Cycle Repair Services & Cycling Clubs in the Alton area



## Local Cycle Repair Services

Alton unfortunately no longer has a cycle shop but there are a number of local repairers:

• **Crank It Up Cycle Repairs:** Alton-based, free local pick-up. Offers service, repairs & free safety check. Also sells reconditioned bikes. More information on <u>https://crankitup.info/</u>. Tel Leon Bissonnet: 07885 073538

• **Cyclesphere:** 6 The Shed, Sergeants Yard, Bordon GU35 0DJ. Services and repairs to any bike including electric. Phone first for an appointment. Tel 01420 460484. Email <u>workshop@cyclesphere.co.uk</u>

• **Cycle Tech Bordon:** Broom Cottage, Walldown Rd, Whitehill, Bordon GU35 9AA. E-bike specialist, Bosch & Shimano. Repairs at your home or work, on site or collection & return. Tel 07523 399890 <u>https://www.cycletechuk.co.uk/bordon</u>

• **E-bike shop:** Unit A, Crondall Place, Coxbridge Business Park, Farnham GU10 5EH. Sells electric bikes, by appointment. Will only repair and service their own bikes. Tel 01252 279279

• **Hartleys Cycles:** based in Selborne. He can collect and repair/service bikes within the local area, but not electric bikes. Tel 07710 513892.

• **Hilary Hill Repairs:** Wentworth Gardens, Alton. Hilary is happy to advise on, or repair & tune up your bike. She taught Bicycle Maintenance for many years and can also show you how to do it yourself. May be able to fix electric motor problems. Email: <u>hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com</u>

• **Owens Cycles:** The Old Garage, Stoner Hill, Steep, Petersfield GU32 1AG. Offers a bike repair service, including electric bikes. Also a £10 collection & delivery service to Alton (sponsor of Alton Cycling Club and giving 10% discount to Alton Cycling Club members). Tel 01730 260446, <u>https://www.owenscycles.co.uk/v2/</u>

• **Precision Cycles:** Repairs and servicing, will collect up to 15 miles away. Tel 07848 156520 <u>https://www.precisioncycles.co.uk</u>

• **Ventoux Bikes:** based in Binsted, Simon Horton has 30+ years' experience in the cycling industry as a bike mechanic, and services all bikes including electric bikes. He offers a collection & drop-off delivery service within a 7-mile radius of Binsted. Tel 07884 438065

## **Alton's Cycling Clubs**

Alton is fortunate to have five cycling clubs, between them offering a range of rides to suit most cyclists.



**Alton Cycling Club** is affiliated to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials and is the club to join for all competitive cyclists, currently with around 100 members. Our club offers regular adult rides, training and events for all ages from 16-year-old upwards. There are three differently-paced rides every Sunday morning, currently riding in groups of six.

The club is active in time-trial competitions, hosting a 10 mile League Championship, several Open Events and a Hill Climb Championship. There are also social activities including an annual club

dinner, monthly club nights, a summer barbecue and an annual curry & quiz night. Alton Cycling Club is sponsored by Owens Cycles, Hi-Tech Heating, fff Brewery, ClearSignal and Everyone Active. New members are welcome. To get in touch, please fill out the form on the website <u>http://www.altoncyclingclub.org/page10.htm</u> or send an email to <u>altoncyclingclub@gmail.com</u>.



**Cycling UK** is a national organisation whose aim is for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be able to cycle safely, easily and enjoyably. Previously known as the Cyclists' Touring Club, over the years they have helped change the law, improved conditions for

cyclists and inspired and supported people to cycle. Our focus is on non-competitive cycling and we welcome new members.

The Alton group cycles about thirty miles 3 times a week and all rides include a refreshment stop. You're welcome to turn up and join the group where they meet at the Community Centre. On the third Friday of each month we have an easy-paced ride of about 15 miles including a coffee stop, and these complement the Hearty Riders who organise a very similar ride on all the other Fridays. E-bikes are welcome.

The ride destinations are advertised on our website <u>https://www.cyclinguknorthhampshire.org.uk/</u>. We're also on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/Cycling-UK-Alton-541624279198619/</u>. Contact Janice for more information on 01420 80783 or email <u>danjanmontgomerie@gmail.com</u>.



**Hearty Riders** was started about five years ago by Alton & Basingstoke Cardiac Rehab as part of their "stay well" programme. We invite anyone who wishes to stay fit to join us on Friday mornings at 10am outside Cardiac Rehab behind the Sports Centre. We cycle from 12 - 20 miles at a casual pace, stopping at a coffee

shop somewhere *en route*. On the third Friday of the month we join Cycling UK for their monthly ride, which means that some of this group cycle with both groups. There is no membership involved and you don't have to be an attendee at Cardiac Rehab in order to come on the rides. E-bikes are welcome. Anyone interested in joining us on Friday mornings for a leisurely ride around the wonderful Hampshire countryside should contact janetpagehaynes@msn.com.



**Alton U3a Social Cycling Group** was formed 3 years ago to encourage retired and semi-retired people living in the Alton area to get back onto two wheels and enjoy riding through the local highways and byways at a relatively gentle, leisurely pace. A typical Tuesday morning ride will cover about 15 miles, with a stop for coffee and cakes at the

halfway point. Nobody gets left behind, and you don't need the full lycra kit to join one of these rides – just a serviceable bicycle and a safety helmet.

Membership of Alton U3a is open to any local residents who are retired or semi-retired but there are no age restrictions. For a modest sum, a year's membership will provide access to a wide range of activities, and the monthly social cycling group outings form part of this offering.

For further details please visit the website <u>www.u3asites.org.uk/alton</u> or contact Alton Community Centre.



**The White Hart Vueltas** is an informal group of cyclists based at The White Hart pub in Holybourne.

We are mainly a road cycling group that meets on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings and whenever else anyone suggests on a very active Whatsapp group. There are no rules or formal membership though there are currently 65 people in the Whatsapp chat.

Everyone is welcome! Anyone who is interested in joining should turn up at the pub, at either 6pm on a Friday or 9am on a Sunday when there are likely to be some WHVs around.

## Where to recycle your unwanted cycles



**BikeStart** is a cycle restoration business in Aldershot which accepts donated bikes, renovates them and then sells them on EBay. All profits go to 'The Source Young People's Charity' in Aldershot which supports and empowers young people age 14-25 to transform their lives. They will collect bikes by arrangement on Mondays. Kids' bikes, mountain bikes, commuter bikes, road bikes, electric bikes, tandems, tricycles, all are acceptable.

Alton contact – Nigel Bicknell 07881 652616; BikeStart mechanic Bob Mercer - 07596 564428

Email <u>bikestart@thesourceforyou.co.uk</u> Website - <u>http://www.bikestart.co.uk/community/bikestart-13419/home/</u>

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