

The Alton Engagement Action Plan, November 2021
Ensuring the best possible engagement with Alton residents and stakeholders



Background

In November 2020, we published a Community Engagement Strategy following our 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.

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 and 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 the 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 have also been listening very carefully to the feedback we've been given, to help shape engagement activities for the future.

"In over 25 years of staring out of our window and looking at a rundown area of the estate, we finally have something very eye catching, welcoming, clean and modern to look at. It has brought life into an area, that the shops and community will thrive on."

Hayden Harbud, Heanens Wholesale Meats, Petersfield Rise

"It's great there are no walls because that means there are no barriers"

Comment overheard from a young visitor to the outdoor gallery on Danebury Avenue

"It was a good laugh, thoroughly enjoyed and well organised. Perfect for coming out of lockdown. I can't wait for the next one" Sandra speaking about "Rock Around the Clock"

"Completely new experience for me and I want more" "Wow! That was incredible" "Amazing! Brilliant" "Experiences like this one are needed" "I would stay here forever. Seriously, this is unreal. I'm speechless"

Audience quotes about @codadance Digital Dance Experience

"We have all activities here for women - around fitness, health, mental health and fun activities. There's also good advice on how to get jobs and access education. It's all about empowering women"

Vicky Piggot speaking about the Roehampton Women's Inspirational Event

"It feels like there is a real buzz on the estate with lots going on now"

Comment made by one of the "Spice of Life" Caribbean Party attendees.

"This is great! So creative & educational. Hope you can keep the project going. Great for the local community." Anonymous participant at the Kids Recycled Art workshops.

"The new premises have transformed the offer of the Shed. The larger space and better configuration massively expand the opportunities of what we can do. Our vision for the long-term is to create a whole repair shop movement – showing people how to make and mend things themselves."

Philip Benton, Roehampton Shed Management Committee

"So nice to see a creative hub for youngsters especially one using recycled materials. Look forward to seeing what's next." Anonymous participant at the Kids Recycled Art workshops.

Engagement Categories

We have chosen to arrange our proposed engagement activities into the four categories set out in the Wandsworth Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which identifies the 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 quality of places makes a valuable contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. The Alton regeneration will deliver well-designed homes for existing and new residents, two new community centres with wide ranging facilities, public realm improvements and a better-connected estate with improved links and pedestrian and cycle routes. Overall, the regeneration will make the Alton a place where people of all ages want to live, work and spend time.

Through the Engagement Action Plan, we will continue to involve the community in the development of the Alton. Many of the activities we arrange can be aligned with and relate to wider initiatives and campaigns. Activities that have taken place so far have:

promoted the re-use and recycling of materials e.g. the re-use of window panels to create the award-winning "Panel of Art" on Danebury Avenue

celebrated the historic environment e.g. the celebration of the Downshire Field bull's 60th birthday connected people with nature e.g. seed bomb making workshop to encourage pollinators encouraged community gardening, with the establishment of a new "Alton Greened" gardening group

Start Well

What happens in pregnancy, childhood and adolescence, impacts on physical and emotional health all the way through to adulthood. Patterns of healthy behaviours are often established early in life through education and what is observed at home in the family, and childhood outcomes can function as indicators of later health problems. Younger adults can be more prone to risk-taking behaviour, with tobacco use and binge drinking generally being associated with this group.

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 the reduce the likelihood of risky behaviours. We seek to improve mental wellbeing and build mutually-beneficial relationships across generations.





Live Well

Our social environment has an impact on what we do both directly, through our opportunities and the availability of resources, and indirectly, through associated stresses and pressures. The causal chain leading to long-term conditions is complex. The impact of a person's social and environmental surroundings, including employment and housing, and factors such as loneliness and isolation influence the uptake of unhealthy behaviours. Unhealthy behaviours and exposures go on to account for a high proportion of disease. The subsequent impact of poor health and mental wellbeing results in huge costs to the individual, the economy, and the health and social care system.

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

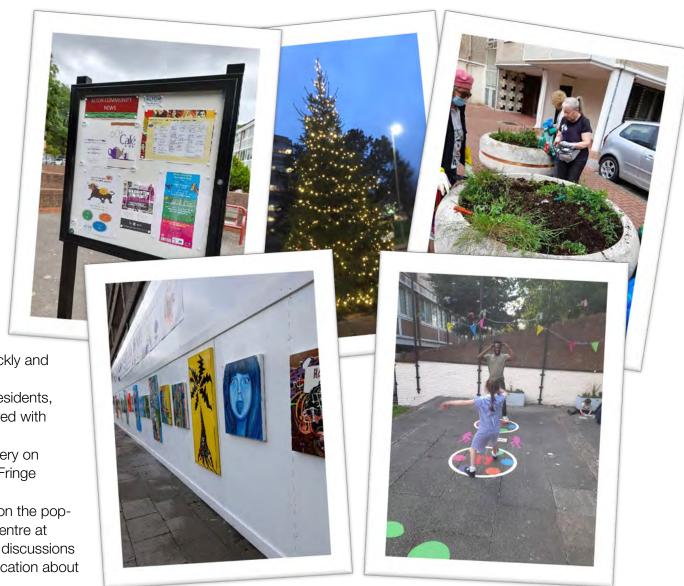
The accumulated impact of behaviours and exposures earlier in life, combined with functional decline lead to increased levels of disease in older people.

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.



Notable actions have included

- The installation of a Christmas tree and lights on Danebury Avenue, with a tree pit put in place for future trees, at the request of residents
- The production of Roehampton's own 2020 version of the 12 Days of Christmas featuring Alton residents
- The appointment of our new Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator, Jo Baxter, on 1st March 2021
- Improvements to the paving and landscaping outside the retail parade on Petersfield Rise
- A "makeover" featuring new play graphics, planters, lighting, and a mural – to an area of open space on Harbridge Avenue which residents have renamed Harbridge Square
- The set-up of a text message distribution list so that residents can receive news and event information relating to the Alton Regeneration quickly and directly
- The formation of a new group of green-fingered residents, called "Alton Greened" who are keen to get involved with community gardening
- Creation of the pop-up "Panel of Art" outdoor gallery on Danebury Avenue (Winner of a Wandsworth Arts Fringe Audience Choice Award 2021)
- The installation of new community notice boards on the popup gallery at Danebury Ave, outside the Activity Centre at Harbridge Ave & Portswood Place in response to discussions with residents about the need for better communication about events and activities



Review of activities to date



What?	Witley Point opening
	A socially-distanced opening event featuring mural painting, daffodil planting and the construction of a bug hotel to encourage wildlife.
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with Heathmere School
Target audience	Children from Heathmere School
Engagement Category	Start Well + Place
When?	October 2020
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental focus ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible
Purpose and desired outcomes	A celebration of the transformation of the Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area to help mark its completion and advertise the facility to local children and families. Introduction of Estate Art and environmental themes.
Results	Helping to make the Witley Point MUGA a well-loved and well-used space.



What?	The Roehampton Community Shed
	Transformation of a disused retail unit in Portswood Place to create more space for the Roehampton Shed and allow socially-distanced working.
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with Age UK's Roehampton Shed team
Target audience	Older people
Engagement Category	Age Well
When?	October 2020
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	A Covid-19 and community wellbeing initiative to engage, entertain and increase positivity during the lock down period.
Results	Transformation of a disused retail unit and provision of more space for creative activities.



What?	Alton Christmas tree and Christmas events Installation of the town centre's first Christmas tree and the creation of a permanent tree pit – in response to residents' requests for a Christmas tree in this location. A series of festive activities was also arranged including craft decoration making sessions.
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team and the Economic Development Office
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
When?	7 th December 2020
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	A Covid-19 and community wellbeing initiative to engage, entertain and increase positivity during the lock down period.
Results	Engaging members of the community. Helping to improve the visual appearance of the estate with decorations hung in shops cafés and other community hubs.

"Alt. Vibes!"

A Spring in the step around Roehampton

A Covid-19 and community wellbeing initiative

In lieu of the planned parade through the Alton Estate and the University of Roehampton campus, we welcome all members of the community to view the performances online.

Featuring members of the London Samba School and the Second Line Band from the World Heart Beat Music Academy, the prerecorded performances can be viewed on the University of Roehampton's YouTube channel on Saturday 20 March at 2pm.

Free samba classes

In the build up to this performance launch, we are holding free online Carnival samba classes for all abilities.

When: Friday 12 and 19 March Time: 1.30 - 2.00pm Where: Zoom

Meeting ID: 813 1091 8787 Passcode: AltVibe

"Alt. Vibesi" is a university, council and community supported initiative funded by a grant from Research England Strategic Priorities Fund.







What?	Alt. Vibes! Online performances featuring members of the London Samba School and the Second Line Band from the World Heart Beat Music Academy. Ahead of the online performances, free online carnival samba classes were held for people of all abilities.
Organisers	Joint initiative between Alton Regeneration Team and Roehampton University
Target audience	People of all ages and abilities
Engagement Category	Live Well + Age Well
When?	26 th February, 5 th , 12 th & 19 th March 2021 and Saturday 20 th March 2021. The online performances are available to view on YouTube.
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	A Covid-19 and community wellbeing initiative to engage, entertain and increase positivity during the lock down period.
Results	Four well-attended samba classes. The online performances have been viewed almost 1,000 times on YouTube.



Little Village is like a foodbank but for baby equipment, clothes, and toys. We build small, warm communities of families who support one another with dignity and love when times are tough.

We are opening a 'little' Little Village hub in Roehampton and we need your help!
We are looking for volunteers who are available on a Monday or Tuesday ((0-1pm) to help sort donations, pack for families, and support when these items are collected.
We will be based at Eastwood Children's Centre, 166 Roehampton Lane.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer please email us on volunteer@littlevillagehq.org

We work in line with government regulations to ensure a safe volunteering environment for all.

Little Village, a gift from one family to another. w. www.littlevillagehq.org

Registered charity number: 1169735

What?	Supporting and Promoting Little Village Roehampton
Organisers	Little Village Roehampton with support from Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	People looking for volunteering opportunities and those wanting to help families in Roehampton.
Engagement Category	Start Well
When?	March – May 2021.
Objective check	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Generation of support for local families and identification of possible volunteers.
Results	Many donations of toys received and delivered to Little Village.



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What?	Seed Bomb Making Workshop Making, decorating and planting seed bombs around the tree pits on Harbridge Avenue. The event was organised in response to feedback about the appearance of Harbridge Avenue.
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	A family activity for people on Harbridge Avenue
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	2 nd June 2021
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Encouraging people to take an interest in nature, tend to seeds and watch them grow. Providing vital resources to support a wide range of insects. A fun, creative half-term holiday activity to boost mental health and wellbeing. Opportunity to brighten up the area and bring nature to people's doorsteps.
Results	Provided an opportunity to connect people who have an interest in gardening. More growing/gardening events are planned to build upon the success of this event. Planters and hanging baskets now provided in what the residents now call "Harbridge Square".





What?	Panel of Art
	Creation of a pop-up art gallery on Danebury Avenue, in direct response to resident feedback about the drab appearance of this part of the Avenue.
Organisers	Estate Art in Roehampton and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Local artists and for the enjoyment of anyone who lives or spends time in the area. Aligns with the "Place" method of addressing local needs.
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	From 5 th July 2021.
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 ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Encourage the reuse and recycling of discarded materials. Encourage creativity and boost skills. Improve mental health and wellbeing. Provide access to cultural activities in Roehampton, encouraging cultural diversity and engagement in local arts. Accessible for everyone to enjoy, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Improve the visual appearance of site hoardings in place on Danebury Avenue.
Results	The "Panel of Art" outdoor gallery has become a much loved and talked about centre piece of the estate. The gallery won a Wandsworth Arts Fringe Audience Choice Award in 2021.



What?	Roehampton Community Week
	A community-led initiative involving a week-long series of community projects and events across the area.
Organisers	Roehampton Response Network which included the following organisations: Alton Regeneration Team, Citizens Advice Wandsworth, Estate Art in Roehampton, The Putney Society, Rackets Cubed, Regenerate, Roehampton Methodist Church, Roehampton Rocks, Ubuntu Museum.
Target audience	Designed to suit people of all ages, abilities, and interests.
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	5 th July – 11 th July 2021.
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 ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Bring people together and improve our community.
Results	With many events led by the Regeneration Team, Roehampton Community Week was a great success with: 37 community events in 7 days; 1,800 total attendees; 48 organisations, schools, groups and residents involved; 3 refurbished communal spaces; 1 outdoor art gallery.



What?	CoDa Dance Digital Dance Experience A dance company which specialises in working with people with neurological conditions and uses the most cutting edge ways of making dance.
Organisers	CoDa Dance Company working with Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	People over the age of 8.
Engagement Category	Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	6 th & 7 th July 2021.
Objective check	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance
Purpose and desired outcomes	Enabling people to make digital artwork with their bodies and learn new skills. Telling the stories of people affected by neurological conditions.
Results	Received a large amount of positive feedback, prompting further discussions with Roehampton University's dance department to plan more dance and art activities for the Alton.

WANDSWORTH ARTS FRINGE

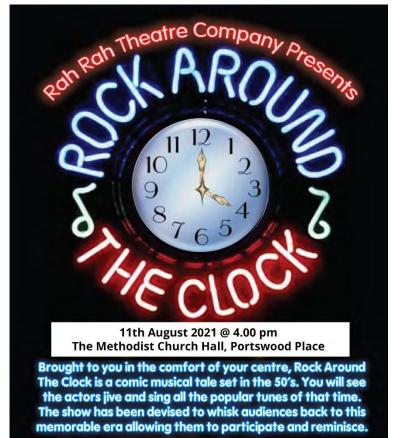
What?	Wandsworth Arts Fringe
	An open access arts festival. Promotion of the WAF programme for 2021.
Organisers	WAF team and Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	Open access arts festival to appeal to anyone with an interest in the arts
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	From 25 th June – 11 th July 2021.
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	Encouraging cultural diversity and engagement in local arts. Improve mental health and wellbeing.
Results	There were a number of Roehampton-specific events during the Fringe and the pop-up "Panel of Art" was awarded an audience choice award 2021.



What?	Harbridge Square Community Space Opening Celebrating the opening of a new space for families and local residents on Harbridge Avenue. This new space was created in response to resident appeals for more outdoor play spaces to be made available to young people. Residents were asked what improvements they wanted to see and the Regeneration team helped to deliver a colourful makeover.
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team
Target audience	A family activity for people on Harbridge Avenue and from the wider community. Aligns with the "Place" method of addressing local needs.
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well
When?	7 th July 2021.
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	Creation of a new, more interesting and engaging space for local residents. Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing.
Results	The area has been renamed "Harbridge Square" by local residents who are taking pride in the space.



What? Organisers	Roehampton Resounded Artists installation with sound, art, video and improvised music. Resident artists and creatives working with Alton Regeneration Team				
Target audience Engagement Category	Open to anyone with an interest in the arts or the estate Place + Live Well + Age Well				
When?	7 th and 8 th August 2021				
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	Encouraging cultural diversity and engagement in local arts. Improve mental health and wellbeing.				
Results	A very well attended event that the organisers plan to put on again.				



What?	Rock Around the Clock Free comic musical theatre for residents of the Alton aged 60+ along with friends, family, or carers.				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team and the Rah Rah Theatre Company, supported using funding by Arts Council England.				
Target audience	60+ residents and their families, friends or carers.				
Engagement Category	Age Well				
When?	11 th August 2021.				
Objective check	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Inclusive and accessible 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	Improve mental health and wellbeing. Engage people in the arts.				
Results	For many residents this was their first event since lockdown was lifted. The residents were up laughing and dancing and have asked if we can book Rah Rah theatre to return again for their panto at Christmas.				



What?	Alton Greened Launch of Alton Greened – a new gardening group launched in direct response to resident feedback about how much they enjoyed other gardening events. The group started with a planting session at Hilsea Point and subsequently expanded their planting sessions into Medfield Street and Petersfield Rise.				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with "Alton Greened" the new community gardening group, using plants donated by the Wimbledon Foundation.				
Target audience	Anyone with an interest in gardening.				
Engagement Category	Place + Live Well + Age Well				
When?	12 th August 2021.				
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 ✓ Wider relevance 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	Improve mental and physical health and wellbeing. Make a positive contribution to the local environment. Support bees and other pollinators.				
Results	Brings together residents who have an interest in gardening and the environment. Residents are taking great pride in their beautiful planters.				



What?	The Wagon of Dreams A live, interactive theatre show for children.					
Organisers	Wandsworth Arts team, Alton Regeneration Team and Wagon of Dreams					
Target audience	Children aged 3+ and their families.					
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well					
When?	13 th August 2021.					
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	Improve mental health and wellbeing. Engaging children in the arts.					
Results	Brought together generations of families for a fun and entertaining afternoon of theatre.					



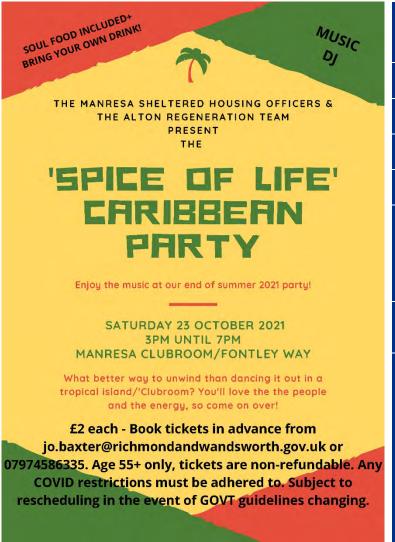
What?	Happy Birthday Bull! A birthday party to celebrate the Alton bull turning 60! Guests enjoyed: games (including pass the parcel), crafts (producing some brilliantly painted bulls) and cake!					
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team					
Target audience	Open to everyone. Aligns with the "Place" method of addressing local needs.					
Engagement Category	Place					
When?	19 th August 2021					
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible 					
Purpose and desired outcomes	Helping people to celebrate the historic environment.					
Results	Connecting people with one of the features on the estate and explaining some of the history.					



What?	Run, walk, scoot! Active event encouraging people to choose a route around the Alton, visiting all the community halls to receive a stamp before finishing and collecting a medal at the "Panel of Art" on Danebridge Avenue.				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team				
Target audience	Open to everyone				
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well				
When?	26 th September 2021				
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	Encourage participation in healthy activities and raise awareness about some of the community facilities available locally.				
Results	Over 60 participants completed the course – including three generations of one family and the youngest participant was just a few weeks old. A lot of the people who took part hadn't realised that the Alton had so many community facilities and they have all said that they would like it to become an annual event, with an even longer course.				



What?	Information Stall Organised in response to resident requests for more information about what's happening in the community, the information stall can be found next to the "Panel of Art" pop-up gallery on Danebury Avenue on Friday afternoons from 12-3pm.				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team				
Target audience	Open to everyone				
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well + Live Well + Age Well				
When?	Friday afternoons from 12-3pm				
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 ✓ Wider relevance 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	Share information with residents about community events. A Regeneration Team presence in the community for anyone who wants to meet, chat and ask questions.				
Results	Has been praised by members of the local community who stop by for a chat and to find out what's going on.				



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What?	Spice of Life Caribbean Party					
	Organised for over 55s to celebrate Black History Month.					
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team and Manresa Sheltered Housing Officers					
Target audience	55+ residents and their families, friends and carers					
Engagement Category	Age Well					
When?	23 rd October 2021					
Objective check	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Inclusive and accessible 					
Purpose and desired outcomes	Improve mental health and wellbeing. Engage residents with an international celebration of Black History					
Results	Attended by a cross section of over 55s from the estate, including four of the sheltered housing schemes. Residents from 55-98-years-old attended and enjoyed themselves so much that the event finished an hour later than planned! Many residents had the opportunity to try dishes they had never had before, including jerk pork and chicken, goat curry and rum marinated red snapper.					



What?	Super Hero Puppet Making				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team				
Target audience	Families looking for half-term activities				
Engagement Category	Start Well				
When?	27 th October 2021				
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	To show children in a fun way that any girl or boy can be anything they want to be – including a super hero				
Results	A cross section of families from the estate enjoyed making puppets, whilst learning new skills including sewing. The children were able to choose which puppet they wanted to make from a choice of a BAME girl or boy and a white girl & boy. Most choose the BAME girl, with one boy saying she reminded him of his mum because she was pretty.				



What?	100 Daffodils for Harbridge					
	Daffodil planting around tree bases					
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team working with Alton Greened, using 4,000 additional crocus bulbs donated by the Putney Rotary Club					
Target audience	Anyone interested in gardening and families looking for half-term activities					
Engagement Category	Place + Start Well					
When?	28 th October 2021					
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 ✓ Wider relevance 					
Purpose and desired outcomes	Following on from the successful planting around Harbridge Avenue, we sought horticultural advice and were advised to plant around tree bases on the estate. The Harbridge Avenue planting 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.					
Results	A cross section of families from the estate and women from Ahmadiyya community joined in. In fact, so many people came along that we were short of spades, however the children took it in turns to dig and plant.					



What?	McKinney House Open Days Open days for Alton Estate residents to view the completed McKinney House				
Organisers	Alton Regeneration Team				
Target audience	Alton Estate residents				
Engagement Category	Place				
When?	5 th & 6 th November 2021				
Objective check	 ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Relationship building ✓ Inclusive and accessible 				
Purpose and desired outcomes	Opportunity to show Alton Estate residents around the newly completed McKinney House block and listen to their feedback. Aim was to show residents the type of accommodation they can expect from future regeneration phases.				
Results	Many residents were able to envisage how their new homes may look, as the regeneration project moves forward.				

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
Portswood Place mini makeover	Alton Regeneration Team	TBC	November (date TBC)	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	Ongoing improvement to the local environment with colourful, uplifting creative arts influence.

What?	Organiser	Target Audience	When?	Objective check	Purpose and desired outcomes
Alton Greened event at the Medfield Street troughs	Alton Regeneration Team/Alton Greened volunteers	Anyone with an interest in gardening	Wednesday 17 th November	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Environmental themes ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Community-led ✓ Relationship building ✓ Developing interests and skills ✓ Inclusive and accessible ✓ Wider relevance 	Planting bulbs to provide some lovely spring colour. Encouraging people to take pride in local features.
Lantern Parade	TBC	TBC	30 th November 2021	TBC	TBC
Christmas Tree light switch on	TBC	TBC	30 th November 2021	TBC	TBC
Christmas Market	TBC	TBC	11 th December 2021	TBC	TBC
Rah Rah Theatre Panto – Dick Whittington	Alton Regeneration Team/Rah Rah Theatre	Over 60s' performance and family performance	December 3 rd & 4th	 ✓ Collaborative working ✓ Support health and wellbeing ✓ Creative and engaging ✓ Clear benefits ✓ Inclusive and accessible 	TBC
Making bee and bug hotels	TBC	TBC	March 2022	TBC	TBC

Ongoing monitoring, listening, and learning

We are already monitoring the success of engagement events by listening to residents, inviting feedback, and monitoring the turnout. Our events programme will respond to evolving needs and priorities, with activities organised in response to residents' interests, requests and suggestions. We will update and publish an Engagement Action Plan – setting out our evolving objectives, principles and actions – at least once a year.