



Cycle Alton Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, has arrived with its shorter days, wind and rain. However it's widely agreed that there's no such thing as bad weather when it comes to getting out on your bike, only unsuitable clothing. See below for how we can all take advantage of the darker evenings and still enjoy a bike ride.

Glow Ride 22nd October



There's still time to register for Whitehill and Bordon Living Streets Group's [Glow Ride](#) on 22nd October, **this coming Wednesday!**

They say: "Join us on 22nd October in Bordon at 6pm as we ride together after dark, showing that we should feel safe cycling around our community, day and night.

"We're supporting Cycling UK's '[My Right, Our Ride](#)' campaign to demonstrate that cycling should feel liberating, not intimidating. Glow rides are happening across the UK, filling the streets with light, making cyclist's experiences visible and highlighting the urgent need for safer streets in every community."

Come and be part of a powerful nationwide movement, and feel free to decorate your bikes with lights!

Meet at The Shed (EV car park), Sergeants Yard, Bordon GU35 0DJ

Time 6pm on 22nd October 2025

Register to ride [here](#): it's free!

The route is a figure of 8. Start & Finish at The Shed/Leisure Centre. The first loop around Camp Road/Budds lane is about 3km and is designed so that little legs/those less able can join in but drop out before the second loop, if needed.

The second loop is about 4km and goes through Hogmoor on the main track. The route is designed to use the cycle infrastructure in the town and minimise the need to be on the road.

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## **Replacement National Cycle Network signposts**



Two posts bearing signage for the NCN route 224, which ends in the centre of town, were knocked over last year. Cycle Alton reported this to the Traffic Management Team at Hampshire County Council back in February, and just recently they have both been replaced. Visitors to Alton will once again easily be able to follow the NCN route as far as

Anstey Road where it ends. If you wish to report any missing signs write to [traffic.management@hants.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@hants.gov.uk).

The route was originally devised in collaboration with Sustrans, the sustainable transport organisation responsible for the National Cycle Network across the whole country. Sustrans has recently been renamed to the [Walk Wheel Cycle Trust](https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org/) and has "a renewed mission to deliver more joy per journey, more peace per pedal, more smiles per mile."

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New & Replacement Bicycle Parking approved

Alton Town Council has approved the installation of new Sheffield bike stands in several locations on its land around the town to match existing ones and to replace the old green planters.

The cost will be met by part of a grant from East Hampshire District Council's Climate Change Action Fund awarded to Cycle Alton this year. The award will also fund the replacement of some earlier bike stands that have gone missing, an updated cycle map of Alton, and some signage on lampposts to show walking and cycling routes into the town centre.

Watch this space for more news about extra bicycle parking, new cycle maps and signage in due course.

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