



Cycle Alton Newsletter

May 2022

Here is the latest local cycling-related news this month.

Cycle Alton's Second Birthday

Cycle Alton celebrated its second birthday last week at Alton Maltings with our first ever in-person gathering.

Wine and cake was provided to thank everyone who has helped Cycle Alton to establish and grow into the near 200-strong group it is today.

A Powerpoint presentation by Chris showed what has been achieved so far, following which there was a lively discussion on what has been learnt. Everyone was then invited to consider where best to focus future efforts, and a wide range of suggestions was put forward such as a mass bike ride though Alton, and led rides to school for children along the school routes we've identified.



There'll be other campaigning ideas happening over the next months and we'll send details when we have them. Please be prepared to get involved as much as you can!



Hampshire County Council's new Local Transport Plan

Hampshire County Council has published a new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which is now out for consultation. Please take a look and send in your response by the closing date of 26th June.

LTP4 is a huge and ambitious plan for Hampshire which says many of the right things, but is it ambitious enough to get the government funding we will need, or to sufficiently cut climate emissions? Three versions of the document can be found here, as well as the link to 'Have Your Say':

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) has produced a helpful 'Rough Guide' to the document:

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/rough-guide-to-ltp4.pdf>



New Cycle Racks – Coming Soon!

Look out for some new cycle racks which will soon be placed in various open spaces around the town such as Jubilee Fields, The Butts and Flood Meadows. Due to their late delivery the grounds team have now become too busy with seasonal work to install them, so a local contractor will be employed instead.



Bike Week 6th-12th June



Organised every year by Cycling UK as a celebration of cycling, this year Bike Week is all about you and your local community, and the aim is to encourage as many people as possible to get out there and enjoy their community by bike. Read more about it here: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek>

Local cycling groups will be organising rides during Bike Week and throughout the year, and always welcome new members. Find out more about them here:

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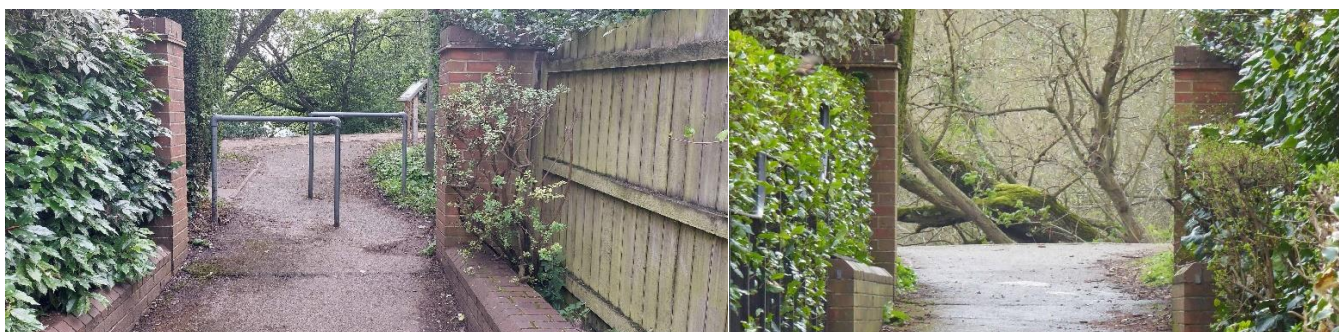
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## Removal of barriers at Kings Pond

A couple of barriers which impeded cycle and wheelchair access between Waterside Court off Paper Mill Lane and Kings Pond have recently been removed.

As part of Hampshire county council's commitment to encouraging more active travel, a review was carried out on the use of staggered barriers on walking and cycling routes, as well as on cyclist dismount signs, end of route signs and cycle prohibition orders. These can restrict access for some types of cycles, including adapted cycles for people with disabilities. We don't know if this removal was as a result of the list of barriers sent by us to HCC, but it's welcome all the same!

Photos show before and after.



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Alton Repair Café 11th June



The next Repair Café is on Saturday 11th June at 10:30 - 12:30 in Alton Community Centre.

Volunteers will carry out simple bicycle repairs and adjustments, and will show you how to mend a puncture and adjust your gears and brakes. They also carry out repairs to small electronic and mechanical items, clothing and furniture.

Repairs are free, though donations are always welcome.

Email altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com for more information.

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