



Alton Climate Action Network Roll up, Roll up - All the fun of the Eco Fair Sunday 11th July 10am - 4pm

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At last summer is here and what better way to celebrate than at Alton's Eco-Fair in the Public Gardens on Sunday 11th July from 10.00 to 4.00. Where we hope you will find inspiration and enjoyment.

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Eco Fair in Public Gardens

Sun 11th July 10am - 4pm

Alton's First Eco-Fair (deferred from last year), is a joint ATC/ ACAN venture

There will be lots to see, lots to hear, lots to do:

Art: The marquee (from the Last Night of the Proms the night before) will have an exhibition of children's art, sculptures made from waste materials and other displays.

Talks: The bandstand will be used for a series of speakers including students from Eggars and Amery Hill and the acclaimed author, Lucy Jones.

Music: During a 2 hour slot from mid-day we will have 2 bands playing, as well as The SOS from the Kids choir of Britain's Got Talent fame, and Frankie Morland who has had several television appearances with his song 'World in Danger'.

Stalls: Over twenty stalls have booked - there will be a Reuse, Repair, Recycle section under the awning and 5 Environmental charities coming along. ACAN, WalkAlton, CycleAlton will be there, and ALFI is sharing a stall with Alton & Villages Local Acton for Nature (AVLAN).

Children's Activities: There will be a trail for children to follow and children's art on display in the marquee.

Food: A coffee and cake booth, and a Vegan burger stall will provide refreshments and there is room for picnicking on the grass.

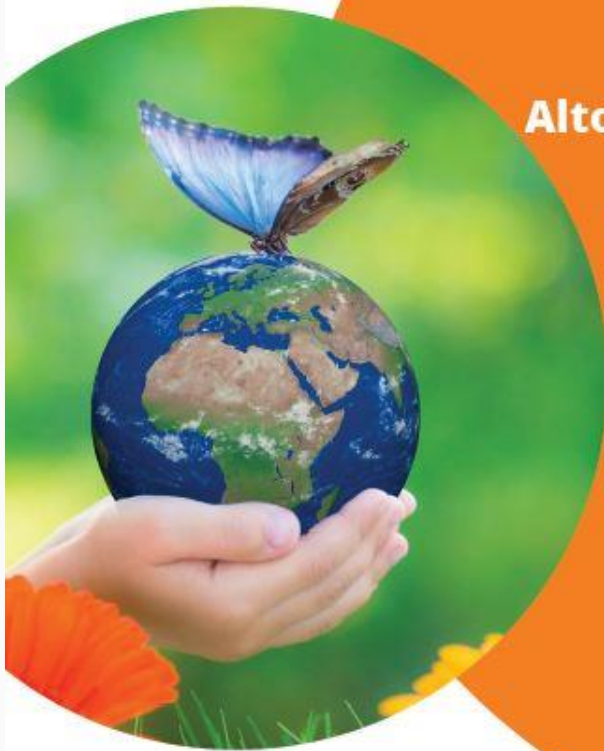
As the posters say, the Eco-Fair is '**Celebrating Earth-Friendly Living**'. Come and join in.

We will, of course, be observing all Covid guidelines and practising social distancing.

How do you see a green future? What does a green future look like to you? Share your vision.

We want **pictures, sculptures or craft works** for our **Green Future exhibition**.

It is not too late to submit your artwork just contact altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



Alton Town Council and
Alton Climate Action Network

ALTON ECO- FAIR

Celebrating Earth
Friendly Living

**SUNDAY 11TH JULY
10AM - 4PM**

**PUBLIC GARDENS
ALTON, GU34 1EN**

FREE ADMISSION



LIVE MUSIC
TALKS ON SUSTAINABLE
LIVING
RE-USE AREA
COMMUNITY AND WILDLIFE
GROUPS
ART AND IDEAS TENT
SCULPTURE FROM WASTE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
ELECTRIC CARS AND BIKE
ECO-FRIENDLY
REFRESHMENTS

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Powering Up Alton



What is Powering Up Alton?

The Powering Up project will benefit everyone by creating a new community owned and directed organisation to install and own renewable energy projects.

This will bring benefits to the local community by:

- Contributing to tackling the climate crisis:
- Replacing carbon intensive energy with renewable energy
- Generating renewable energy locally
- Providing a financial return to investors
- Providing cheaper energy to local residents and organisations
- Providing local jobs through using local install
- Profits will go towards new projects and other community benefits

We need to prove there is a demand for this project in Alton so please do fill in our short survey to express your support:

Powering up survey

The new project team needs volunteers to get involved – it's a really exciting time.

Contact energyalton@gmail.com for more information and to join in.



Breaking news from Cycle Alton

As many of you know from your involvement, or from our meetings and newsletters, groups of us have been working since last autumn on an analysis of the routes contained within the East Hampshire District Council's Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

The Alton Placemaking Strategy Group kindly invited us to present our findings to their meeting in May. The group is comprised of Councillors from all three local authorities, Damian Hinds MP and Officers. They discuss the 'placemaking' projects in Alton - the Alton Station Forecourt Regeneration and the Coors Brewery Development by CALA Homes, amongst other things.

You can view our Presentation and Notes in our Google Drive Routes Folder so you can browse as you wish, and see the quantum of work that has been achieved.

Here's the

link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1in25vz9KmluukxoZ8eNK_aKvh96BAZ29?usp=sharing

More information on this and outcomes, will be provided at our next meeting on 30th June. An invitation and Agenda for this meeting will be sent out separately in due course.

We hope you find this of interest and thank you for your continuing support for the cause of improved conditions for cyclists in and around Alton!

Alton Community Share is looking for New Volunteers

By the community for the community



Alton Community Share, recently relaunched its bi-monthly sessions at the St Lawrence Parish Centre and is looking for volunteers to help out for one Saturday a month.

Alton Community Share provides a valuable resource to help meet social responsibilities across the broad spectrum of the Alton Community. We provide a library of free to borrow things such as toys, books, jigsaws, games and craft resources to help with for instance improved mental health, care of the elderly, and supporting those affected by the post Covid world and at the same time positively impacting the community's need for better environmental impact. What better way is there than sharing the use of things

in our community and reduce waste at the same time?

Volunteering for Alton Community Share involves being at the Parish Centre to help set up for a 10.00am start, helping throughout the opening hours of 10.00am to 12 noon, welcoming visitors, then helping pack away. You will be working alongside a team of usually three others and will not be lone working. Volunteers can choose to help out on either the 2nd or 4th Saturday of the month.

Strict hygiene and control of infection rules are always followed. Volunteers are provided with masks and gloves. Items donated are quarantined to ensure there is no possibility of transmitting Covid-19 from them.

If you can help support this sustainable living initiative, please email AltonCommunityShare@hotmail.com or speak to Martin Wiles on **07423 162654**.

!! Calling all Alton Residents !!



We are delighted to support Sarah Buckwell - a local student who is working on a research project on Perceptions of Domestic Solid Fuel Burning in the GU34 area as part of her course at Kings College London.

She asks - Are you:

- Aware of domestic solid fuel burning,
- The Household Reference Person (mainly responsible / most aware of household heating practices and so acts as the representative of the household for statistical purposes),
- Live in the GU34 postcode area,
- 16 years old or over.

As part of my Postgraduate dissertation, I am exploring Alton residents' perceptions of domestic solid fuel burning.

Please answer my survey (approx. 15 mins) by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code and you will be in for a chance to win a £20 voucher. Thank you!

Survey link: <https://tinyurl.com/3p7kk2ft>

Click [here](#) for more information about the survey and the



research.

Click [here](#) for the survey.

The "Plastic Free Alton" initiative was successfully launched at the Alton Community Fair with a litter pick and example non-plastic swaps for items that are frequently single-use plastic.



We spoke to several councillors who are very supportive and we've been invited to do an online presentation for them prior to putting forward a motion at the next Full Council meeting to formalise their involvement.

We have made contact with several businesses and organisations already and will be following up with them regarding the objectives of the scheme for becoming plastic-free champions.

Councillor Ginny Boxall is supporting our campaign to reduce the amount of single use plastic we use here in Alton.

Anyone who would like to know more or get involved in spreading the word do email plasticacan@gmail.com



Since our "**Slow Fashion Revolution**" event in April several people have asked whether we will be setting up a working group to promote Slow Fashion and repairing, recycling and upcycling (as covered the other week in "The Sewing Bee"!).



If you are interested in this new group do get in touch and we will arrange a meeting at a convenient time at which we can think about what we can do, how, when etc.

I am glad to report that Susie Bower has agreed to be part of a core group to get something going and I am quite sure that Anne Sayer of [Planet Aware](#), would be happy to advise as we get started.

Ideas that came out of the meeting included:

Sewing sessions with a couple of experienced sewers, plus sewing machines, who can advise novices with repairs and small projects. Similar to what we do at the textiles table of the Repair Café

Clothes swaps and clothes hire

Charity shop fashion shows

Please let us know 3 things:

- If you would be interested in leading this or being part of a core group of say 2 or 3 to get things going.
- If you would be interested in helping on the fringes
- If you would like to attend a meeting, within the next month (please give me any holiday dates)

Do pass this on if you have friends who might be interested in getting involved.

We look forward to hearing from you on altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com.
