a walk why not register onto one of the following walks:

### Saturday 21st May

Walk 79 A Wander Through Bradley  
5.5miles

Walk 80 Binsted, Wheatley and South Hay  
5.5 miles

### Sunday 22nd May

Walk 83 Evening Bat Walk (more places added)

### Monday 23rd May

Walk 87 Saintbury Hill Circuit (Fast paced Walk)  
8 miles

### Tuesday 24th May

Walk 90 Binsted Tree Walk  
2.5 miles

### Thursday 26th

Walk 96 Alton Ramblers: Chawton Park Wood  
7.5 miles

Please go to <http://www.alton.gov.uk/> for details on all available walks.

We have now taken delivery of the 100 mile Challenge. If you haven’t already registered and for more details please go to <https://forms.gle/KU4ncs67xogU55aKA>





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### Lets Get Creative For The Jubilee

*Come and join us for a creative family fun day. Take part in various free workshops and browse creative/craft stalls. From 10:00 am - 4:00 pm*

To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Alton Town Council will be launching a children's creative writing competition with a royal theme. We are inviting children of all ages to let their imaginations run wild and submit a short story or poem for inclusion in our first children's anthology in aid of the Town Mayors Charity 2022/2023.

To help children with their stories, if they wish to enter, Alton Town Council has arranged different workshops for children to take part in to help with their creativity throughout the day. The workshops will be taking place outside in the Public Gardens, Alton.

The workshops are free to attend, places are limited, and will be run by local performing/presenting duo Luke and Elliott, local author Louise Morrish and Pumpkin Pantos Playwright Josh Dixon.

For more details please go to:

[http://www.alton.gov.uk/Lets\\_Get\\_Creative\\_For\\_The\\_Jubilee\\_42349.aspx](http://www.alton.gov.uk/Lets_Get_Creative_For_The_Jubilee_42349.aspx)

## Sunday 5th June



*Bring your picnic hampers and deck chairs to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with live music from*  
**Alton Concert Band**  
**1pm-3pm**



*Collect your pre-ordered Blend-it picnics from 12pm-1pm*  
*Coffee and cake available on the day from Acorns cafe pod*

## The Big Jubilee Picnic in the Park

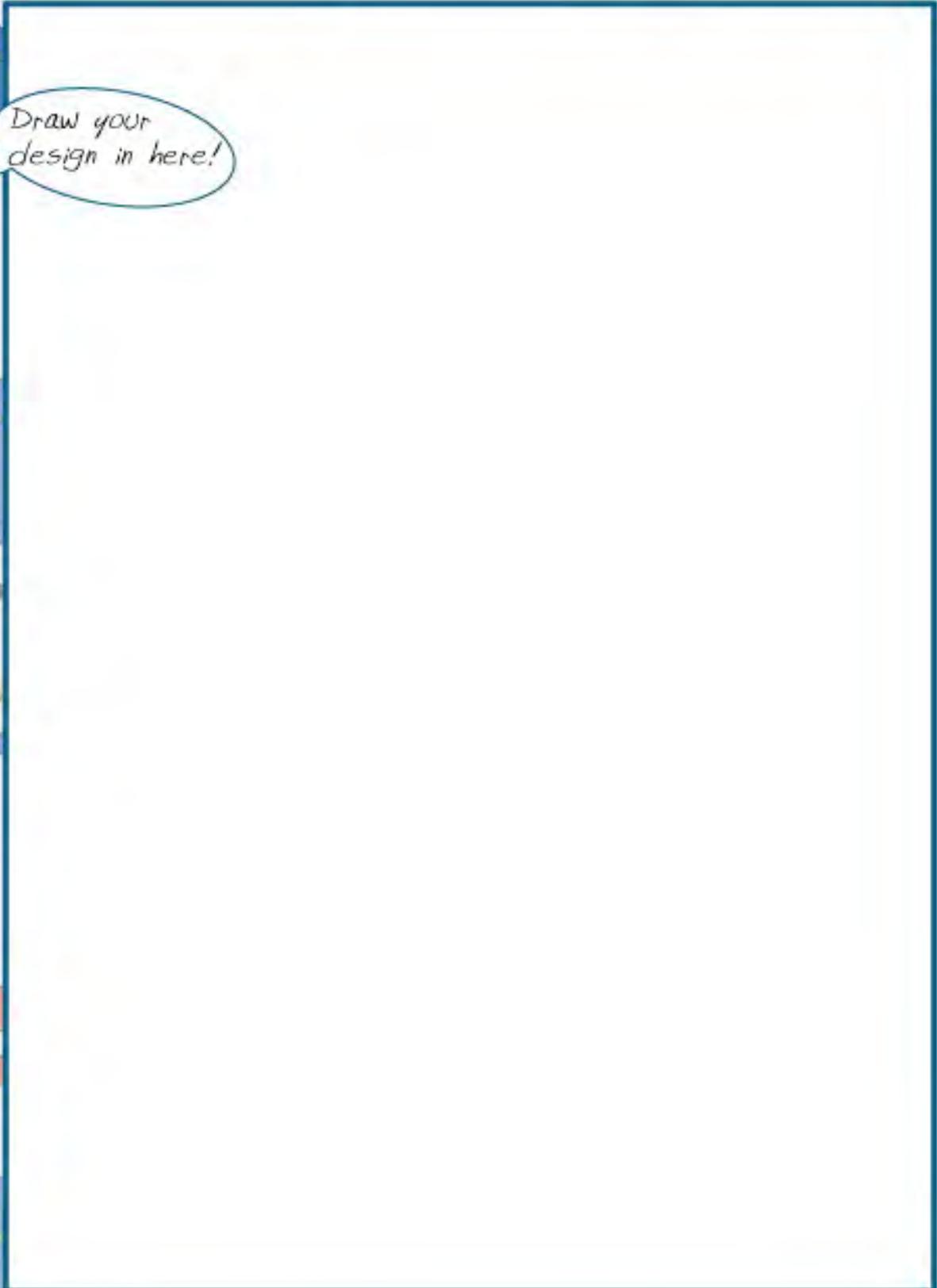
**12pm - 3pm in Alton Public Gardens**



**ALTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL

Design a Christmas Column Light

competition entry form



Draw your design in here!

Name:.....

Email:.....

Age (If under 18).....



# Alton Library welcomes you

## What is available for free?

- Library membership for adults and children – borrow up to 60 physical books
- Rhymetime sessions for families with younger children: Every Thursday at 10.30am
- Storytime sessions for families with younger children: Every Tuesday at 10.30am
- Construction club for families with children: Every 2 weeks on a Saturday at 2pm
- Books in different languages
- Free WiFi
- Digital library of books, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines
- Public computers
- Quiet study spaces



## Opening hours

**Monday:** 9.30am - 1.30pm

**Tuesday:** 9.30am - 5pm

**Wednesday:** Closed

**Thursday:** 9.30am - 5pm

**Friday:** 9.30am - 5pm

**Saturday:** 9.30am - 5pm

**Sunday:** Closed



Our website



## How to find us

Alton Library  
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