**Employment – Exhibitor Biographies**

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| **Organisation** | **Description** | **Contact Details** |
| Absolute Healthcare Providers | Absolute Healthcare provide nursing, personal care and companionship services to local children and adults.  We are a family run, local care business with an enviable reputation based on a loyal team of dedicated carers and a unique nursing-led approach. We employ, train and invest in local care staff who choose a long term career with us. | Suite 2, Pyramid House, 59 Winchester Road, Four Marks, Hampshire, GU34 5HR  01420 769658  [www.absolute-healthcare.co.uk](http://www.absolute-healthcare.co.uk) |
| Barclays Bank | The Barclays Foundation Apprenticeship Programme is designed to support and develop people into entry level roles in Barclays, and is open to anyone over 16.  You could be just out of school or just out of retirement. There’s no average age. No average background. No experience you need or qualifications you should have.  Joining our programme is a fantastic way to begin a career. A career that could span many years and give you qualifications and experience. | joinus.barclays.com/emea/apprenticeships/ |
| Brendoncare Foundation | Brendoncare is a registered charity, dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people through our care homes, close care facilities and social clubs across the South of England.  We have a range of employment and volunteering opportunities available in our homes and clubs. | The Old Malthouse, Victoria Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 7DU  01962 852133  [www.brendoncare.org.uk/](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk/) |
| Elstead Lighting Ltd | Elstead Lighting is a UK manufacturer and supplier of decorative lighting.  Established in 1969 at the blacksmith forge in Elstead Village, Elstead expanded and moved to Alton in 1971 where they now employ over 110 staff across UK, Poland and China.  They now supply interior, exterior and portable lights to more than 50 international countries. | Elstead House, Mill Lane Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2QJ  T: 01420 82377 or 01420 590444  [www.elsteadlighting.com](http://www.elsteadlighting.com) |
| Esdevium Games | Esdevium Games is an established, vibrant, fast growing multi-million pound distributor of games, collectibles and toys across the UK and Europe. Esdevium’s many and varied product ranges include the Dobble card game, and they are the exclusive UK distributor of the Pokémon trading card game.  Initially established in Aldershot in 1996, Esdevium moved to Alton in 2000.  In 2010, Esdevium Games became part of the Asmodee Group with offices across Europe, the USA and Asia. In addition to distribution, Asmodee are the publisher behind a number of Esdevium’s most popular games. | Unit 6, Waterbrook Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2UD  Tel: 01420 593593  [www.esdeviumgames.com/](http://www.esdeviumgames.com/) |
| G&B Electronic Designs | G&B Electronic Designs Ltd are an award winning manufacturer who produce high-quality electronic product and PCB assemblies that are valued around the world.    Established in 1982 above a motorcycle shop in Haslemere, this privately owned, family run company has grown from strength to strength and is now located in Bordon, Hampshire with a valued team of 55.    G&B aim to be the UK’s Electronic Manufacturing Partner of Choice. | G&B Electronic Designs Ltd 54 Woolmer Industrial Estate Bordon GU35 9QF  01420 474188  www.gandbelectronics.co.uk |
| HMP Send | Her Majesty’s Prison Service offers a range of opportunities within different establishments.  There are specific opportunities for Officer Support Grades, Officers and Administrators. | Ripley Rd, Ripley, Woking, Surrey GU23 7LJ  01483 471000  [www.justice.gov.uk/contacts/prison-finder/send](http://www.justice.gov.uk/contacts/prison-finder/send) |
| Jobcentre Plus | Jobcentre Plus provide a range of services to support people into employment and works closely with employers to fill vacancies. | Jobcentre Plus, 5 Butts Road, Alton, GU34 1ND  01420 602600  [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) |
| Local Treasures | Local Treasures matches skilled and experienced Treasures, usually aged over 50, to the needs of local clients looking for help with a whole range of tasks including gardening, DIY, housekeeping, sewing, book keeping, dog walking, childcare, decorating and so much more.  The company is expanding its operation and is looking for more people to join their local teams of Treasures. | Office 5, Lavant House, 39 Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3EL  0333 23 41168  [www.localtreasures.me/](http://www.localtreasures.me/) |
| Morgan Innovation & Technology Ltd | We are passionate about innovation that will make a difference in tomorrow’s world.  Morgan Innovation & Technology (MIAT) is an innovation company that designs, develops and manufactures new products in both medical and commercial industries.  We have a unique approach to funding where 20% of turnover is invested into speculative R&D to enable people to bring their ideas to market. We offer a complete idea to manufacture service or a bespoke blend of services. | Unit 17, Petersfield Business Park, Bedford Road, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3QA  01730 895900  [www.morgan-iat.co.uk](http://www.morgan-iat.co.uk/) |
| EST Radian | Radian operates an Employment, Support and Training service that is offered to residents, supporting them into employment, reducing barriers and providing work related training. | Radian Group Ltd, Collins House, Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh, SO50 6AD  0300 123 1567  www.radian.co.uk/ |
| Robert Simmons Solicitors | Robert Simmons Solicitors offers the services of a traditional High Street practice backed by modern technology. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff assist our Clients through every stage of their transactions.  We actively recruit from the local area and offer “work experience” and volunteering opportunities on a regular basis | 15a Turk Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1AG  Tel: 01420 550650  [www.robert-simmons.co.uk](http://www.robert-simmons.co.uk/) |
| Sainsburys | Sainsbury’s commitment to helping customers live well for less has been at the heart of what we do since 1869. Today that means making our customers’ lives better and easier every day by offering great quality and service at fair prices – across food, clothing, home ware and financial services – whenever and wherever they want it. As our customers’ lives change, so will our business. Sainsbury's is now one of the UK’s leading food and non-food retailers - a multi-product, multi-channel business with fast delivery networks. | 3 Draymans Way, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1SS  01420 544252  [www.sainsburys.co.uk/jobs](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk/jobs) |
| Site Equip | Site Equip supplies sanitation and welfare to the events, construction and building industries across the South.  Operation includes long term hire of site chemical toilets, accommodation, fencing and signs, as well as short term hire for events.  Current vacancies include drivers, yard operatives, cleaners, a Supervisor/Foreman and a Carpenter/ Multi-skilled Tradesman | The Avenue, Lasham, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5SU  01256 384134  www.site-equip.co.uk/ |
| Tactical Solutions | As a leading UK Field Marketing agency we are passionate about delivering retail opportunities for our clients in the top four multiple supermarkets, convenience stores and cash & carry warehouses across UK and Ireland.  Our overall focus is to improve sales, accessibility and visibility for our clients’ products on the shop floor, across all sectors from food & drink, clothing and pharmacies to DIY.  Using a mix of technology, data and analytics, and old-fashioned shop floor relationships, our retail experts are tasked daily with coming up with new ways of selling more products and creating long-term growth for all of our clients. | Lakeside Business Village, St Davids Park, Ewloe, Flintshire, CH5 3YE  01244 289164  www.tactical-solutions.co.uk/ |
| The Alton Post Gazette | The Alton Post Gazette is part of the Surrey and Hants News Group owned by Tindle News.  Tindle News is proud to boast that the content of each and every publication is truly local. Local people, local places and local faces, giving a voice to the local community wherever you are.  The Alton Post Gazette was established in 1859 and is still going strong! It delivers 8,500 copies every week reaching 73.5% of the total households in the Alton area. | Tindle House, High Street, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0AY  01420 485183  [www.altonpostgazette.co.uk/](http://www.altonpostgazette.co.uk/) |
| The Best Connection | The Best Connection commenced trading in April 1991, specialising in the supply of temporary labour within the industrial and distribution markets.  We currently have over seventy branches covering the whole of England and Wales. The areas covered from the Guildford branch include: Alton, Basingstoke, Camberley, Farnborough, Guildford, Woking and Haslemere.    We supply local temporary workers for local jobs be that Fulfillment work, refuse loading or warehouse work to name but a few roles. | 5 Pannells Court, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4EU  01483546241    [www.thebestconnection.co.uk](http://www.thebestconnection.co.uk) |
| The Treloar Trust | The Treloar Trust provides education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with physical disabilities from all over the UK and overseas. The main areas in which we work are the non-maintained Nursery and School (from 2 to 19 years) and College (from 16 to 25 years).  Founded in 1907 Treloar's is a registered charity with a turnover of around £19 million, with most income coming from fees paid by local authorities or by private funding. | Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4GL  01420 547400  www.treloar.org.uk/ |
| Voyage Care | Voyage Care provides support for thousands of people with learning and physical disabilities, brain injuries, autism and other needs across the UK.  We offer person centred care and support in a range of settings, and have experience of enabling people to move from a residential setting to a more independent supported living environment as their needs change. | Voyage Care  01543 484696  [www.voyagecare.com/careers](http://www.voyagecare.com/careers) |

**Training & Support – Exhibitors Biographies**

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| Alton Community Association | Alton Community Association runs a leisure learning programme which offers courses in languages, sport, art and crafts and special interests. We have 40+ courses running each term in various locations across East Hampshire.  We also act as a home to many other privately run classes, services and training opportunities available to our local community. | Alton Community Centre, Amery Street,  Alton, Hants, GU34 1HN  01420 85057  [www.altoncomcen.org.uk](http://www.altoncomcen.org.uk)  [acaenquiries@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:acaenquiries@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk) |
| Alton College Adult Education | Alton College offers opportunities to further your English and Maths skills, or to develop skills to work in Health & Social Care, bookkeeping, accountancy, learning support and other areas.  We also host groups such as the photographic club, Fine Arts society, Rock School, yoga, Fitsteps and Zumba | Alton College Old Odiham Road Alton Hampshire GU34 2LX  01420 592200  www.altoncollege.ac.uk/adult-education |
| Aspiral Learning | Aspiral Learning is a national training provider based within Basingstoke College of Technology.  We pride ourselves in supporting all ages through their apprenticeships, full time studies and lifelong learning journeys within their companies.  Whether you are upskilling in your existing job role or leaving school to start your new career we can support you all the way from entry level to master’s degree | Basingstoke College of Technology, Worting Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 8TN  01256 306237  www.bcot.ac.uk/business/ |
| Inspiring Enterprise | Inspiring Enterprise offers help to unemployed people from all walks of life, moving from being out of work and into the future they want.  We offer free support to help people develop the ideas, confidence and skills needed to become self-employed or create a social enterprise.  Support is available in the New Forest, North Hampshire and South West Surrey. Our free tailored support includes workshops, training days, one to one meetings, networking with other entrepreneurs and mentoring | Wates House Wallington Hill Fareham Hampshire PO16 7BJ  01329 223242  [www.inspiringenterprise.org.uk](http://www.inspiringenterprise.org.uk) |
| Learning in Libraries | Offering free courses/workshops in the East Hants area for those seeking work or who need support to be job ready.  We offer CV writing, Interview skills, confidence building and digital skills. We also offer courses and workshops for those thinking of/just starting in self-employment.  Libraries also offer free Wi-Fi and computer access to support your job hunting. | Based at:  Waterlooville Library  The Precinct  Waterlooville  PO7 7DT  02392 232957  [learningInLibraries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:learningInLibraries@hants.gov.uk) |
| M3 Job Club | The M3 Job Club is a registered charity, based in Basingstoke that supports those out of work to build their confidence, improve their job seeking skills and ultimately return to the workplace.  The community-based Charity seeks to build mutually beneficial relationships with locally based businesses, to offer expertise, opportunities to participants whilst utilising the project at times of restructure and redundancies. Local business offer skills training, tips and techniques to support the member’s journey back to employment. | Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 3DH  0844 80 27 562    www.m3jobclub.co.uk/ |
| National Career Services | Free service to everyone from age 18 years plus, whether in employment, doing an apprenticeships or currently unemployed.  We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work, including one to one sessions and group workshops | National Careers Service PO Box 1331 Newcastle Upon Tyne NE99 5EB  0800 100 900  [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/) |
| PopUp Business School | The PopUp Business School travels round the UK helping people to start small businesses and make money doing what they love.  All their courses are completely free and funded for you by Councils, Housing Associations and Sponsors | 512 Skyline Plaza, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, RG21 7AX  07971 938676  www.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/ |
| Sintassi | **Have you reached a certain age & asking yourself……What next?**  Sue Reeves from Sintassi will explore ideas with you to help you realise your full potential.  **Are you……….**  looking for a change in direction?  thinking of starting a business?  at a crossroads & want a new challenge?  hoping to achieve better work/life balance?  Would you like to chat about your ideas……….then come along and talk to Sue. | [sue@sintassi.co.uk](mailto:sue@sintassi.co.uk)  0118 947 4847 |
| U3A - Alton University of the Third Age | |  | | --- | | U3A is a unique and exciting organisation which provides life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities. Retired and semi-retired people come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward: the sheer joy of discovery!   Members share their skills and life experiences: the learners teach and the teachers learn, and there is no distinction between them. | | u3asites.org.uk/alton/home |

**Voluntary Organisations – Exhibitor Biographies**

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| Alton Beer Festivals | The Alton Beer Festivalsl raise money for local charities and worthy causes, with the continuing sponsorship of Triple *fff* Brewery. All profits—every penny—go back into the Alton community  Each beer festival involves nearly 100 volunteers, over 1200 punters at three sessions, 75 casks from over 25 brewers, 20 local and regional ciders, live music and entertainment, delicious curries and hearty traditional fare.  In 2017, we are adding an Oktoberfest event. | Fairways, Old Odiham Road, Alton GU34 4BU  07789 430892  [www.altonbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.altonbeerfestival.org.uk), |
| Alton Community Care | Alton Community Care was formed in 1975 and became a registered charity in 1978. We offer neighbourly help to those in need, mainly in the form of transport to medical appointments; our clients are usually the elderly and infirm.  Very occasionally we are asked to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc.  We need both drivers and coordinators (who take clients’ calls and distribute assignments to the drivers). Coordinators tend to work 2-3 days per month, no regular commitment is needed from our drivers.  We cover all reasonable expenses. | 01420 541520  [info@altoncare.org.uk](mailto:info@altoncare.org.uk)  [www.altoncare.org.uk](http://www.altoncare.org.uk) |
| Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) | Alton Local Food Initiative promotes the growing, buying and eating of local, responsibly-produced food, thereby reducing the environmental impact of its production, and transportation.  We have developed a number of plots and planters around the town where we do community gardening to grow vegetables, fruit and herbs. We encourage others to grow-their-own and support local produce in any way we can. We always welcome new volunteers to help us with our plots, our regular events and our quarterly newsletter. | altonlocalfood.org.uk/ |
| Alton Men’s Shed | A 'not for profit' community group, consisting of mainly retired men, working together for the benefit of Alton. | All Saints Church Car Park, Queens Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HU  01420 83870  www.hugofox.com/community/alton-men-s-shed-7793/about-us/ |
| Cardiac Rehab – (Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd) | A local Charity providing controlled, tailored, monitored and supervised exercise programmes along with health education for those either with or at risk of developing heart disease | Cardiac Rehab Centre, Chawton Park Road, Alton, Hampshire (access via Alton Sports Centre), GU34 1RQ  01420 544794  www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk/ |
| Citizens Advice | Citizens Advice East Hampshire offers confidential, independent, impartial and free advice. Our main advice centres are located in Alton, Bordon and Petersfield. We are a registered charity, part funded by East Hampshire District Council and local Town and Parish Councils. We rely on our teams of volunteers who undertake a range of vital roles supporting the local community. | Our local website: [www.citizensadviceeasthampshire.org.uk](http://www.citizensadviceeasthampshire.org.uk/)  Our national website with on-line support: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/)  Our regional phone line: 0344 4111306 |
| Whitehill & Bordon’s Help Hub | Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership and the charity Community First have set up a brand new service for local people in the town.  It is called the Whitehill & Bordon HELP HUB and provides local people with easy ways to get involved with their local community.  Members are invited to support some of the major events and activities in the town such as the annual firework display and Summer Fun Day.  HELP HUB members choose when they volunteer and what they want to do.  . | https://www.cfirst.org.uk/  [volunteer@wbtp.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@wbtp.co.uk) |
| Deadwater Valley Trust | We are a local conservation charity which manages the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and the Bordon Inclosure on behalf of the landowners Whitehill Town Council.  Volunteer Workparties meet every Monday to handle practical conservation tasks, and we also have monthly workparties on the first Saturday of each month.  We also lead wildlife walks in the local area, work with local schools to provide environmental education opportunities and have a junior rangers club.  If practical volunteering isn't your thing we also have a need for wildlife surveys, advertising, fundraising, IT and office work. | The Phoenix Centre, Barbados House, Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR  01420 479070  www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk/ |
| Dementia-friendly Alton | Local community group of volunteers that seeks to support, co-ordinate and publicise dementia-friendly activities in the Alton area, with the aim of ensuring that those with dementia and their families/carers are supported | Alton Community Centre, Amery St, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HN  07922 022321  www.hugofox.com/community/dementia-friendly-alton-7739/about-us |
| Energy Alton | Boosting sustainability at home and in the community.  A community group offering practical advice and information to householders and commercial premises on saving energy, money and CO2 emissions.  We also organise public talks and film screenings in Alton on environmental issues. | **07811 462 659**  www.energyalton.org.uk/ |
| Four Marks and Medstead Rotary | We are a dynamic, informal and welcoming Rotary branch, involved in a wide range of local community events.  Our annual events include the Medstead Over 70s luncheon, a Barn Dance/Ceilidh, and a Race Night. We also assist at local fêtes, charity runs and school fairs.  One major area of focus for us is with children and youth, including Young Writer and Young Photographer Competitions, supporting a youth sports awards scheme.  We are also committed to supporting local Young Carers, providing transport and volunteer time. | [www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=2051](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=2051) |
| Furniture Helpline | We collect good quality furniture from local residents and offer it, free of charge or at low prices, to people in need.  We are always looking for volunteers to prepare furniture at our Men’s Shed and assist with collections and deliveries either as a helper or relief driver. | Hampshire House, Hampshire Road, Bordon, GU35 0HJ  01420 489000  www.furniturehelpline.co.uk/ |
| Hampshire Constabulary | Hampshire Constabulary covers Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.  The force is represented today by a serving Special Constable.  He will be talking about his role as a Special and other openings for the over 50s as a Police Support Volunteer (PSV) or as a Police Community Support Officer. (PCSO), which is a full time role. | Southern Support & Training HQ, Hamble Lane, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire, SO314TS  www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/about-us/join-us/ |
| Hampshire Search and Rescue | HANTSAR is a charity which assists Hampshire Constabulary and other agencies to search for vulnerable missing adults and children.  HANTSAR is affiliated to [Lowland Rescue](http://www.lowlandrescue.org/) which forms part of the UK Search and Rescue Operators Group alongside Mountain Rescue and other organisations.  We are urgently looking to recruit more members for both our search and supporter teams and are especially keen on hearing from people who are available during office hours. | 03303 309506  [www.hantsar.org](http://www.hantsar.org) |
| Home-Start WeyWater &  Home-Start Butser | A local charity that recruits and trains local people who then support families in our community.  Volunteers commit to undertake a 40 hour preparation course which covers Safeguarding, Confidentiality and many other topics.  Families we support could have a disability, be isolated, have an illness or are just finding the trials and tribulations of being a parent tough. | 01420 473 555  [www.homestart-weywater.org.uk/](http://www.homestart-weywater.org.uk/)  01730 233755  [www.homestart-butser.org.uk/](http://www.homestart-butser.org.uk/) |
| Lions Club of Alton | Each year Alton Lions raise funds by organising events, markets and appeals.  Last year over £24K was donated locally to charities, community services, public events and individuals in need.  All members of the club are volunteers, and every penny raised goes to local good causes. | 0845 833 2701  [alton@lions105d.org.uk/www.altonlions105d.org.uk](mailto:alton@lions105d.org.uk/www.altonlions105d.org.uk) |
| St Michaels Hospice | At St. Michael’s Hospice we are dedicated to providing care to people who are affected by life-limiting illness.  We work hard to give our patients the best possible quality of life by providing specialist care and support, both within our Hospice in Basingstoke and at patients’ homes.  Our services are free of charge and are tailored to help patients and families cope as best they can with the challenges they face.  We are extremely proud that for every £1 donated by you over 80p is spent directly on patient care. | Basil De Ferranti House, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9NB  **01256 844744**  [www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/](http://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/) |
| The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre | The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre is a vibrant venue delivering theatre, music, dance and comedy performance as well as a broad range of activities and workshops for people living in Hampshire, Surrey and beyond.  Perhaps you would be willing to deliver some programmes to your neighbours, or are interested in helping with front of house, in the café & bar, box office, marketing, accounts, maintenance or a spot of gardening? | Station Road, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0LR  01420 472664  [info@phoenixarts.co.uk](mailto:info@phoenixarts.co.uk)  [www.phoenixarts.co.uk/support-us/volunteers](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk/support-us/volunteers) |
| The Alton Society | We are a civic society with membership open to anyone interested in promoting the future of the town of Alton.  We encourage the appropriate development of our town, whilst preserving and enhancing features of particular historical, cultural, aesthetic, and environmental importance.   We maintain a pro-active committee which represents the views of Society members, and facilitate initiatives to lobby for and against issues which impact Alton and its people. In addition we conduct physical conservation activities in Flood Meadows to ensure this wonderful facility is kept open and enjoyed by all Altonians. | [www.altonsociety.org.uk](http://www.altonsociety.org.uk/) |
| Vokes Lunch Club | As a trusted charitable organisation founded in 1968, we operate from our freehold premises in Alton. We serve lunch each weekday to our members in a warm and friendly setting.  ​  We employ a manager and two part-time cooks as well as having a group of volunteers who work at the club to assist our members.  ​  Want to help? Contact us to see what you can do to make a difference in the community you live in.  Every little bit of help is needed and appreciated. | Vokes Centre, 100 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5PB  01420 84235  info@vokeslunchclub.co.uk  www.vokeslunchclub.co.uk/ |