



Cycle Alton Newsletter

Spring 2025

We're all looking forward to brighter and longer days with spring just around the corner. Some warm sunshine would encourage us all out on our bikes for local trips or exploring the countryside.

Bicycle Rides to build confidence



Cycle Alton supporter Chris Chappell, who is leading our current run of confidence-building bike rides, was invited by *That's TV Hampshire* to talk about the rides for one of their programmes. The interview was broadcast last Thursday, and now a 40-second extract has been uploaded to their [Facebook page](#). Well done Chris!

Topics covered during the rides included local safe routes, appropriate clothing, road positioning, hazards to watch out for and negotiating junctions and roundabouts.

Feedback has been positive, with Louise saying "everyone is so kind + friendly +supportive! You really feel you're in good hands" and "the route built up to cycling in traffic nice and gently. I feel I have learnt so much already!"

We particularly thank the Cycle Alton supporters who volunteered to help out with the rides, and we're also grateful to Specsavers and the Climate Change Committee of Alton Town Council for funding the hi-viz gilets and snap-on armbands.



Ladies' Bicycle Maintenance Workshops

A successful third round of bicycle maintenance workshops for women has recently concluded, with full attendance at each session and many positive comments about the course.

Susana said "Hilary is an excellent teacher. She ticks all the boxes. She's knowledgeable, patient, well organised, she listens and communicates clearly, and engages with the students. She goes the extra mile and even inspired me to start cycling again!"



We thank Hilary for imparting her extensive knowledge about bicycle maintenance to everyone who attended, and to EHDC Councillor Barbara Tansey who funded the workshops under the East Hampshire Councillor Community Grant Scheme.



East Hampshire LCWIP finally approved by Hampshire

On his recent Decision Day, the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 & Corporate Services, Cllr Nick Adams-King, [approved](#) the East Hampshire Local Cycling & Walking Plan (LCWIP).

Once published, the LCWIP will support funding bids for active travel infrastructure and will form part of HCC's suite of documents that form the local transport strategy for East Hampshire.

LCWIPs are important for the Hampshire County Council (HCC) [Local Transport Plan 4](#)'s vision of delivering a "carbon neutral, resilient and inclusive transport system designed around and with people".



HCC's Future Services Consultation

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Have your say on changes to some local services we deliver in Hampshire.

Tell us your views by 7 May 2025
Visit hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation

The graphic features a purple background with white and yellow text. On the right side, there are four small images: a person in a high-visibility vest working on a road, two people sitting at a table talking, a person sitting in a wheelchair, and a blue bus on a road.

HCC has launched a public consultation on where to make savings to try to reduce a budget shortfall of £97.6 million for 2025/26.

One of the areas being considered, of particular interest to cyclists, are on PLANNED highway maintenance.

This proposes to remove HCC funding which supplements Department for Transport (DfT) funding allocated for planned highway maintenance, such as large-scale structural repairs, surface treatments and drainage improvements. It does NOT include funding for reactive road maintenance e.g. pot hole repairs, which will remain unaffected.

[Have your say](#) from a cyclist's perspective before 7th May.



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