



The Alton Engagement Strategy – Proposals for 2023 and Review of Progress in 2022

Ensuring the best possible engagement with Alton residents and stakeholders



Background

In November 2020, we published a Community Engagement Strategy following a review of community engagement. All members of the Roehampton Partnership, together with other stakeholders and groups, were asked for their comments on future engagement arrangements relating to the regeneration of the Alton. We released our first Engagement Action Plan in November 2021, which featured a review of all the activities that had taken place since the publication of the strategy, together with an evolving plan of future events. This document provides a further community engagement update and explains how we constantly look for feedback, to make sure our actions respond to residents' ideas.

Our vision

To harness existing community spirit, encourage people of all ages to celebrate the Alton's many positive features, improve community cohesion and boost wellbeing. We want to involve local people in the development of The Alton, to ensure it is well used, appreciated, enjoyed, and respected.

Our objectives

Headline	What do we mean?
Collaborative working	Working collaboratively with other council departments and organisations to ensure our engagement activities are aligned to identified priorities.
Support health & wellbeing	Support the health and wellbeing needs of local communities.
Environmental focus	Focus activities around environmental themes including recycling and the outdoors.
Creative and engaging	Support a programme of inspiring and engaging creative activities, involving existing cultural groups and creative individuals.
Offer clear benefits	Move away from formal consultation events and meetings to focus on grassroots engagement, where the benefits of participation are clear.
Community-led	Encourage and provide greater support for community-led initiatives and activities.
Relationship building	Increase interaction with, and support for, existing community groups.
Develop interests and skills	Help to develop existing local skills, interests and talents.
Inclusive and accessible	Encourage the involvement of those who are traditionally less likely to interact, or who may face obstacles.
Have wider relevance	Draw inspiration from the calendar of national events and initiatives, so that local events reflect national and global priorities.

Key principles at the heart of all our activities

Using feedback provided by the local community, we applied four key principles to all our engagement activities to help ensure:

- All activities are **INCLUSIVE** and are designed to be fun, informal, accessible, and convenient for participants
- We are **COLLABORATIVE** and are working with residents and other organisations to coordinate our approach and share resources
- We are **RESPONSIVE**, realising your ideas, listening to your feedback, and learning from our experiences
- Activities are **MEANINGFUL** and relevant, helping to address needs, align with local priorities, and support wellbeing

We continue to seek and act upon feedback, to help shape engagement activities for the future.

"The two ladies that I brought just loved it and asked me to pass on their appreciation to all the team for a really well organised and well run event. The music was just right and the crowd so friendly and fun loving. Thanks for making us feel so welcome also."

Back to my Youth event attendee

"Thank you for this amazing opportunity to share our love with our loved ones!"

Contributor to the "Love is Al-ton Around You" event

"It's amazing that there's now so much going on, on the Alton. I feel so proud to call it home and invite friends to visit."

Resident picking up leaflets at the weekly information stall

"The kids have been asking me every hour, on the hour 'is it time for Seaside Crafting yet', they have been so excited about coming."

Alton Arts Hub visitors.

"She is thrilled that you have given her such a big slot! It's all coming together beautifully, isn't it? Thank you for organising"

Feedback received on behalf of "Roehampton at the Opera" performer

Engagement Categories

We have chosen to arrange our proposed engagement activities into the categories set out in the Wandsworth Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which analyses the health needs of the population. These categories and sub-themes remain constant and pivotal in informing our future projects and engagement ideas. A wide programme of work is already in operation to address the identified needs of the population. Our Engagement Action Plan aims to support this programme as set out below.



Place

The place we live in influences our health and wellbeing. The human-made built environment provides settings for human activities i.e., work, live and play. It consists of parks, houses, shops, places of worship, factories, and highways. Healthy built environments are walkable and bikeable, provide access to a range of essential and desired services, include green spaces, and places for people to meet and mingle. Such environments support the physical and mental health of the local population by providing a desirable and safe place to live, where it's possible to make healthy life choices (e.g., exercise, walking, healthier food options, and cycling).



Through the Engagement Action Plan, we will continue to involve the community in our ongoing programme of art and cultural activities. Many of the activities we arrange are aligned with and relate to wider initiatives and campaigns. Activities that have taken place so far have:

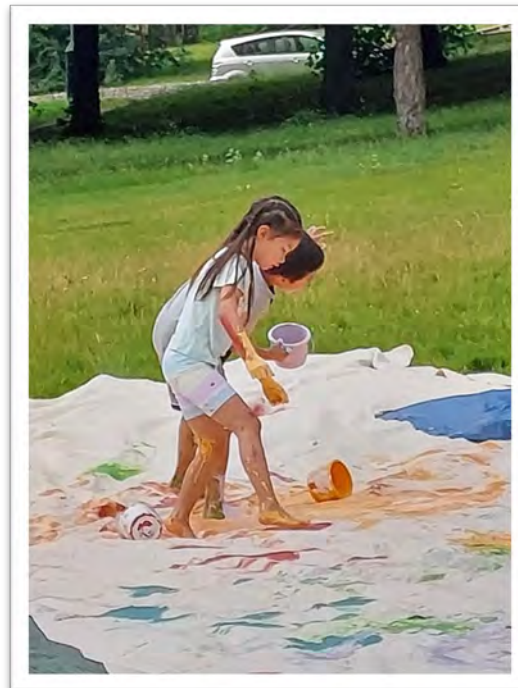
- promoted the use of vacant buildings
- promoted the re-use and recycling of materials e.g. the re-use of window panels and doors to create the award-winning “Outdoor Gallery” on Danebury Avenue
- promoted a healthy lifestyle e.g. run, walk, scoot events
- celebrated the historic environment e.g. planting bulbs in the troughs around the Grade II-Listed Listed Medfield Street drinking fountain
- encouraged young people to engage with members of the community who are lonely and isolated
- encouraged community gardening, with the establishment of the “Alton Greened” gardening group
- connected people with nature e.g. installation of bug houses and hedgehog boxes

Start Well

Our earliest experiences of life, starting in the womb, through pregnancy and birth and into our early years, are vital in laying the foundations for our future health and well-being. Research consistently shows that even short-term improvements in physical, cognitive, behavioural, social and emotional development can lead to benefits throughout childhood and later life.

Improving health and well-being outcomes and reducing health inequalities is a major focus for interventions around pregnancy and maternal health, early years, and children and young people in Wandsworth.

Through the Engagement Action Plan, we will help young people to develop interests, widen their horizons and realise their potential. The activities we arrange help to identify, support and encourage skills and talents. We encourage healthy activities and patterns and aim to reduce the likelihood of risky behaviours. We seek to improve mental wellbeing and build mutually-beneficial relationships across generations.

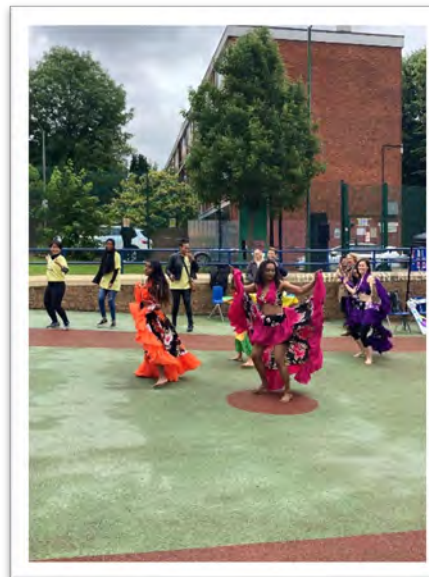




Live Well

Human behaviour and lifestyle factors can affect every aspect of health and wellbeing both favourably or unfavourably and to a different degree throughout an individuals' life. Lifestyles and health behaviours are complex and influenced by multiple factors including genetics, wider determinants of health, previous experiences throughout life, the environment, societal factors, cultural factors as well as individual and interpersonal factors.

Through the Engagement Action Plan, we provide opportunities for people to improve their health, fitness and mental wellbeing. Many of our activities encourage a greater appreciation of the outdoors and the opportunities offered by green spaces on the Alton. We have worked with the local community to ensure that new and improved spaces are used and enjoyed. We also encourage, recognise and reward acts of kindness in the community and seek to improve community cohesion.



Age Well

The population is ageing with the large cohort of people now reaching their later years. This increased demand is only set to continue as the population is living longer. By tackling wellbeing earlier in the life course, the outcomes for older people can be significantly improved and the most vulnerable people in society will continue to have access to high quality services.

Through the Engagement Action Plan, we are working to prevent loneliness and improve mental health. Our activities provide opportunities for people to be active and maintain mobility and confidence. We have also made art and culture more accessible to older people, bringing art and theatre to the Alton. Members of the Regeneration Team have also increased their visibility at the Alton, using an information stand and notice boards to help ensure that residents are aware of events and activities.

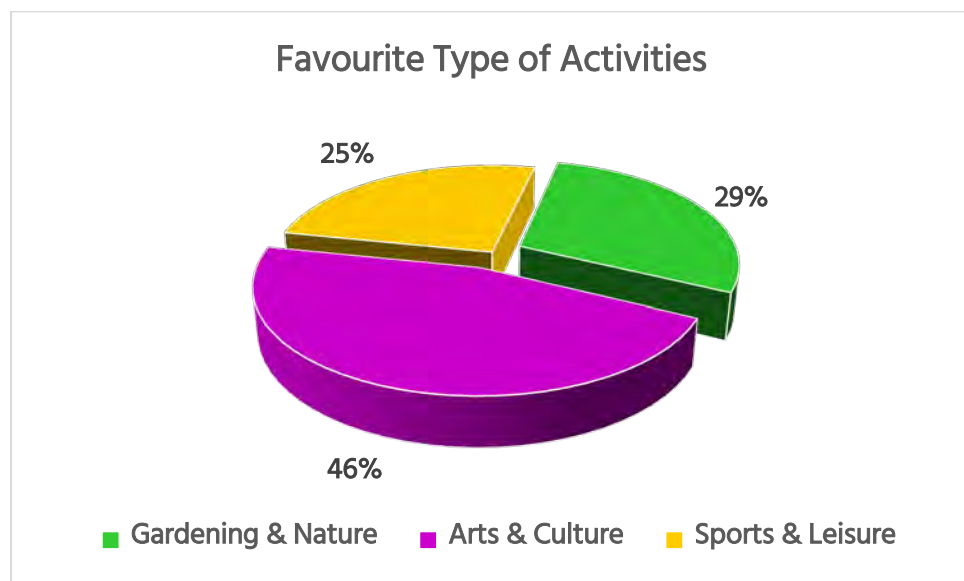


Ongoing monitoring, listening, learning and responding

The Alton Regeneration Team monitors the success of engagement events by listening to residents, inviting feedback, and monitoring the turnout. Our events programme responds to evolving needs and priorities, with activities organised in response to residents' interests, requests and suggestions.

We hosted many events in 2021 and we really wanted to hear what residents enjoyed and what they wanted to see more of. Feedback was collected in a variety of ways, including online through social media and the www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk website, and in person whenever people stopped to visit the weekly information stall on Danebury Avenue.

Those who agreed to respond to a short and simple survey were asked to help shape the events for 2022 and 2023 by selecting their favourite type of activities. To date, 172 surveys have been completed and the results are shown below.



Our planning of future activities is entirely driven by feedback. The key priority, when we put together our programme of events, is to respond to the needs, desires and interests of the community.

We will update and publish a new Engagement Action Plan – setting out our evolving objectives, principles and actions – at least once a year.

Our evolving programme

Our programme of events is continuously evolving but we have identified some of the activities we are planning over the next 12 months. Given the nature of engagement, the programme does not attempt to map out a full list of activities, as further ideas and suggestions will be developed with the community as the year proceeds. This allows engagement to be flexible and responsive to the community's needs. Please continue to share your ideas with us.

What?	Organiser	Target Audience	When?	Objective check	Purpose and desired outcomes
Spice of Life – a celebration of Black History Month, with Caribbean food and music.	Alton Regeneration Team and Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers	Over 55s	21 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Improve mental health and wellbeing. Engage residents with an international celebration of Black History. This event follows the format of a similar event arranged in 2021, which was incredibly popular, and attendees requested that we repeat.
Daffodil Planting – with bulbs being planted around Minstead Gardens/Bull Green.	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all and previously well attended.	24 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	Event aimed to encourage residents of all ages to take an interest in the area and to provide uplifting colour when the bulbs flower in Spring.

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Funky Pumpkins & Spooky Spiders – Halloween Crafting with refreshments.	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for families	27 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.
Creation of “Portswood Space”	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all	November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Repurposing of an additional vacant space at Portswood Place for use by community groups. The unit is more spacious than the current Arts Hub and has a kitchen to enable healthy cookery sessions and catering for events. Can also be used by the Alton Regeneration Team as an engagement space to enhance the team’s community engagement offer.

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Decorating wooden tree baubles made by Roehampton Community Sheds	Alton Regeneration Team with support from Roehampton Community Sheds	Suitable for all	23 November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Engage the local community, bring people together and encourage creativity. More than 100 people decorated a bauble for the Roehampton Christmas Tree in 2021.
Christmas Tree Light Switch On	Alton Regeneration Team, attended by the Mayor of Wandsworth	Suitable for all. The Christmas Tree light switch-on in 2021 drew a large crowd of more than 120 people – including school children, parents, teachers and other local residents	30 November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	The Christmas tree lighting ceremony and lantern parade always proves popular and is something of an Alton tradition.

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Roehampton Christmas Market, with stalls, entertainment, crafting, Santa's Grotto and food	Alton Regeneration Team	For the enjoyment of the whole community.	3 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	A seasonal event to bring different communities together. The previous Christmas Market proved popular and raised much-needed funds for local groups and charities.
Panto and Party	Alton Regeneration Team and Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers	Over 55s	9 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	Provision of entertainment in the form of singing, dancing and comedy to improve mental health and wellbeing. Positive feedback received following the 2021 panto prompted the scheduling of the 2022 performance.
Elves Family Show – a joyful, interactive family theatre show combining puppetry, live performers and music	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for families and proved popular in 2021	20 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	An entertaining event to boost wellbeing and provide an accessible family activity at Christmas time.

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Information Stall resumes, offering information about all the exciting events planned for 2023	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all	6 January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	The weekly information stall gives the Regeneration Team members a visible presence in the community – making them accessible to residents and visitors. Working closely with dedicated volunteers and Alton community champions, the team is able to encourage stall visitors to get involved in community events, offer suggestions and provide valuable feedback.
Valentine’s Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	For the enjoyment and involvement of the whole community.	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Creative event to inspire messages of love and appreciation.

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School Holiday Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents during the holidays. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.
International Women’s Day Event	Alton Regeneration Team & Roehampton Women’s Network	All welcome, including children.	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

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Mother's Day Card Making	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Creative activity encouraging children to show gratitude and appreciation and providing them with an opportunity to make a thoughtful gift which will also be appreciated by the recipient.
Spring Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.

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Easter Egg Hunt	Alton Regeneration Team	For the enjoyment of the whole community	April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	A fun, family event to engage children and support families over the school holidays.
Back to My Youth Over 55s' Evening	Alton Regeneration Team	Over 55s	April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Provision of music and entertainment to suit the over 55s and provide an opportunity to have fun and reminisce – organised in response to residents' requests.

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Coronation Celebrations	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Organisation of community events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Our intention is to involve the whole community in a programme of events.
Spring Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.

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Father's Day Card Making	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Creative activity encouraging children to show gratitude and appreciation and providing them with an opportunity to make a thoughtful gift which will also be appreciated by the recipient.
Pride Event	Alton Regeneration Team	People of all ages	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	A community celebration of Pride with an event that will be thought-provoking, entertaining and encourage individuality and positivity.

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Summer Show for Over 55s	Alton Regeneration Team	Over 55s	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	An accessible and entertaining event for over 55s.
Summer Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.

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Run, Walk, Scoot	Alton Regeneration Team	People of all ages and abilities	August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	A very popular event on the Alton calendar which encourages participants to be active and follow a flexible route that takes in many of the community venues around the estate
Holiday Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents during the holidays. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.

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Recycling Week Challenge	Alton Regeneration Team	Alton Estate residents and visitors of all ages.	September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Organisation of an interactive challenge encouraging people to test their recycling knowledge by identifying materials that can be recycled rather than becoming landfill. Part of the wider Recycling Week initiative which aims to improve recycling behaviours.
Spice of Life event celebrating Black History Month	Alton Regeneration Team	Over 55s	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Improve mental health and wellbeing. Engage residents with an international celebration of Black History. If the 2022 event proves as popular as the previous event, it will be repeated.

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Halloween Crafting	Alton Regeneration Team	Children and families	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.
Daffodil Bulb Planting	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all and previously well attended.	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	Event aimed to encourage residents of all ages to take an interest in the area and to provide uplifting colour when the bulbs flower in Spring.

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Christmas Tree Bauble Decorating	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all	November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	Engage the local community, bring people together and encourage creativity.
Christmas Tree Light Switch On	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for all.	November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	The Christmas tree lighting ceremony and lantern parade always proves popular and is something of an Alton tradition.

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Over 55s' Panto	Alton Regeneration Team	Over 55s	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	Provision of entertainment in the form of singing, dancing and comedy to improve mental health and wellbeing.
Family Panto	Alton Regeneration Team	Suitable for families	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	An entertaining event to boost wellbeing and provide an accessible family activity at Christmas time.
Christmas Market	Alton Regeneration Team	For the enjoyment of the whole community.	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance 	A seasonal event to bring different communities together. Provides local groups and charities with an opportunity to raise much needed funds – and gives members of the community the opportunity to purchase unusual and affordable handmade gifts.

Future proposals for meanwhile use

The Alton Engagement Strategy and small-scale meanwhile use projects at Harbridge Square and Portswood Place, have demonstrated that a visible difference can be made to improving the estate for residents at a relatively low cost. There is potential to transfer these ideas on a wider scale to other areas of the estate.

Some possible external spaces areas have already been identified including the area around 1-29 Danebury Avenue (the former Coop block) and the former Youth Club/Housing Office on Holybourne Avenue, where there is considered scope to significantly upgrade, enhance and improve the public realm ahead of any development plans.



Public realm around 1-29 Danebury Avenue

Consideration is being given to initiatives to improve the area of public realm around the 1-29 Danebury Avenue block and make it more usable and welcoming, rather than just an area to pass-through on the way to or from Roehampton Lane. The public realm consists of a large, paved area in front of the pop-up gallery along Danebury Avenue; a large paved area including a sheltered space beneath the undercroft on Roehampton Lane; a service yard area at the rear of the block; and a side road leading from Holybourne Avenue to the service yard. It is envisaged that these areas could have a mixed use as part of any meanwhile use proposals and offer the opportunity to trial new and innovative ways of using open space.

It is also proposed that local organisations and residents will be encouraged to participate in minor improvements projects to the public realm and that such projects will include an element of sustainability.

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Initial ideas which meet these objectives and are temporary, low cost and low maintenance could include:

- commissioning Roehampton Community Shed to build double seater-planters from reclaimed wooden pallets from construction sites in the Roehampton area to be positioned in front of the outdoor gallery for users to enjoy the artwork;
- upcycling materials abandoned in the former Youth Club / Safer Neighbourhood Team / Housing Office / residential block to create local signage such as a 3D 'ALTON' sign or signposts directing to community halls and facilities (e.g. from old wooden doors or desks) or planters (e.g. from old steel bath tubs) in collaboration with Roehampton Community Shed;
- hosting planting sessions with local children to create a miniature living wall on the back wall of the block facing the service yard from trellis and recyclable materials such as tin cans;
- making use, when available, of donated plants (e.g. from the Wimbledon Foundation following the Wimbledon tennis fortnight, Enable Leisure & Culture and Putney Rotary Club), and engaging local residents as well as the established 'Alton Greened' community gardening group to provide ongoing maintenance;
- engaging residents from local sheltered accommodation to make bunting out of discarded and donated fabrics to be tied to the trees and lamp columns in front of the undercroft and pop-up gallery;
- relocating these movable fixtures to other parts of the estate if better situated there or once a permanent use has been found for the initial area at Danebury Avenue.





Subject to financial constraints and the needs and desires of the local community, a range of options could be considered for temporary social and economic uses of the paved open space around the 1-29 Danebury Avenue block. Examples of this could be markets, fairs, pop up retail, performance or entertainment space, arts and creative space, or growing space. There could be space and facilities available for food-based provision, such as pitches for pop-up catering outlets, space for the Food Bus or the Youth Services mini-van and opportunity for healthy eating workshops, which could also include provision for growing projects.

Additionally, there are eight council-owned garages on the site behind the block. Although not currently connected to mains power, there may be opportunity to provide these as flexible workshop spaces for use by start-up/pop up businesses, community groups and other organisations, for example for bike maintenance, gardening, equipment storage, or art projects. A couple of the garages are already being used to house the 'Strange Attractor' mobile hub – a mobile performance and display structure built on behalf of the community following a joint funding bid by the Alton Regeneration Team, Roehampton University and Citizens Advice Wandsworth. It is proposed that these garages could be decorated with eye-catching, colour-popping artwork. The option to run a competition amongst local young people to create the designs which will feature on the garage doors could be explored

The block sits on the corner of Danebury Avenue and Roehampton Lane; one of the key gateway sites to the estate. Proposals could centre around making the area more visually attractive as well as re-purposing the space to make it a greater asset for the community and an area where people want to spend time.

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The Regeneration Team, in partnership with local art organisation, Estate Art, has already helped transform the ground floor external façade of this building into an eye-catching pop-up art gallery. The gallery was launched as part of Roehampton Community Week in July 2021, and it will remain until the building is demolished. As a result, the entrance to the estate is brighter and more welcoming and the outdoor gallery is a source of local pride. The initial idea was so well-received by the local community that it has been extended to include galleries and exhibitions on the adjoining wall at the base of the block fronting onto Roehampton Lane.

Future proposals to tidy up and brighten the look of this block could build on the success of the 'Alton pop-up panel of art' and could feature further artwork by the community on the upper floors of the building. This might include a 38-metre-long canvas, painted by local residents using their feet during a Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2022 collaboration between the Alton Regeneration Team and artist Sol Golden Sato, named 'Happy Feet', which could be displayed above the pop-up art gallery on Danebury Avenue. The rear side of the block facing St Joseph's church could also be decorated with a canvas designed by local schools, children and youth groups, based around an agreed theme. It is intended that any design should be striking and colourful, given that it would be seen at a distance from Roehampton Lane and Medfield Street.





The former Youth Club

The former Youth Club / Safer Neighbourhood Team / Housing Office building on the corner of Danebury Avenue and Holybourne Avenue is currently vacant and is in very poor condition and unsuitable for occupation. Proposals for this building, pending demolition, could expand on the success of the pop-up gallery and centre around the idea of using the external areas of vacant buildings to exhibit various forms of artwork produced by the community, including photographs, poems, drawings and paintings; thereby visually enhancing this vacant space. Each exhibit could be displayed for a finite period of time and then changed to showcase the work of a different artist, based on a rolling programme of temporary artworks. Alternatively, each wall of the building could be utilised by a different artist. There is also potential to use the railings and gates outside this building as part of any artwork display.

ONEOFTHE8, an organisation featured on the council's Art and Culture team's network of local art groups, has been identified as a potential collaborator with whom to start this series of artwork. ONEOFTHE8 showcase words, graphics, quotes and images of real people from around the world to create a series of messages of positivity from a diverse population. ONEOFTHE8 also specialise in presenting podcasts where they interview the people they feature in their artwork. There may be the opportunity for ONEOFTHE8 to host podcasts with the Roehampton community or to offer free sessions to young people at local youth clubs on how to create podcasts on a low budget.

Best practice examples

In undertaking a review of meanwhile uses on the Alton estate, we have drawn upon best practice from other initiatives to see how the best use of space can be made to bring value to the community. The images on this page provide just a few examples of meanwhile use ideas elsewhere in South West London.



Hive Café, Roehampton University



Beeline Way, New Malden



Beeline Way, New Malden



Pocket Park, New Malden



Approach Road, Raynes Park



Approach Road, Raynes Park



The Community Brain, Tolworth



The Community Brain, Tolworth

Next Steps

In considering future meanwhile uses across the estate, it will be important to understand the needs and desires of the local community. Where possible, engagement will be undertaken and the community will be involved in the design, development and delivery of meanwhile use projects, which should result in a feeling of pride and ownership and encourage proactive maintenance of the area by residents. Research into other local meanwhile use schemes will also continue to be undertaken. Consideration will also be given to the cost of implementing different projects, with a clear understanding that balancing financial constraints against projected duration for use of a space will inevitably result in some projects being unviable.

The areas to be considered for meanwhile use improvements are not limited to those already identified in this report. As conversations with local groups and residents over meanwhile uses develop, or further ideas for projects or areas of the estate to focus on come to light (for example public realm such as the library green area or another shop unit becomes available) they will be duly considered.



Review of activities

During the course of the last 12 months a large variety of projects and activities have taken place across the Estate, which hundreds of local residents have attended. As set out in The Action Plan each activity is assessed against the Engagement Strategy to ensure that the identified key principles and core objectives are being achieved.





Weekly information stall

The information stall runs every Friday between 2-4pm, promoting events and activities happening in Roehampton. Community organisations are encouraged to publicise their events and local residents are encouraged to put forward suggestions and provide feedback about the events they have attended.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Residents and visitors to the Alton
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	Weekly on Fridays between 2-4pm
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance



Weekly information stall

Purpose and desired outcomes

The weekly information stall gives the Regeneration Team members a visible presence in the community – making them accessible to residents and visitors. Working closely with dedicated volunteers and Alton community champions, who are generous with their time, the team is able to encourage stall visitors to get involved in the community events, offer suggestions and provide feedback.

Results

Provides the team with a valuable opportunity to engage with the local community, identify issues and concerns, gauge interest, build relationships and collect valuable feedback. It also offers residents an opportunity to put themselves forward for volunteering activities.



The value of the information stall in facilitating connections and discovering skills was recently demonstrated when a visitor stopped for a chat and was told about an upcoming jewellery making workshop. The stall visitor advised that she had some skills and knowledge to offer and within a few days she was participating in a workshop, teaching people how to make earrings.



Creation of Alton Arts Hub

Re-purposing of a former juice bar to create a colourful and inspiring new space in Portswood Place. Created for the use of community groups and organisations, with an emphasis on arts and cultural activities. In the winter of 2021, the façade underwent a colourful transformation, and the unit was named the “Alton Arts Hub” to reflect its role as a multi-discipline arts and cultural space.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors
Engagement Category	Place
When?	Winter 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance





Creation of Alton Arts Hub

Purpose and desired outcomes

Creation of a more attractive, colourful and engaging space for local residents and groups. Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing.

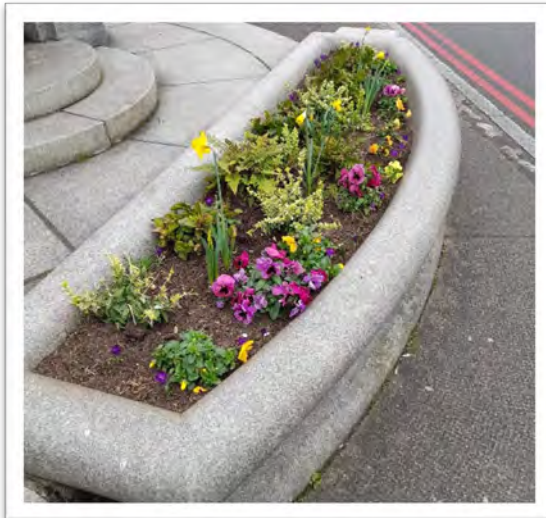
Results

Art Arts Hub is used by a number of local groups and organisations, including Ubuntu Museum, Lost Souls Poetry Group, Coda Dance Company and Roehampton Resounded. The space has been used for a variety of purposes, including: a fabric making workshop; a dance space, stand-up poetry performances; and an art, sound, vision and improvised music installation. South West London CCG also used it in February/March 2022 as a pop-up Covid vaccination clinic.



Alton Greened – Medfield Street Trough Planting

Planting daffodil and crocus bulbs in the troughs around the Medfield Street drinking fountain



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with Alton Greened and using crocus bulbs donated by the Putney Rotary Club
Target audience	Anyone with an interest in gardening
Engagement Category	Place + Live Well + Age Well
When?	17 November 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Collaborative working✓ Support health and wellbeing✓ Environmental themes✓ Creative and engaging✓ Clear benefits✓ Community-led✓ Relationship building✓ Developing interests and skills✓ Inclusive and accessible



Alton Greened – Medfield Street Trough Planting

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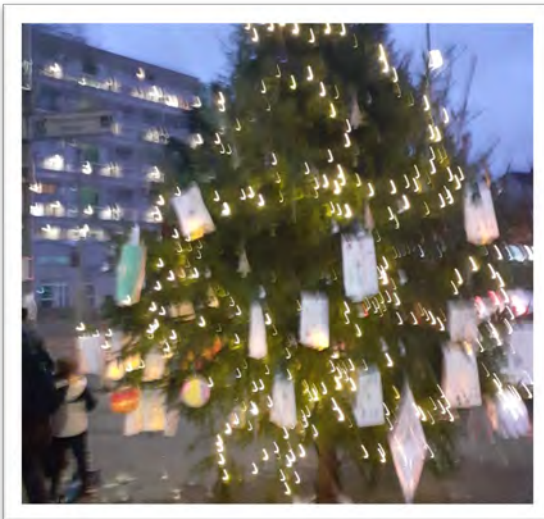
Purpose and desired outcomes

Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing and make a positive contribution to the local environment. Residents were encouraged to take an interest in the appearance of the historic drinking fountain, which is Grade II Listed.

Results

A worthwhile and enjoyable event for the 10-12 adults who participated in this activity. Plants were generously donated by the Wimbledon Foundation and crocus bulbs were kindly donated by the Putney Rotary Club. The planting provided uplifting colour when the bulbs flowered in the spring. Local volunteers have continued to water, dead head and weed the troughs throughout the year.





Alton Christmas tree and festive events

Installation of the Roehampton Christmas tree. A series of festive activities included lantern making with children from Heathmere School; bauble making – using hand-cut festive shapes provided by Roehampton Community Sheds; a lantern parade; and an official tree lighting event.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with Roehampton Community Sheds and Heathmere School
Target audience	For the enjoyment of the whole community, with festive events arranged to suit different age groups
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well



Alton Christmas tree and festive events

When?	17 – 30 November 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Festive events to engage the local community, bring people together and encourage creativity.
Results	<p>Roehampton Community Sheds started making the baubles for the 2022 tree in September, based on the popularity of the decorations in 2021. More than 100 people decorated a bauble for the Roehampton Christmas Tree in 2021. Schools have also made early enquiries about the lantern parade. The Christmas Tree light switch-on drew an encouragingly large crowd of more than 120 people – including school children, parents, teachers and other local residents. The tree lighting event also provided an opportunity for a young local opera singer to introduce her talents to a wider audience – the popularity of her performance resulted in her hosting a musical night of her own during Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2022!</p>



Share the Love

A Christmas Card making workshop to support Age UK Wandsworth's objective of sending a hand-written card, with a positive message of love and support, from a child in our community to every isolated older resident in Wandsworth.

Organisers

Alton Regeneration Team supporting Age UK Wandsworth's objective

Target audience

A family crafting activity designed to benefit isolated older residents in Wandsworth.

Engagement Category

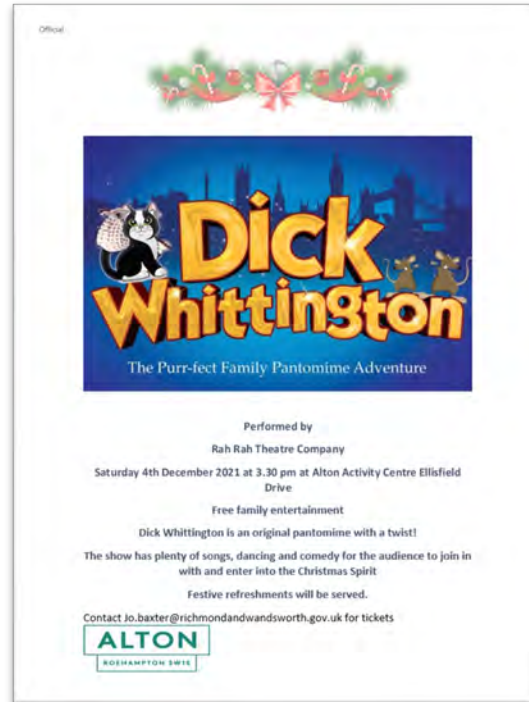
Start Well + Live Well + Age Well



Share the Love

Christmas Card making workshop

When?	2 December 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	<p>A creative and engaging event for young crafters. Aiming to raise awareness about the issue of loneliness and isolation amongst older residents at Christmas time. The Alton Regeneration Team wanted to assist Age UK Wandsworth to meet their objective of sending every isolated older resident in Wandsworth a hand-made and hand-written Christmas Card.</p>
Results	<p>The workshop was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by participants who knew that the cards they made would make a real difference to the recipients at Christmas time. All isolated older residents that were known to Age UK Wandsworth received a handmade Christmas Card.</p>



Pantomime fun for people of all ages

Two different performances of the classic pantomime, Dick Whittington were staged to appeal to different audiences.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team, performed by the Rah Rah Theatre Company
Target audience	For the enjoyment of the whole community, with two festive performances arranged to suit a family audience and a group of over 55s
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	3 and 4 December 2021



Pantomime fun for people of all ages

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Improve mental health and wellbeing. Providing entertainment in the form of singing, dancing, and comedy. Engaging people of all ages in the arts.

Results

Both pantomimes proved very popular. 40 residents attended the performance for over 55s, with residents from several sheltered schemes joining regulars from the Over 60s' café to ensure the Manresa Clubroom was operating at maximum capacity. The family panto was also attended by more than 50 people and the success of both events prompted the booking of further pantomime performances in 2022.



Grand opening of Roehampton Community Shed

Following a forced closure during the pandemic, a lengthy planning application process, and several months of collaboration between the Shed team, Age UK and the Alton Regeneration Team to redecorate the former takeaway shop unit, the Shed fully reopened again in its bigger and brighter premises.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team, Roehampton Community Shed, Age UK
Target audience	Over 55s
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	6 December 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance



Grand opening of Roehampton Community Shed

Purpose and desired outcomes

Celebrate the re-purposing of a disused retail unit. Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing and encourage shed visitors to support other community initiatives and make a positive contribution to the Alton environment. Roehampton Community Shed has been commissioned by the Alton Regeneration Team to assist with a number of other activities and initiatives throughout the year e.g. making bug hotels for installation in Harbridge Avenue, hand cutting Christmas decorations for crafters to decorate

Results

The Roehampton Community Sheds has gone from strength to strength and the growing number of participants really enjoy helping the local community. Projects have included making hedgehog boxes for SW15 Hedgehogs charity, bug hotels for the Alton, and Christmas decorations for the Alton tree. The Shed also acts as a repair shop for residents with broken items, who can pop in to get them fixed.



Roehampton Christmas Market

Roehampton Christmas Market in Portswood Place featured more than 20 stalls selling a range of gifts, sweets, and baked goods. There were food stalls offering Filipino, Caribbean and Indian cuisine, as well as the popular Over 60s' Café. Attendees were treated to live entertainment, free crafting and the opportunity to meet Santa!



<p>Organisers</p>	<p>Alton Regeneration Team with input and contributions from Roehampton University dance and theatre team, Putney Rotary, and Roehampton Community Sheds.</p>
<p>Target audience</p>	<p>For the enjoyment of the whole community.</p>
<p>Engagement Category</p>	<p>Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place</p>



Roehampton Christmas Market

When?	11 December 2021
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing and bring different communities together.
Results	More than 200 residents turned out to enjoy Roehampton’s first Christmas Market, where £240 was raised through stall fees and donations. More than 100 children were able to visit Santa – many of whom probably wouldn’t have had another opportunity to do so. Donations were split equally between Little Village and Wandsworth Food Bank. The market gave local groups and charities, who prepared and served hot food, the opportunity to raise funds. A Christmas market is also planned for 2022.



Love is Al-ton Around You!

A crafting activity to create an impressive display of messages of love and appreciation.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	For the enjoyment and involvement of the whole community.
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	11 and 14 February 2022



Love is Al-ton Around You!

A crafting activity to create an impressive display of messages of love and appreciation.

Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Support health and wellbeing✓ Creative and engaging✓ Clear benefits✓ Community-led✓ Relationship building✓ Inclusive and accessible✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Participants of all ages were encouraged to leave a message and decorate a wooden heart or love tag – for a loved one, someone who’s no longer with us, or even an adored pet!
Results	An uplifting event which generated lots of positive feedback from participants who were glad to share messages of love. 100 wooden hearts and 50 cardboard tags were given out for residents to decorate and write on.





Come for a chat

Ask
about the
Covid-19 Vaccine

NHS
South West
London

11am-2pm
Thursday 24 February,
Thursday 3 March

Alton Estate
6 Portswood Place
Roehampton, SW15 4ED

www.swlondonccg.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in-clinics

Pop-up Vaccination Centre

Organisers	NHS South West London & Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Anyone eligible for a 1 st or 2 nd Covid-19 vaccine or booster jab.



Pop-up Vaccination Centre

Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	24 February & 3 March 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	<p>Provide a convenient location for people to drop in and get a Covid-19 vaccine or booster without needing an appointment. Staff were also on hand to talk to anyone who had questions about the vaccine – without being put under any pressure to have it.</p>
Results	<p>The service was well received and appreciated by those who used it – particularly those who had imminent travel plans and required boosters. The NHS SWL commented that it was their most successful pop-up and they are looking to use Portswood Place as a pop-up hub for other health-related events and services.</p>



Supporting International Women’s Day

Creation of an International Women’s Day (IWD) wall at the undercroft on Danebury Avenue to highlight why IWD is still important. An evening of spoken word, song and dance from inspirational Roehampton women.

Organisers	Roehampton Women’s Network and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	All welcome, including children
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	3 & 8 March 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance



Supporting International Women's Day

Purpose and desired outcomes

Celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

Results

Although the event was hosted by Roehampton Women's Network, it was conceived and organised by the Regeneration Team's own Jo Baxter. A packed turnout of more than 100 was achieved, with attendees representing the diverse range of communities on and around the estate. The warmth and support in the room enabled a lot of women to share their experiences in a safe space – including one person who had not spoken in public before and gave an inspiring account of her journey.



Card making workshop

Children were invited to make a Mother's Day card for their mum, or other special woman in their life. The kids also made flowers out of paper straws, ribbon, buttons and felt.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	23 March 2022



Card making workshop

Objective check

- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Creative activity for the enjoyment of children, which also provided an opportunity for parents/carers to relax with a cuppa whilst the children were occupied. Children were encouraged to think about how they wanted to express their appreciation.

Results

Lots of very happy mums woke up on Mother's Day to receive a handmade card! Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.



Supporting Autism Acceptance Week

The Alton Regeneration Team worked with local resident volunteers to create a community wall on the undercroft at the top of Danebury Avenue to mark the start of Autism Acceptance Week.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team supporting the National Autistic Society
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	28 March 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Raising awareness and sharing advice and information.
Results	We were able to provide families with resources and signpost them to services. A successful awareness-raising initiative.



Portswood Place mini makeover

Mini makeover at Portswood Place to add colour, improve the environment and encourage people to use the Arts Hub. Sandra – one of the residents – recycled fabrics to make beautiful bunting.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors
Engagement Category	Place
When?	March 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible



Portswood Place mini makeover

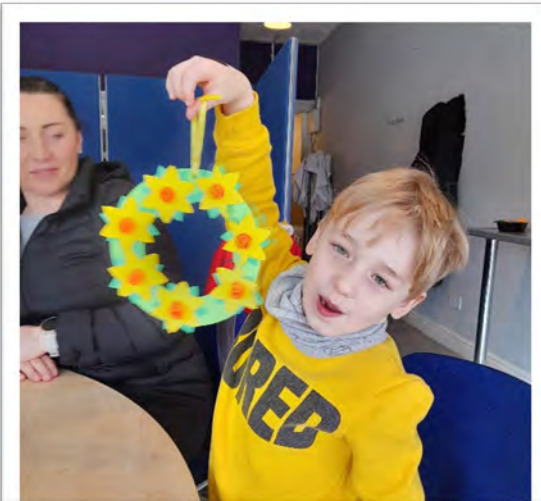
Purpose and desired outcomes

Creation of a more attractive, colourful and engaging space for local residents. Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Results

Improvements to Portswood Place attracted local support. One resident volunteered to hand make all the new bunting; another resident added all the new planters. Portswood Place is now looking much brighter and more attractive.





Spring arts and crafts

Family arts & crafts workshops have proved popular with local residents who have requested more of them. Spring crafting activities, which took place in April, included a celebration of daffodil season and an Easter bonnet making workshop.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	4 and 11 April 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance



Spring arts and crafts

Purpose and desired outcomes

Arranged in response to requests from residents, the family craft workshops were designed to be fun and engaging whilst incorporating environmental themes.

Results

A really popular and enjoyable event to mark the arrival of spring. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.



Roehampton Resounded

An immersive experience with live music, art and film – a mindful sound journey into Roehampton and the Alton.

Organisers	Roehampton Resounded, Wandsworth Arts Fringe and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	For the enjoyment of the whole community, with two festive performances arranged to suit a family audience and a group of over 55s
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	8 and 9 April and 25 June 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible



Roehampton Resounded

Purpose and desired outcomes

Open to everyone as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2022

Results

The team behind Roehampton Resounded really like the space that the Alton Arts Hub provides and both events were really well attended.



Egg-tastic party

Easter party featuring a scavenger hunt, face painting, sunflower seed planting and pom pom animal crafting.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team & Roehampton Library
Target audience	For the enjoyment of the whole community
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	13 April 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Collaborative working✓ Support health and wellbeing✓ Environmental themes✓ Creative and engaging✓ Clear benefits✓ Community-led✓ Relationship building✓ Developing interests and skills✓ Inclusive and accessible✓ Have wider relevance



Egg-tastic party

Purpose and desired outcomes

Family activities to engage children over the school holidays.

Results

The Egg-tastic party was organised by the Alton Regeneration Team in collaboration with Roehampton Library and the venue was packed out, with a queue of people waiting to participate. We anticipated about 80 attendees, but the actual number was 240! This also saw a threefold increase in the number of children's books that the Library loaned out.



Back to my Youth

At the over 55s “Spice of Live” event for Black History Month in October 2021, residents told us they wanted to hear more MOBO. “Back to my Youth” was arranged in response to this request and a karaoke machine which was funded by Roehampton Community Week was put to good use!

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Over 55s
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	22 April 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Improve mental health and wellbeing.



Back to my Youth

Results

After the Black History Month event, residents expressed a desire to attend an event that would feature the music they danced to in their youth. Back to my Youth was arranged for this purpose and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. The event was greatly appreciated by those who had tabled the original idea.



A RIGHT ROYAL JUBILEE KNEES UP

Queen's Jubilee Party
Friday 27th May 3 - 6pm
Manresa Clubroom
Fontley Way SW15 4LY



Join us for
a buffet and live Rock & Roll music
Prizes to be won at the raffle
Bring your own drinks
For a free party ticket
Email
jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
or call 020 8788 1439
Hosted jointly by the Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers
& the Alton Regeneration Team

A Right Royal Knees Up!

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers and the Alton Regeneration Team jointly hosted a Queen's Jubilee Party in the Manresa Clubroom.

Organisers	Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers & Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Over 55s living in or around the Alton
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	27 May 2022



A Right Royal Knees Up!

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

A fun event to bring older residents together and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Results

A thoroughly enjoyable party, which nobody wanted to leave!



Jubilee celebrations
Crown & Flag Making Workshop
MONDAY 30TH MAY 2022
2.00 - 3.30 PM



At The Alton Arts Hub
6 Portswood Place
SW15 4ED
Brought to you by the Alton Regen Team
No Booking Required
@AltonMasterplan

Crown & Flag Making Workshop

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Alton Regeneration Team organised a Crown & Flag Making workshop. .

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	30 May 2022



Crown & Flag Making Workshop

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Arranged in response to requests from residents for more craft activities, the family craft workshops were designed to be fun and engaging whilst celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Results

Families had a great time crafting together and were able to wear their crowns and wave their flags throughout the Jubilee celebrations. Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.



Jubilee Celebrations
Make Jewellery Fit For A Queen
TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2022
2.00 - 3.30 PM



At The Alton Arts Hub
6 Portswood Place
SW15 4ED
Brought to you by the Alton Regen Team
No Booking Required
@AltonMasterplan

Make Jewellery Fit for a Queen

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Alton Regeneration Team a jewellery making session. Participants were able to make Jubilee charm bracelets and also decorate trinket boxes.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Young people and families.
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	31 May 2022



Make Jewellery Fit for a Queen

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Arranged in response to requests from residents for more craft activities, the family craft workshops were designed to be fun and engaging whilst celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Results

The jewellery making workshop was particularly popular and at times offered standing room only. Despite the demand everyone was able to take a bracelet and jewellery box home.



Plant For The Jubilee
Plant Red, White & Blue Crocus Bulbs
&
Make Decorative Plant Tins To Take Home



WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022
2.00 - 3.30 pm
Meet by the Mural on Harbridge Avenue
Tools provided
Brought to you by the Alton Regen Team
No Booking Required
@AltonMasterplan

Plant for the Jubilee

Planting red, white and blue crocus bulbs to brighten up Harbridge Avenue and making decorative plant tins to take home.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Local families, those with an interest in gardening
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	1 June 2022



Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Environmental themes
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing and make a positive contribution to the local environment. The event also included the installation of two new bug hotels and attendees were encouraged to admire the new Lime tree planted to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Results

The planting session was well attended by 30-40 parents and children. Children learned some gardening skills and promised to assist with ongoing maintenance by weeding and watering the tree pits.



A Message to our Queen

An art piece designed by Estate Art for Roehampton, displaying messages to our Queen. The project was funded by a special Wandsworth Jubilee Grant Fund.

Organisers	Estate Art and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors.
Engagement Category	Start Well +Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	5 June 2022



A Message to our Queen

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Environmental themes
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Encourage creativity and participation in the preparation of an attractive art installation.

Results

Jo Baxter from the Regeneration Team supported Estate Art in preparing and submitting a successful application for a Jubilee Grant, which made the project possible. Residents were able to write messages of gratitude to the Queen for her loyal service. People really appreciated the artwork and frequently used it as a selfie background. Following the Queen's death, the artwork became a focus for tributes and reflection.



Father's * Day Card Making Workshop



*Or special man in your life
Thursday 16th June
3.00 - 4.30 pm
Alton Arts Hub
6 Portswood Place SW15
Hosted by the Alton Regen Team
@AltonMasterplan
www.altonstateregen.co.uk

Father's Day Card making workshop

Children were invited to make a Father's Day card and keyring for their dad, or other special man in their life.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	16 June 2022



Father's Day Card making workshop

Objective check

- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Creative activity for the enjoyment of children, who were encouraged to think about how they wanted to express their appreciation.

Results

Many local dads were delighted to wake up to receive hand made cards from their children! Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.



Lost Souls Live

The Lost Souls poetry night was hosted by the Alton Regeneration Team in the Alton Arts Hub as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team hosting a Wandsworth Arts Fringe event
Target audience	Residents and visitors to the Alton
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	17 June 2022



Lost Souls Live

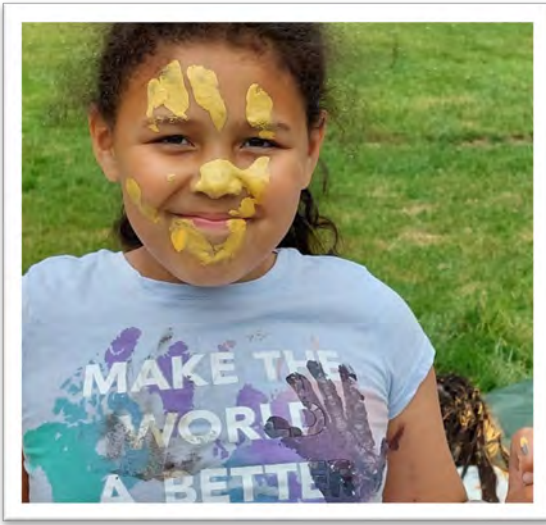
<p>Objective check</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible
<p>Purpose and desired outcomes</p>	<p>Lost Souls poetry group are a community of poets introducing an eclectic mix of personalities through the words they write. A creative, engaging and thought-provoking event arranged as part of the diverse Wandsworth Arts Fringe programme.</p>
<p>Results</p>	<p>The Alton Arts Hub was made one of Wandsworth Arts Fringe’s featured venues. Lost Souls Live included the Arts Hub in their tour of the Borough and provided some residents with their first opportunity to experience live, stand-up poetry.</p>



Happy Feet

Alton residents and visitors were invited to put their best feet forward and participate in the creation of what is potentially the largest ever street painting.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team as part of Wandsworth Art Fringe
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	18 June 2022



Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Collaborative working✓ Support health and wellbeing✓ Environmental themes✓ Creative and engaging✓ Clear benefits✓ Community-led✓ Relationship building✓ Developing interests and skills✓ Inclusive and accessible✓ Have wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	A fun, creative outdoor event. The finished artwork will be housed on the estate.
Results	Thoroughly enjoyed by the participants – messy play on a grand, creative scale!



Home is where the heART is

"Home is where the heART is" was the brainchild of Lynne Capocciama, the founder of Estate Art. Lynne rescued old wooden doors from a large house renovation. Instead of the doors going to land fill, they were delivered to nearby schools and youth groups, where young people turned them into artistic masterpieces, by painting them with their interpretation of 'home'. "Home is where the heART is" is the second exhibition to go on display in the Alton Outdoor Gallery, on the site of the former Co-op block on Danebury Avenue.



Organisers	Estate Art and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Young people (involved through local schools and youth groups)
Engagement Category	Start Well + Place
When?	21 June 2022



Home is where the heART is

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Environmental themes
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Encourage creativity and participation in a community art project, which encouraged participants to think about the benefits of recycling and express what home means to them.

Results

Local schools and youth groups were able to display their artwork in an outdoor gallery that lots of people pass and admire every day. The creation of this amazing outdoor art installation, reused unwanted materials and is much loved and appreciated.





Roehampton – A Night at the Opera

A free local event, requiring no booking, giving everyone the opportunity to attend an operatic performance.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe
Target audience	Free event, open to all
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	21 June 2022



Roehampton – A Night at the Opera

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Celebrating local talent and bringing opera to the Alton as part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe.

Results

The event took place in the Holy Trinity Church, which is the proposed venue for an increasing number of community activities and performances. Featuring a talented local soprano and an internationally acclaimed pianist, the event was very well received and attended by more than 40 residents. Many of those who chose to attend A Night at the Opera had not attended any previous events.



Unveiling of a Jubilee Paver

The Mayor of Wandsworth joined residents for the unveiling of a Jubilee Paver in Portswood Place.

Organisers	Mayor of Wandsworth & Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Those living in or around the Alton with guests including attendees of the Over 60s' café.
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well + Place
When?	23 June 2022



Unveiling of a Jubilee Paver

Objective check

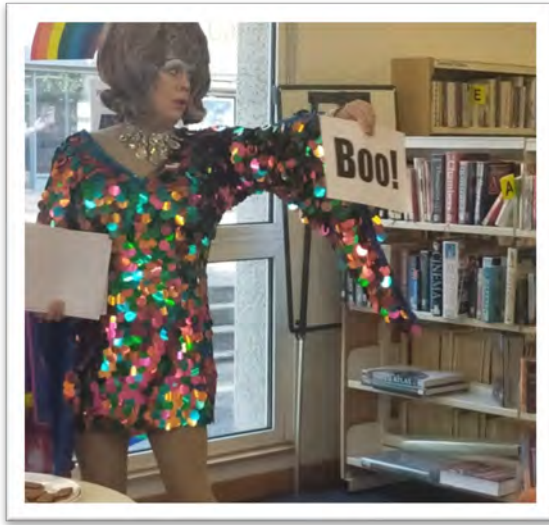
- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

A fun event to bring older residents together and formally mark the Platinum Jubilee. Timed to coincide with the Over 60s' Café.

Results

Celebrating the installation of a lasting reminder of the Queen's 70 years of public service. Residents were pleased that the paver was secured for installation on the Alton and it is much admired on a daily basis by many residents who use the shops at Portswood Place.



Story Time with Mama G

Combining panto, drag and the traditional art of storytelling, Mama G shares tales that celebrate being who you are and loving who you want.

Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team and Roehampton Library
Target audience	People of all ages (there were two sessions for children and adults)
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	27 June & 15 August 2022



Story Time with Mama G

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Entertaining, amusing and thought-provoking events to encourage individuality and positivity.

Results

A community celebration of Pride with an event for young people and adults – each of which attracted a crowd of more than 25 residents.



Swinging 60'S
 Over 55's Event
 Rah Rah Theatre present
 a fun musical set in the 60's
 with well known hits, dancing
 and comedy
 Friday 22nd July
 4.00 - 6.00 pm
 Manresa Clubroom, Fontley Way, SW15
 Bring your own drinks
 Hosted by the Alton Regeneration Team
 For free tickets contact
 jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
 07974586335

Keep it groovy

Swinging 60s

Having received positive feedback about previous musical comedy events, this "Swinging 60s" event was arranged for over 55s.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team, performed by the Rah Rah Theatre Company
Target audience	Over 55s
Engagement Category	Age Well
When?	22 July 2022



Swinging 60s

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible

Purpose and desired outcomes

An accessible and entertaining cultural event for the over 55s.

Results

Those attending were singing along to tunes they enjoyed in their youth and requested the event be repeated. Events for over 55s prove particularly popular, with venues always operating at capacity.



Seaside Fun

“Seaside Fun” is the latest in a series of family crafting sessions, arranged for the school holidays in response to feedback from residents.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families.
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	3 August 2022



Seaside Fun

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible

Purpose and desired outcomes

Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children during the summer holidays.

Results

Children were able to participate in no less than three different activities – crafting, a temporary tattoo parlour, and ice cream flavour mixing! Family crafting events are always very popular and typically attract 35-50 children per session.



Breast Cancer Now Fundraising Afternoon Tea

Jointly hosted by the Alton Regeneration Team and Roehampton Library.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team & Roehampton Library
Target audience	Alton residents and visitors.
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	10 August 2022



Breast Cancer Now Fundraising Afternoon Tea

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

A locally organised afternoon tea event, providing an opportunity for residents and visitors to socialise, whilst supporting a wider fundraising and awareness-raising initiative.

Results

More than 40 residents attended – many of whom baked cakes and cookies – helping to raise over £240 for Breast Cancer Now.



Circus Time Crafting and Mask Making

A family crafting session, hosted during the school holidays by the Alton Regeneration Team at the Alton Arts Hub.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Children and families
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well
When?	23 August 2022



Circus Time Crafting and Mask Making

Objective check

- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible

Purpose and desired outcomes

Entertaining creative event to occupy and inspire children and provide support to parents during the summer holidays.

Results

Families had a great time participating in circus-themed crafts and creating fun masks, which they could be seen wearing around the estate. The “ice cream café”, which proved enormously popular during the Seaside Fun crafting session earlier in the month, also made a return.



Recycling Challenge

The Regeneration Team took part in Recycling Week by hosting a Recycling Challenge.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Alton Estate residents and visitors
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	20 September 2022



Recycling Challenge

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Environmental themes
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible
- ✓ Have wider relevance

Purpose and desired outcomes

Organisation of an interactive challenge encouraging people to test their recycling knowledge by identifying materials that can be recycled rather than becoming landfill. Part of the wider Recycling Week initiative which aims to improve recycling behaviours.

Results

More than 40 people, of all ages, took the "Recycling Challenge" to test their knowledge and understanding of what can and can't currently be recycled in Wandsworth. Certificates and badges were given to everyone who participated. Our top recycling champion was able to categorise all 15 objects correctly!



Run, Walk, Scoot

Mini-marathon around the Alton estate, with medals awarded to all those who participated.



Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	People of all ages and abilities
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	2 October 2022
Objective check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Have wider relevance



Run, Walk, Scoot

Purpose and desired outcomes

Following on from a successful event in 2021, Run, Walk, Scoot is a fun event, which encourages participants to be active and follow a flexible route that takes in many of the community venues around the estate

Results

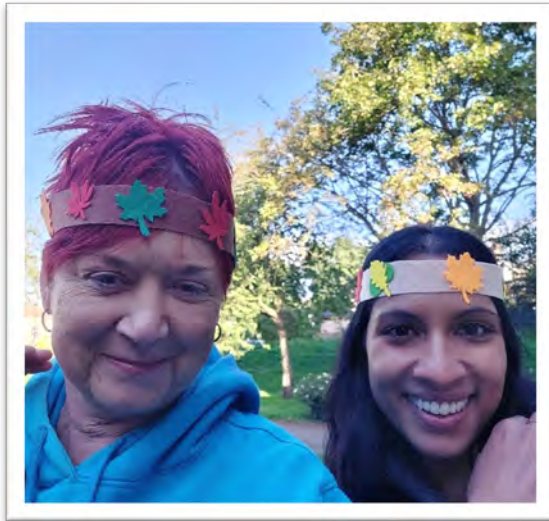
It had unfortunately been necessary to postpone Run, Walk, Scoot more than once in 2022 but it still proved to be as popular as ever. The weather was perfect – resulting in the consumption of many ice pops by those who completed one of the course options.





A Tale of 2020

A “Communiversality Project” written by Orode Faka and involving the University of Roehampton and several other community organisations, with support from Alton Regeneration Team.



Organisers

Written by Orode Faka, involving the University of Roehampton and several other community organisations and supported by Alton Regeneration Team

Target audience

An outdoor performance, suitable for all ages, offering wheelchair access.

Engagement Category

Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well

When?

2 October 2022



A Tale of 2020

Objective check

- ✓ Collaborative working
- ✓ Support health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creative and engaging
- ✓ Clear benefits
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Relationship building
- ✓ Developing interests and skills
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible

Purpose and desired outcomes

An accessible creative performance, written to appeal to a wide audience, to bring people together.

Results

A collaborative project, culminating in the performance of a fable on a new "Strange Attraction" mobile space.

