

Alton Bus Rally **& Running Day**

Sunday 21st July 2024

10am to 4pm

HSDC Alton College, Old Odiham Road, Alton, Hampshire

EVENT UPDATE

The Alton Bus Rally & Running Day is back this year, on Sunday 21st July, and will be held at a new location, Alton College.

Our decision to move from Anstey Park was a very difficult one as it would require the event to be scaled back and the format changed to fit any new site, but it was a stark choice of new venue or no event.

Unfortunately, it isn't possible to resolve or sufficiently mitigate the issues that would allow a successful and safe event to continue to be held at Anstey Park. The main issues the event faced were financial stability, spiralling costs, loss of income, insufficient volunteers, volume of traffic on site and lack of staff facilities.

We considered all alternative venues in Alton and it soon became apparent that there was only one viable alternative site and the teams' efforts focused on looking at whether it would be possible to hold a scaled down event keeping as many of the most popular aspects of the Alton Bus Running & Running Day as possible. Regrettably, as the new site is smaller there is insufficient space for a display of other vehicle types. We've therefore gone back to our roots as a bus only event.

It is worth bearing in mind at this point that the teams' expertise and experience is with Alton and as such there was no desire from anyone in the team to hold an event outside Alton. Also, there is no suitable alternative site in Alton as big as Anstey Park. In addition, any new site would need to have staff facilities, sufficient toilets and require less volunteers to run it.

We are trialling this new style event and if it is successful and proves popular then it is our intention to hold the event annually. If you would like to know more about the event you can find details on our website.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support of our event and look forward to welcoming you to our new venue on Sunday 21st July.

Claire and the Alton Bus Rally & Running Day Organising Team
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