# ALINGTON DENTAL

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# Welcome to Alington Dental

We pride ourselves on the investment in our dedicated team, technology and training so that we can offer the very best in general dentistry, maintenance and hygiene along with more complex treatments including orthodontics and dental implants.

Your naturally beautiful smile starts here.

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 5.30pm

> Friday 8.30am – 2.00pm

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# About us

#### We are trusted

As a patient of Alington Dental the health of your teeth is at the heart of our practice. We are dedicated to providing the very best in complete dentistry for all the family. We offer first-rate dental care, maintenance and hygiene and excel in the detailed treatments of orthodontics and dental implants. Notably, our excellent track record, reliability and trustworthiness mean we top the list for referring dentists across Dorset and the South Coast.

#### We are experts

Led by Clinical Director Simon Belford, our talented team of healthcare professionals are qualified in the most pioneering dental treatments and are passionate about remaining at the forefront of our profession. We invest in their continued training and state of the art equipment so that we can give you unparalleled care. When it comes to healthy, natural-looking teeth there can be no compromise.

#### We are friendly

Shining examples of understanding, honesty and professionalism, our welcoming team understand that a trip to the dentist is not without apprehension. We care about making your experience as positive as it can be, which is why each one of us will take the time to listen to and reassure you. When it comes to more complex dental work you can trust us to explain all the options, giving you the confidence to decide what is right for you. We even have a membership scheme to help you spread the cost of your treatment.

We are proud of the dental care we offer.

# We are proud to be Alington Dental.

# Facilities

Our premises are on the ground floor, and all our surgeries are accessible to wheelchairs. We share the car park with the Doctors and Pharmacy, so parking can be limited. On these occasions we would advise patients to park in nearby Clarendon Road, where there is ample parking for up to two hours.

# Confidentiality

Patient confidentiality at our practice is taken very seriously and all information about our patients is treated with the strictest confidence in accordance with our Practice Policy. If you would like a copy of our Practice Confidentiality Policy, please contact the Practice Manager.

# Experience safer technology

At Alington Dental, we are early adopters of dental technology. The advantages it brings to you, our patients, makes your treatment quicker, more comfortable and more predictable.

Because of our investment in technology and the vast experience we have in its use, we are often invited to lecture to other dentists for dental companies such as Dentsply Sirona and Henry Schein, as well as organisations such as the British Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry.

# What to expect on your first visit

Thank you for choosing us as your dental provider. We aim to make you as welcome to our Practice as our existing patients are.

You will be assigned a dentist that suits your dental needs as closely as possible. It would be extremely helpful for you to complete the oral; health questionnaire and medical history form provided.

#### Your dentist will:

- Take a comprehensive medical history
- Record your previous dental history
- Take basic radiographs and report on them
- Carry out a screening for oral cancer
- Perform a basic dental and gum examination
- Provide a diagnosis of any problems
- Discuss treatment options

Individual itemised estimates are always provided. A follow-up appointment will be made for more complex issues.

# **Our Dentists**

At Alington Dental, we pride ourselves on our dedicated and friendly healthcare professionals. For full details on the team please visit alingtondental.com



### **Clinical Director**

Simon Belford

BDS FICOI DipImpDentRCS (Edin) DipImpDentRCS (Eng) FFGDP RCS (Eng) | GDC Number 65167

Simon qualified at Guys Hospital London in 1989. He joined the practice in 1990, and worked as an associate at Alington Dental and a clinical assistant in the orthodontic department at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Now the owner and clinical director of Alington Dental, Simon has trained extensively in all aspects of restorative dentistry, both in this country and internationally. He has followed the career pathway at the Royal College of Surgeons, and gained their prestigious award of Fellowship of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners.

Simon has also been trained and examined at the Royal Colleges of Surgeons in Edinburgh and London, and is the only dentist in the UK who holds postgraduate diplomas in Implant Dentistry from both institutions. He continues to promote the benefits of treatment with dental implants through publications and lecturing. He is also a lecturer, tutor and examiner for the EDUcal Diploma in Implant Dentistry which is based in Harley Street at the One to One Clinic.

In his spare time, he enjoys cookery, paint balling and mountain biking. He is married to Jill and has two children, Jess (a florist) and Eddie (a dental technician).

#### Alington Dental



# Dentist

Tomas Skalberg

DDS (Gothenburg) I GDC Number 71486

Tomas joined the practice in December 2009. He in graduated in Gothenburg in 1995 and spent several years in practice in Exeter before relocating to Dorset in 2007. Tomas enjoys all aspects of general dentistry especially root canal treatment (endodontics) and single visit porcelain restorations (crowns) using the latest Cerec Primescan technology. Tomas is married with two children Erik and Anna.



## Dentist

#### Nimal Kunapalasingham

MSc (Dental Implants) PG Cert (Restorative) | MFDS, BDS, BSc (Hons) GDC Number 251997

Nimal is a local dentist and went to school at Corfe-Hills. His intention was to always return back to Dorset following his training to work as a Dentist. Nimal graduated from the Peninsula Dental School in Exeter and Plymouth in 2014. Following this he went on to spend two further years gaining his Post Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry in 2017 and in 2021 after a further three-year training programme Nimal was awarded his Masters in Dental Implants from the University of Bristol. Prior to Dentistry, Nimal also completed his Bachelors in Science in Biomedical Science.

Nimal continues his learning in Dental Implants and Advanced Restorative techniques by attending various courses. Along with this, Nimal spends two days a week at Poole Hospital in the Oral Maxillofacial Unit and Restorative Department offering treatment to cancer and trauma patients whilst working alongside various Consultants.

Outside of work, Nimal loves spending time with his wife Sade and two children - Elijah and Kaia. Nimal loves keeping healthy and fit by attending the gym, spending time over the Purbecks mountain biking and playing golf.



The health of your mouth, teeth and gums are at the heart of our practice

# Treatments

## **Emergency Treatment**

Whether you are an existing patient of Alington Dental or a new patient to the practice, we understand that dental pain can be extremely distressing, and the sudden loss of part of a tooth in your smile line can be very embarrassing. We will try our best to accommodate you and relieve the problem as quickly as possible.

# **Routine Treatments**

At Alington Dental we provide all the treatment you require to help you maintain a healthy functioning mouth and the smile you deserve. We will take care to discuss your individual needs and to help you reach the appropriate decision on what treatment is right for you.

## **Dental Implants**

Dental Implants are a long lasting and excellent treatment for replacing missing or failing teeth and securing dentures. The specialist implant treatments must be done correctly and with extreme care. At Alington Dental they are undertaken by our highly qualified dental surgeons using the latest materials and equipment, and supported by our committed and experienced staff. Find out how treatment with dental implants can be both painless and affordable.

# Orthodontics

Our dentists at Alington Dental have specific training and experience in all types of treatments required to straighten crooked teeth or overcrowded mouths.

We use removable and fixed braces as well as clear aligners to give you a smile you will be confident with and proud of.

# Root Canal Treatment (Endodontics)

Root canal treatment is required when the blood supply and nerve are infected through decay or injury with specialised equipment and high magnification of the tiny root canals in your tooth. We can clean, sterilise and fill the canals, thus preventing further infection or even loss of the tooth.

# Crowns (Cerec)

Cerec is now one of the world's most successful restorations, and the latest CAD/CAM technology available at Alington Dental allows beautiful all-porcelain crowns, inlays and veneers to be created and fitted in a single appointment, without the need to take impressions or fit a temporary crown.

# Dentures

Alington Dental is fortunate to work with one of the countries leading laboratories, helping to achieve the very best full and partial dentures using the latest materials and techniques, both in the practice and the laboratory, to bring you high quality lifelike and comfortable dentures.

# White Fillings

Where possible at Alington Dental, we try to avoid the use of amalgam (silver, mercury) fillings. You may, however, already have had silver fillings in the past, and we are happy to discuss with you how they can be replaced with high quality durable natural tooth shade materials, which simply "disappear" in the mouth.

# Teeth Whitening

Many people are dissatisfied with the colour of their teeth, which can become darker over time. At Alington Dental, we can lift the colour of your teeth with simple non-invasive and effective whitening, to give you back a bright and healthy-looking smile.



# **Dental Implants**

A dental implant is an artificial "tooth root" made from titanium, and can hold a replacement tooth, bridge or denture. While high-tech in nature, dental implants are actually more tooth-saving than traditional bridgework, since implants do not rely on drilling neighbouring teeth for support. They are so natural-looking and feeling, you will forget you had lost a tooth.

#### Dental implants can:

- Replace one or more teeth without affecting the adjacent teeth
- Support a bridge and eliminate the need for a removable partial denture
- Provide support for a denture, making it more secure and comfortable.

Whether you are missing one, a few, or all of your teeth, implants may be the most natural-looking solution for restoring your smile and ability to chew with comfort and confidence.

Visit our practice for a preliminary consultation and see how we can give you new teeth that look and feel just like your own.

# Cerec Primescan

Cerec stands or CEramic REConstruction.

This is an innovative system that allows your dentist to make and fit porcelain fillings, crowns and veneers in one visit. Using this ground-breaking technology, your new restoration (tooth) is designed using a 3D computer aided modelling system. This information is then sent directly to a milling machine, where your new tooth is fabricated with pinpoint accuracy in under 20 minutes.

Finishing touches are added to the restoration before it is fitted in your mouth. The Cerec system has reduced the time required to fit a crown from two weeks to less than two hours, which means no second visit, no temporary or second injection.



# Payment policy

We are committed to providing you with quality and affordable dental care.

Patients are requested to pay for each treatment at the end of each appointment, unless prior arrangements have been made with your dentist. New patients will be asked to pay for their first appointment in advance. If your treatment involves laboratory work, we ask for interim payments to cover laboratory costs.

For your convenience we accept payment by cash, cheque, bank transfer, debit card and most major credit card. (Am-Ex not included).

We reserve the right to charge a fee for emergency appointments, which is not included in the treatment costs.

# **Complaint Policy**

In this Practice we take complaints very seriously indeed, and try to ensure all patients are pleased with their experience of our service.

For full policy details visit the complaints policy page on our website alingtondental.com or ask reception for a printed copy.

## **Missed Appointments**

We try to avoid charging patients for missed appointments and will always try to fill the cancelled slot. However, if there is less than 24 hours notice and we are unable to fill the space we reserve the right to levy a missed appointment fee of £45 per 15 minutes of the missed appointment.

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Simon Belford and his colleagues at Alington Dental, with expert and sensitive care, have looked after me and restored my confidence in my teeth and my ability to lead a normal life.

Mr T H, Wimborne





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