

# ALTON

**Walking Festival**  
**14th – 20th October 2024**

**Bookings Open 16th September**



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# Welcome...

Alton Walking Festival takes place every May and this year celebrated its 12th year. After the success of previous years we are holding our 5th Autumn Walking Festival, a week-long event showcasing a selection of handpicked walks from May which are 'Simply The Best'. Alton's Walking Festivals are truly friendly walking events, ideal for enthusiastic walkers, relaxed wanderers and curious explorers of all ages. The festival is the ideal opportunity for the local community and visitors from further afield to meet like-minded people, explore the Town and its surrounding villages and discover the superb Hampshire countryside with its abundance of wildlife and rich cultural heritage. You'll be spoilt for choice!

Alton Town Council would like to say thank you to all the committed local volunteer groups and walking enthusiasts who have put together a programme to promote, share and develop walks in and around Alton.

All walks must be booked in advance by:  
Booking online at [www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)  
Emailing [support@alton.gov.uk](mailto:support@alton.gov.uk)  
Or call 01420 83986

## Please Note:

- Full details on all the walks are available at [www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk) and **MUST** be booked in advance. Bookings open 16th September 2024.
- Walks are free to attend apart from the Ghost Walks.
- All travel costs (buses, trains and parking) are at the expense of the walker.
- Please make sure you have the appropriate clothing, footwear and carry water.
- Many of the walks are in the countryside/woodland so rest stops for toilets may not be possible.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of your walk.

## Thank you to this year's sponsors and supporters:



## Key To Walks:

The walks have been graded to help you to choose walks that you can enjoy based on your knowledge of your own fitness and agility levels. Please take into consideration any current injuries you have, as some walks may include stiles and/or uneven ground. Walk leaders have given the grade of their routes considering, the length of the walk, the terrain and any obstacles that will be encountered and the intended pace that will allow the walk to be completed in the time stated. Slow walks will be at 2 miles per hour or less, Moderate will be 2.5 to 3 miles per hour Brisk walks will be 3+ miles per hour - please check the speeds when booking walks.



All welcome



Adults only



All welcome, must be able to walk longer distances



Dogs welcome on a lead



Not suitable for dogs



Easy



Moderately easy



Moderately demanding



Challenging



History



Nature



Mindfulness



Literary



Foraging

## Organised By:



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## Monday 14th October



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|---|--|---------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | South Downs Coffee Roastery              | 9.00 am | 4 hours / 7.75 miles<br>Brisk / Circular      |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Civil War Walk                           | 2.00 pm | 2 hours / 2 miles<br>Stop & Look / Circular   |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Neatham, Holybourne<br>& Holybourne Down | 2.00 pm | 2.5 hours / 5.25 miles<br>Moderate / Circular |  |  |  |  |

## Tuesday 15th October

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|---|--------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 4 | Walking with Jane Austen | 10.00 am | 3 hours / 3 miles<br>Slow / Circular       |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Greywell Circuit         | 10.00 am | 3 hours / 6.5 miles<br>Moderate / Circular |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Six Hills of Alton       | 10.00 am | 5.5 hours / 12 miles<br>Brisk / Circular   |  |  |  |  |

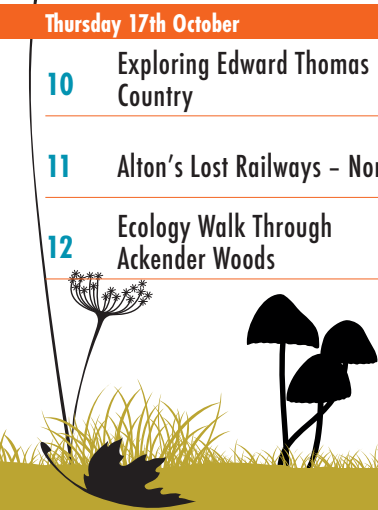
## Wednesday 16th October









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|---|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 7 | Hedgerow Foraging<br>Slow Meander | 10.00 am | 1.5 hours / 1 mile<br>Stop & Look / Circular |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Bordon to Alton                   | 11.10 am | 4 hours / 10 miles<br>Moderate / Linear      |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Lower Froyle and Long Sutton      | 2.00 pm  | 3 hours / 6 miles<br>Moderate / Circular     |  |  |  |  |

## Thursday 17th October

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|----|--|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 10 | Exploring Edward Thomas<br>Country     | 9.45 am  | 3.5 hours / 7 miles<br>Moderate / Circular    |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Alton's Lost Railways - North          | 10.00 am | 3.5 hours / 8 miles<br>Moderate / Circular    |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Ecology Walk Through<br>Ackender Woods | 2.00 pm  | 1.5 hours / 3 miles<br>Stop & Look / Circular |  |  |  |  |



Friday 18th October










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|----|---------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| 13 | Autumnal Walk In Ackender Woods | 10.00 am | 1.75 hours / 3.5 miles<br>Stop & Look / Circular |     |
| 14 | Getting To Know the Hangars     | 2.00 pm  | 3 hours / 5.5 miles<br>Moderate / Circular       |      |

Saturday 19th October

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| 15 | Binsted Circuit                                     | 10.00 am | 2 hours / 3.9 miles<br>Moderate / Circular    |      |
| 16 | Farnham To Alton                                    | 10.10 am | 6 hours / 15.5 miles<br>Brisk / Linear        |      |
| 17 | Exploring Our Interconnectedness With The Soul Shed | 10.30 am | 2.5 hours / 3 miles<br>Stop & Look / Circular |     |



Sunday 20th October

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|----|---|---------------------|---|--|
| 18 | South of Alton Scenic Views   | 9.30 am             | 3.5 hours / 8 miles<br>Moderate / Circular  |    |
| 19 | Medstead, Countryside, Views And Villages   | 9.30 am             | 5 hours / 10.5 miles<br>Moderate / Circular |    |
| 20 | Alton's Pubs And Breweries  | 2.00 pm             | 2.25 hours / 2 miles<br>Stop & Look         |    |
| 21 | Ghost Walks<br><a href="http://www.ghost-walks.com/events">www.ghost-walks.com/events</a> | 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm |   |  |



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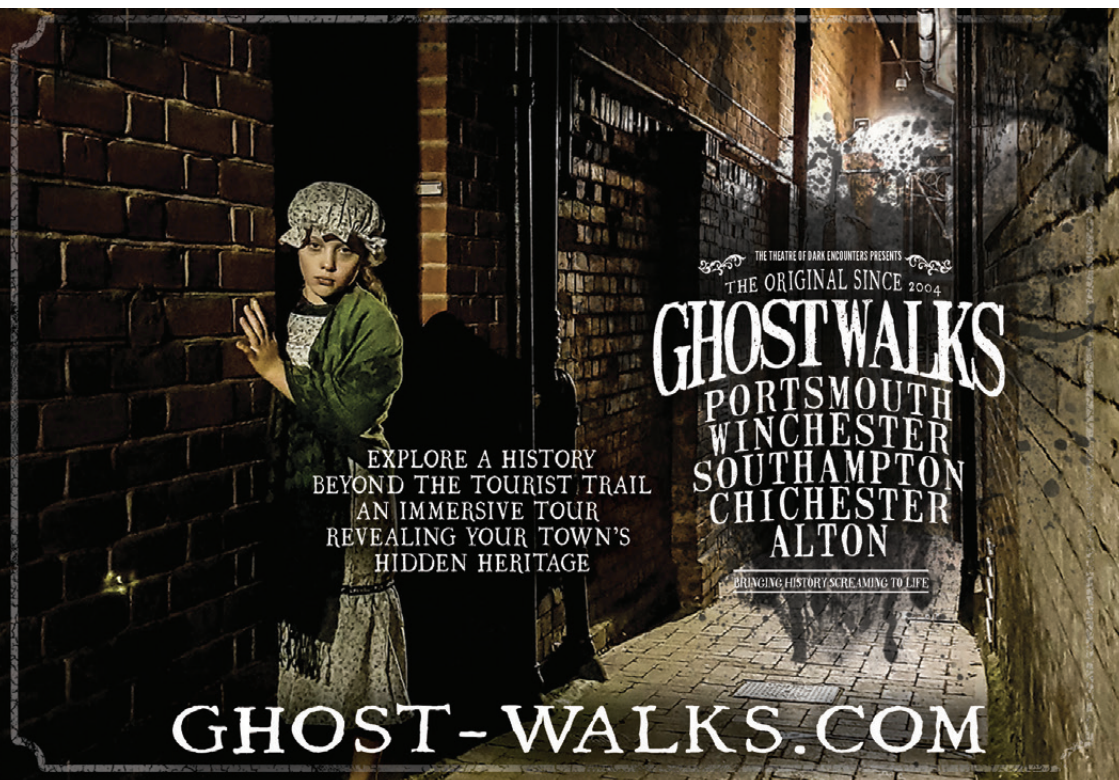


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22nd November 2024

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