



**We should be proud of how we have united against the Russian invasion of Ukraine.**

**The latest IPCC report makes it imperative that we unite just as strongly against climate change.**

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**We are reeling from the devastating events playing out in Ukraine and our love and sympathy goes out to everyone impacted.**

**Yes it is affecting our energy supplies, but it would be madness to go back to fossil fuels. We must urgently ramp up our investment in UK renewable energy and in the insulation of our cold and draughty older homes, as well as insisting on all new homes being carbon neutral.**

**The recent hard-hitting [IPCC report from the United Nations](#) concludes that there is “a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.” Another IPCC report is due in April. ACAN is planning a public meeting in June to discuss how we can come together as a community to ensure a safe future for us all.**

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**In this newsletter:**

[Better Ways to Travel](#) public meeting on zoom Mon 14th Mar 7:30pm

[Alton Community Share](#) Sat 12th Mar 10am-12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

[Cycle Training](#) 19th & 20th March Amery Hill School Playground GU34 2BZ

[EHDC Green Homes Grant Scheme](#) deadline 31st March

[Back on the Rack](#) Sat 2nd April 11am - 3pm Alton Maltings, GU34 1DT

[Can you help? - Floor standing mirrors needed](#) for Young ACAN swap shop

[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 23rd April 10:30am-12:30pm Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN

[Why aviation needs to be limited](#) a report by Sonia Davey busting the myth of SAF

[External examiner of accounts](#) needed

[Climate anxiety](#) counselling sessions to increase wellbeing

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You may want to look at Hampshire County Council's [LTP4 \(Local Transport Plan 4\)](#) and [Bus Service Improvement Plan](#) before attending this meeting.



## Better Ways to Travel: *Sustainable Transport*

Online public meeting open to all

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**



Please email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) for the Zoom link

Excessive road use and climate breakdown go hand in hand. Road transport accounts for a quarter of carbon emissions in the UK. Join us to discuss the options for reducing private car usage, air pollution and improving health.

**Chris Todd, founder and director of Transport Action Network (TAN)** will share the latest thinking on transport policy and how it can benefit the community.



Photo by Roger French

Cycle Alton will then update us on their work on making cycling safer locally.



### The 205 Carshare

A public transport service from East Tisted, West Tisted, Monkwood, Newton Valence, Upper Farringdon and Farringdon into Alton

And bring your own ideas and thoughts on transport in a climate emergency.



## Alton Community Share

### Next session Sat 12th Mar

Reduce waste & save money at this free library of jigsaws, games, toys and activities

10am to 12 noon on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month  
at St Lawrence's Parish Centre

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## Cycle Alton are offering FREE cycle training courses

on Saturday 19th March in Amery Hill School playground at 10am and 1pm. Each session is limited to five participants so early booking is recommended by emailing [cyclealton@gmail.com](mailto:cyclealton@gmail.com) or ringing Chris on 07815 670191.

Training is offered at two different skill levels: those who need basic bicycle handling skills and will remain in the playground, and those who want to gain confidence and will be taken out on local roads by the instructor. When booking please state which level you're at, and you'll be offered one of the sessions to fit in with others who have booked.

At the time of writing there are only four places left!

**FREE**

# ADULT CYCLE TRAINING COURSES



**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

Venue: Amery Hill School Playground, Alton

Two sessions: 10.00am or 1.00pm

**Is this you?**

*I can ride a bike, but...*

- Sessions last two hours
- Courses run by



<https://123cycleright.wordpress.com/>

Does your bike need maintenance first? Contact local bike repairers

Hilary at [hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryhillrepairs@gmail.com)  
07769 500270

or Leon at <https://crankitup.info/>  
07885 073538

"...I get a bit wobbly at times!"

"...I need more confidence on the roads!"

**BOOK at**  
[cyclealton@gmail.com](mailto:cyclealton@gmail.com)  
or tel: Chris on 07815 670191  
stating your level & preferred time

## [EHDC and the Green Homes Grant Scheme](#)

### *Time is running out to access this grant scheme - deadline 31st March*

Alton residents could qualify for free energy saving measures, through the government's Green Homes Grant scheme. You could qualify if your home is hard to heat, owned or privately rented, and you are in receipt of benefits or on a low income.

### ***What can be funded by the scheme?***

The scheme can fund a range of energy efficiency measures including:

- Wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- Renewable heating systems (such as air source heat pumps)
- Double/triple glazing (to replace single glazing)
- Energy efficient doors
- Thermostats and heating controls

### ***Warmworks has been appointed as the Managing Agent for this Green Homes Grant scheme.***

Warmworks will, free of charge:

- Assess your property
- Check to see if you meet the criteria
- Provide you with a report, recommending improvements for your home
- Access the funding on your behalf
- Arrange the installation of the improvements
- Carry out a quality inspection of the work

If you'd like to take advantage of this funding, then get in touch with [Warmworks](#) and they'll talk you through the process.

This round of funding will end on 31 March 2022 and installation should take place before the end of June 2022.

**energy  
saving  
trust**



**WARMWORKS**

**Green Homes Grant Scheme Application Form**

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The fashion industry is the second most polluting industry globally, accounting for 10% of the planet's carbon emissions. ([figures from The Boar magazine Warwick University](#))

Young ACAN plan to do their bit to reduce those numbers, here in Alton, by holding a pop-up thrift store for pre-loved clothes for those aged 11-20.

**Can you help by lending a Floor standing mirror for the event?**

**BACK ON THE RACK**

SWAP 'TIL YOU DROP THRIFT SHOP  
**ALTON MALTINGS**  
GV34 1DT SATURDAY  
**2 APRIL 2022**  
11AM → 3PM  
**IT'S OUR FUTURE**

**10.30am**  
Open for pre-loved clothing drop-offs

**11-3pm**  
Thrift Shop Open

**1.30-3.00pm**  
Clothes' Upcycling & Repairing Workshops  
Refreshments  
Donations welcome

**COMMUNITY FUND**

**SUGGESTED FOR THOSE AGED 11-20**



## Next session Sat 23rd April

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

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

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### Why aviation needs to be limited

- a report by Sonia Davey

All you need to know about the damage flying continues to do to the environment and the myth of sustainable aviation fuel.



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### Is accounting your thing? Can you help?



We are delighted that ACAN has grown to such an extent that we are now a registered charity. However with growth comes greater responsibility and the need for transparency in all we do.

For the first time we will need to have our accounts externally examined and we are looking for someone with the necessary qualifications to take this job on for us.

We would expect to pay something but cannot afford the level of fees normally charged by High Street Accountancy firms.

Do you have the necessary skills to help us or do you know anyone else who might be interested?

Do email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping us with this vital job.

	<b>Alton Climate Action &amp; Network</b>		1189431	
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021	

**Climate anxiety** is a perfectly rational response to the helplessness many of us feel about the climate and ecological crises we face. Progress seems painfully slow and it is obvious that many people still don't really understand the scale of the disaster waiting for us over the horizon.



If this is how you feel - you are not alone.

ACAN will be hosting a series of wellbeing sessions, with a trained counsellor, for small groups wanting to share their fears and get support in coping with the day to day challenges of trying to *green* our lives.

These sessions will be free so please just email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) to find out more and maybe come along.

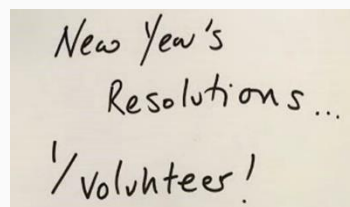


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## Call to Action

*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.*



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 email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) and let us know what you would like to do.

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As ACAN has grown so have our costs.

Most grants do not cover running costs, such as insurance, zoom subscription, examination of accounts.

If you can help with one off or regular donations please use the button below for our CAF donate page.

Many thanks.

[Donate to ACAN](#)

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