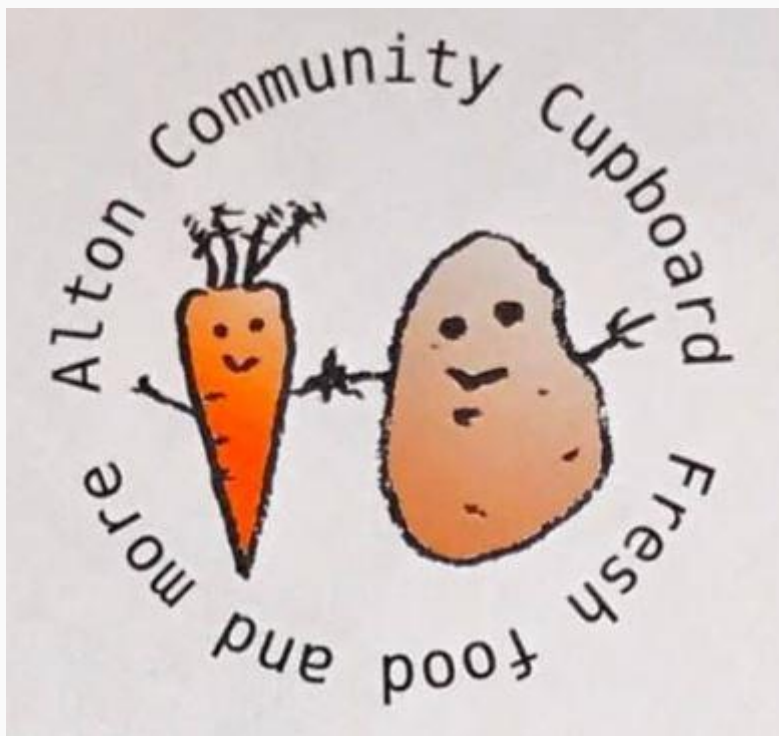




Roll up, roll up

This week (Friday 13th December) Alton's Community Cupboard opens its doors for the first time.

At the Scout Hut, Anstey Park. Fridays, 4pm – 6.30pm; Saturdays, 10-12.30pm



The Community Cupboard is a local initiative which aims to make surplus food, that would otherwise be thrown away, freely available to anyone who can use it.

We'll be collecting from supermarkets, food retailers, people's fridges and allotments and making the surplus available to anyone and everyone.

Who do you know who'd love this?

Please spread the word to family and friends and on social media.

Everything must go.

You may know that 'sell by' dates are a few days or, in some cases, weeks, before 'use by' dates and this means that supermarkets must get rid of the food on their shelves and in their fridges long before it goes off.

Charities or community groups picking up the surplus are not allowed to sell the food they are given, but giving it away for free is fine.

Some of the food from Alton's supermarkets is already collected by other charities and put to good use, but much remains behind. Alton Community Cupboard's ambition is to collect and give away a large portion of what is left.

Where The Alton Community Cupboard differs from a Food Bank is that it's available to all. It's aim is to reduce food waste. You don't need permission to come. You don't need a voucher, or to prove that you have no food. We will probably have tinned and packaged food but we'll also have fresh fruit and vegetables and bread, and ultimately we'll also have chilled items for your fridge. We can't guarantee what there'll be each week, but everyone is welcome to take some of what we have. Our mission is to reduce waste and everyone can help with that.

You can follow the latest on **Facebook** at ***Alton Community Cupboard*** or on **Twitter** ***@altoncupboard***

Please tell others about this scheme.

And if you'd like us to supply your own project with food, let us know. Wouldn't it be great if we were the first food waste free town?