



**COP26 has come and gone but we
in ACAN remain steadfast in our
determination to create a safe
sustainable future**

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It is New Year's Resolutions time

Why not add to yours: coming to our first event of 2022 on 3rd February to find out
what ACAN's groups can offer you and your family.

New Year's Resolutions

ACAN wishes you a happy, healthy and greener 2022!
It is time to make some New Year's Resolutions and to start you off we
asked some ACAN volunteers to share theirs:

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/acans-new-years-resolutions/>

This list covers all sorts from moving your money, to buying local, to
reducing consumerism and packaging, and many others as well.

(We would love to know your resolutions – do send them via the website
contact form or email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com.)



and for more ideas check out:

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/What-we-can-do-about-climate-change.pdf>

What can ACAN do for you?

ACAN is kicking off the New Year by inviting new residents to find out who we are and what we do.

We will be leafletting the new estates, where many people will not have heard of ACAN, inviting them
to
join us on zoom to:

**"Find out who we are,
what we can do for you and
what you can do with us"**

at 7:30pm on Thurs 3 Feb 2022

email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

for the zoom link"

[Click here for more details](#)

And please get in touch if you can help deliver leaflets during the last 2 weeks of January.



2021 was an eventful year for ACAN

We offer very grateful thanks to all our wonderful volunteers in our ever expanding network of groups. Your commitment, enthusiasm and hard work made 2021 our most impactful year so far.

The equally wonderful James Willis has compiled a summary of some of our achievements - the most significant being our highly successful Eco Fair run in conjunction with the Town Council and with help from many other Alton based organisations.

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/Summary-of-ACAN-achievements.pdf>

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/Highlights-of-2021-collage.pdf>

With so many groups already working well we have the perfect springboard to make 2022 better still. Do join us.



Young ACAN

Our newest group and so important! Young people aged 10-24 can now get in touch with Young ACAN via Instagram ([youngacan](#)).

Young ACAN are eager to get started with a social survey to find out how much young people know about the environmental crisis and what they want to do about it.



They have funding to pay for this so if you haven't already done so and would like to apply to undertake this project please take a look at the [spec for the survey and analysis](#) and then contact altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com with your proposal.

Young ACAN's first public event is about sustainable fashion. On Saturday 2nd April they will be running a clothes swap (Thrift Shop) and upcycling workshops in the main hall at the Alton Maltings.

In July they will be hosting a conference for representatives from local schools to come together to decide on their eco-action campaign.



Young ACAN are supported by a Lottery Community Fund grant.



Alton Community Share

Starts up again on Sat 22nd January and then back to their normal 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
at St Lawrence's Parish Centre
10am to 12 noon



Alton Repair Cafe

Bring your items for repair along to Alton Community Centre from 10:30am to 12:30pm on:
26th Feb, 23rd April, 11th June,
30th July, 10th September,
22nd October, 10th December

The repair team will be at your service to assist and advise you on repairs to small household items.

Lobbying & Campaigning group



Since our last update we have joined forces with HPF (Hampshire Pension Fund) Divest an offshoot of WinACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change) thus increasing our impact while at the same time sharing the load - definitely a win, win! Both groups work loosely with Dirty Money.

We are also analysing EHDC's Interim Planning Policy document as part of the public consultation due to end in early February. The aim of the document is to make it possible for EHDC to insist on higher building standards than the current minimum, in order to not have to retrofit homes built today in order to make them carbon neutral in a few years time.

And, of course, we continue to monitor and lobby our local councils and our MP on a variety of other issues.

**All welcome at our next meeting online on Monday 17th January at 7pm
please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the link**



Nothing New in 22

Did you know:

- Consumption is now a bigger driver of environmental breakdown than population – i.e. how much we buy is more damaging to the planet than how many of us there are
- The average person in a rich country consumes 13 x as much as the average person in a poor country
- Our collective “stuff” now weighs more than all the living things on earth
- Our consumption is leading directly to climate change, species extinction, water depletion, pollution, deforestation and more...

Find out more about the "Nothing New in 22" campaign by visiting their website and watching a very down to earth description of how to set about cutting your consumption based emissions. As the wonderful Jen Gale repeatedly tells us in her video - You set your own rules and allow yourself your own exceptions and most of all remember the "Nothing New" police do not know where you live, so if you fall off the wagon you just need to forgive yourself and carry on!

<https://nothingnew2022.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUxTfRquvAc>

<https://www.secondhand.org.uk/>



Eco Church Craft Swap

Saturday 19th February - 2- 4pm

**St Lawrence Hall (Parish Centre),
Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 2BW**

Parish of the Resurrection, Alton

W: www.potr-alton.co.uk T: 07865 292401 E: potr.alton@btinternet.com



Bring your arts and crafts 'leftover supplies' and take what you need... free and open to all!

Wool, haberdashery, papercraft, paints, craft books, fabric, rubber stamps, beads, jewellery, stickers, craft storage and more!

Donations can be left in the marked boxes at St Lawrence and All Saints Churches in Alton, St Peter's Church in Beech, the Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne, St Mary's Churches in Bentworth and Lasham and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Shalden during January and early February.

Wellbeing Fair

At Alton Community Centre on Sunday 16th January 10am - 2pm.

New Year, New You!

Come along to our Wellbeing Fair for pampering taster treatments, stalls with food, sustainable eco-friendly products and & lots of goodies to pamper yourself this January.



Call to Action

We all know we need to act now to protect our environment and community.

Scientists tell us we have until the end of this decade to cut our emissions by half if we are to prevent runaway climate change.

New Year's
Resolutions...
1/ Volunteer!

Here in ACAN we have a [range of groups](#) already set up and many more ideas of things we would like to do if we had more volunteers, and you may have ideas of your own you would like to pursue.

It doesn't matter how much or how little time you can spare we have volunteering opportunities to suit.

To get involved do fill in our [volunteers form](#)

Or just email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to do.

As ACAN has grown so have our costs.

If you would like to help please use the button below to go to our CAF donate page.

Many thanks.

[Donate to ACAN](#)
