

ALTON CANOE CLUB

NEWS LETTER

October 2025



Just a quick update and 'thank you' to those who attended the AGM on Friday 19th September.

A copy of the AGM minutes and accounts are available if requested.

Alton Canoe Club Committee members for 2025/26

At the AGM, the following members were re-elected as this year's committee:

Chairman	Ken Campbell
Treasurer	Sandy Polak
Secretary	Stephen Mannerings
Welfare Officers	Kate Mannerings, Pip Eldridge and Rebecca Bissonnet
Health & Safety Officers	Stephen Mannerings and Rob Fowell
Training Officer	Kate Mannerings
Committee member	Caroline Levey
Committee member	Steve Egginton

Pool nightly fees

It was agreed at the AGM that the Friday night pool fee would increase to **£6.00** per session if paid poolside with cash or cheque and increase to **£6.50** for electronic payment via the website.

These revised fees will come into effect from 1st October

Membership fees and renewal

Annual membership fee has remained almost the same for this year, but with a few minor revisions!

- Senior membership now starts for those aged over 14 on the 1st October.
- Family membership modified to a maximum of three members at the same address.
- An 'Outsiders' membership fee has been introduced for members wishing to paddle outside with the club this year.

Senior	£50.00
Junior	£40.00 (under 14's)
Family	£100.00 (max 3 members at the same address)
Outsiders	£25.00
Supporter/Partner	£ 5.00

Your membership is **due for renewal on the 1st October** and this year's form is attached, or it can be obtained either via our website or at poolside.

REMEMBER - Please complete one membership form per person and return it pool side, by post or scan and email to:

Stephen Mannerings. 75 Mint Road. Liss. Hampshire. GU33 7DQ. stephen@mintdc.co.uk

Juniors (under 14's and up to 18) – Please remember we need a parent/guardian to complete the rear contact detail section of the membership form.

Membership and pool session payment

Please make your payment either:

- Poolside (cheque or cash)
- By PAYPAL via our website.

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AGM Award's

Congratulations to Tilda Hok, who is this year's recipient of the Alton Canoe Club personal achievement award for her increased skills, helping poolside and our first summer rescue without swimming!
Carl Duncan for winning last December's pool rolling competition award.
Rob Fowell for help on the committee and bankside during the summer session was awarded the Brian Barton award for services to the club.

OTHER NEWS

Pool session

The restructured timings and evening content issued with the previous newsletter will continue.
A copy is available poolside.
Please remember to share boats on busy evenings, please don't wait to be asked!

Paddle UK (originally British Canoeing)

Alton Canoe Club is still affiliated to our governing body – now known as Paddle UK.

As discussed last year, **Paddle UK** is tasked by the Government to bring all affiliated club up to the relevant standards for the environment in which they participate.

During the past year we have made a considerable effort to try and understand and comply with these prescribed requirements and now have 10 additional members with a first aid qualification, 11 members with PaddleSport Explore certificates and 2 additional welfare officers.

A summary of members qualifications can be found poolside.

This still falls slightly short of coaching requirements, but it is a positive progression that will be continued.

Paddle UK membership

If you are interested in more details and/or becoming an individual member of 'Paddle UK', check out their website for details: www.paddleuk.org.uk - best of luck, it's a bit of a monster!

The main benefits are:

Individual third-party liability insurance cover, a free Environment Agency and British Waterway's licence and access to training schemes - plus discounts from a number of suppliers.

It also slightly reduces our annual contribution to the 'club affiliation' cost!

OTHER EVENTS.

Please see the calendar for proposed dates and venues. Remember that they will be confirmed or cancelled nearer the time.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Club, please contact anyone from the committee poolside or through the contact page on the website.

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