

Alton Cycling Charter

A Bold Vision for Cycling in Alton – Connecting People to Places

“We, the residents, businesses, organisations, schools and colleges of Alton, want a safe cycle network within our historic town, connecting surrounding villages and helping to create a sustainable, healthy and vibrant place to live, work and study.”

We want Alton and its villages to be places where

- Children can cycle to school or college safely.
- People of all ages and ability can feel confident to cycle to places of work, retail, facilities and leisure.
- Cycling will be the safe, natural choice for a large proportion of everyday journeys.

We believe that prioritising cycling would

- Address our challenges of pavement parking, constricted residential streets, noise and air pollution, inactive lifestyles and the impact of a rising population.
- Help to create a calmer, friendly, carbon-neutral town centre where people will want to spend more time shopping and socialising, bringing benefit to shops and businesses.
- Enable visitors and residents to more fully enjoy our rich cultural heritage.
- Support business by boosting the health and productivity of the workforce, bringing local economic benefits.

We want cycle routes to

- Utilise the flattest and most direct routes.
- Link our local villages into the hub of Alton.
- Be planned to safely accommodate others including families with buggies, wheelchair users, disabled people and those who may be visually or hearing impaired.
- Include dedicated cycle infrastructure that ensures safety for unaccompanied 12-year-olds and is designed in line with best practice from around the world.
- Complement public transport to ensure excellent connections within and outside the area.

We want to support our leaders in delivering this better future for the people, businesses, organisations and schools of Alton.