

ALTON CANOE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 2026



A quick update and 'thank you' to those (17) who attended the AGM on Friday 25th September 2026.

A copy of the AGM minutes and our accounts issued at the meeting 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	Pip Eldridge, Rebecca Bissonnet and Kate Mannerings
Health & Safety Officers	Stephen Mannerings and Rob Fowell
Committee member	Caroline Levey

Pool nightly fees

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

Membership fees and renewal

Annual membership fee will also remain the same for this year, see below.

- Senior membership starts for those aged over 14 on the 1st October.
- Family membership covers a maximum of three members at the same address.
- An additional 'Outsiders' membership fee continues 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 (payable on or before 1 st March 2027)
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 via our website or a hard copy poolside.

REMEMBER - Please complete **one membership form per person** and return it by hand 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 Rebecca Bissonnet, who is this year's recipient of the Alton Canoe Club personal achievement award for her increased skills especially on more interesting water and helping poolside. Carl Duncan for winning (again) last December's pool rolling competition award. The Brian Barton award for services to the club was held over until next year as we all gave equal service to ensure the club continues to shine!

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Pool session

The restructured timings and evening content will continue as last year, as the majority of paddlers found the structure more rewarding.

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... .. by the end of this year!

During the past year we have made a considerable effort to try and understand and comply with these prescribed requirements and now have a total of 20 members with a first aid qualification, 2 Welfare officers, 2 Safety officers, 11 members with PaddleSport Explore certificates and 8 who have completed a Safety & Rescue course.

A summary of members qualifications can be found poolside.

This still falls slightly short of obtaining more formal instructing and coaching qualifications, but it is a positive progression that will be continued this coming club year.

We will be issuing an update after Christmas.,

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

The main benefits of being an individual PaddleUK member are:

- Individual third-party liability insurance cover.
- A free Environment Agency and British Waterway's licence.
- Access to training schemes – please note that you will be required to hold individual membership if you wish to progress further along the Instructor, Leader and Coaching routes.
... .plus discounts from a number of suppliers.

It also very slightly reduces our annual contribution to '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.