



**Here comes summer - hooray!  
We look forward to seeing you at  
our events, stalls and more.**

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**Have you got an environmental bee in your bonnet you would like to tell everyone about or perhaps you would like to tell us what motivates you to take action for the climate?**

**We are extending an invitation to anyone and everyone to write a piece for the newsletter. Preferably between 200 and 300 words with images and links. We would love to share your news and views - so don't be shy, send your copy to [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com)**

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AVLAN Wildlife Gardeners Question Time

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Talk by Glynn Jones on "No dig Gardening"

Talk by Will Benson on Hydroponics

[Alton Community Share](#) Sat 14th May 10am-12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

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[Eco Church Fairtrade coffee morning](#) 10am Fri 6th May 45 Lenten Street, GU34 1HE

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## **ENERGY SOLUTIONS IN AN UNSTABLE WORLD**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30 pm, Garden Room,  
Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN**



**Guest speaker: Paul Ciniglio,  
Refurbishment Lead, National  
Energy Foundation (NEF).**

Paul runs NEF's SuperHomes network. He will talk about the East Hampshire Whole House Retrofit Service within the context of current rocketing energy prices and the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions.

**Energy Alton and their Powering Up group will report on their very active work programme on energy efficiency and community energy - including 3 current community energy projects, their Clean Heat Guide and links across East Hampshire**



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## #SitForClimate

ACAN members joined the #SitForClimate campaign a couple of weeks ago. It is a really simple way for **Everyone; Everywhere; Every week** to show that we literally will not stand by as the climate crisis envelops us.



#SitForClimate is a new movement allowing people to show their concern about the climate crisis by joining in a short, regular, inclusive action.

**WHEN: Every Saturday, 11am, for 10 minutes.**

**WHAT:** Sit anywhere you like and display the #SitforClimate message on a home-made sign or on your phone. Sit on your own or with others.

**ACAN members will be sitting in the High Street opposite Iceland every Saturday at 11am for 10 minutes - do join us, and bring a chair or stool if that would be more comfortable!!**

We hope to have a bigger presence every first Saturday of the month so join us on Saturday 7th May to try out this very simple way of demonstrating your concern.

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## ACAN needs walkers

**Sat 21st May 10:30am registration for 11am start  
Hogmoor Inclosure Car Park GU35 9FX**

We need 20 walkers in our team to join the Charity Walk for Peace and make us eligible for a share of the funds raised by this annual event to raise money for local charities, organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association in conjunction with East Hampshire District Council.

It promises to be a lot of fun as well as a good way for us to raise much needed funds.

And if you cannot join us for the walk then please donate to our funds ([via our website donate button](#)), every little really does help.

email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) for more details.



**CHARITY WALK**  
for **PEACE**

**East Hampshire DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust**

**Hogmoor Inclosure, Whitehill & Bordon**

**Sat 21 May 2022 11am**

Join our 5k fund-raising walk to support charities across East Hampshire

[www.easthants.gov.uk/charity-walk-peace](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/charity-walk-peace)

## Eco-Streets project launched

Please welcome our wonderful new Eco-Streets, community engagement, project leader Scott Gudrich. He will be reaching out to residents in the Butts area of Alton to find out how they would like to go about reducing their carbon footprints and helping them to make it happen. We know you will want to help and support him in all he does.



## ACAN's Lobbying & Campaigning group

[next meeting Thu 5th May at 7pm online](#)

In recent meetings the group has decided to focus on:

**Lobbying** and supporting EHDC with their Climate and Environment Strategy which has yet to be converted into an action plan.

**Campaigning** on Air quality and Tree protection

Responding to Hampshire County Council's consultation on their **Local Transport Plan 4**. We are hoping to hold a meeting specifically to discuss the LTP4 consultation at which everyone is welcome, so do email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

Anyone with a particular interest in transport may also want to attend Transport Action Network's **National Traffic Reduction & Climate Conference** in Birmingham on Saturday 10th Sept.

**"Bringing people together to share ideas about active travel, public transport, fighting new roads & tackling climate change & air pollution"**

Their keynote speaker is the Welsh Deputy Minister for Climate Change talking about their move away from investing in roads. Let us hope the English government can learn from the Welsh.

[They are offering early bird tickets at £5, general tickets at £10 or full price tickets at £55](#) for those who can afford to help offset the costs of the event.

Eleanor will be going and would love some company.

If you are interested in getting involved in anything the Lobbying and Campaigning group does you would be very welcome, so do join us at our meeting or email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com).



### Hampshire County Council

Has launched its consultation on the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan/haveyoursay>

It is open to all Hampshire residents and will run to 26th June 2022.

ACAN and Cycle Alton will each be responding as local organisations, but please do make time to read at least the [Summary](#) of the plans and section 7.5 of the [Full report](#) which focuses on Rural Transport (pp 99 - 103) and fill in the questionnaire as an individual.

Those of you who attended our recent public meeting on transport will already be aware that a lot of good ideas are included in LTP4 but that the focus is very much on areas of higher population density. I am delighted to see climate and the environment listed as the top 2 outcomes on p14 of the summary.

However, on reading the summary, I noticed the words "Encourage" and "Support" were used a total of 59 times compared to 43 times for "Deliver" and "Implement" and that ratio got worse in section 7.5 of the Full document. Let us hope this doesn't turn out to be a lot of well meaning hot air followed by very little action.

## ACAN Plastic Patrol Litter Pick

Thanks to all who took part in April's litter pick, which yielded an amazing 40 kilos worth of other people's rubbish!

This month's effort will take place next Thursday 5th May.



After the Easter holidays and a Bank Holiday weekend it will probably be time to attack Anstey Park again. So we'll meet in the football club car park at 10 a.m. and take it from there.

Please let me know if you are able to come [plasticacan@gmail.com](mailto:plasticacan@gmail.com). As usual, we can provide equipment but please bring your own if you would prefer to do so.

Advanced warning: the first Thursday of June is the extra Bank Holiday as part of the Queen's jubilee celebrations, so just this once we'll meet on the second Thursday of the month, June 9th.

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## All things outdoors

**Sat 14th May from 10am - 2pm in the Public Gardens**

Look out for:

AVLAN hosting the Wildlife Gardeners' Question Time

Talks from Glyn Jones on no dig gardening and Will Benson on hydroponic towers

Cycle Alton encouraging people to get on their bikes.

ALFI's **Seedling Swap**

And congratulations go to all the ALFI team on winning the Silver award for their Community Border at the **Gardeners World Beaulieu Spring Show** last weekend.

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## Alton Community Share

**Next session Sat 14th May**

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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## Next session Sat 11th June

Bring your items for repair along to Alton Community Centre  
from 10:30am to 12:30pm on:

11<sup>th</sup> Jun, 30<sup>th</sup> Jul, 10<sup>th</sup> Sep, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

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



## Open Meeting 7pm 20 Jun in the Assembly Rooms

ACAN's volunteers have achieved much in the last 3 years. But it is not enough. Join us to plan the next phase of action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and secure a better future for families here and around the world.

The climate emergency is worsening. Three recent reports from the United Nations (the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) stress the desperate need for urgent action. The UN Secretary-General describes the situation as "Code red for humanity" and tells us it is "Now or never" if we are going to save lives and livelihoods from the ravages of climate change. Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) invites everyone to an open meeting on Monday 20 June at 7 pm in the Lower Room at Alton Assembly Rooms, GU34 1BA to discuss how, together, we can fight climate change and create a liveable future.



## Let it grow for No Mow May

Some parts of the districts green spaces will be left to grow this month as part of a national campaign aimed at supporting wildlife. East Hampshire District Council is taking part in 'No Mow May' to help the bees and support local biodiversity.

Where possible, this season EHDC and Norse South East will alter some of their maintenance mowing schedules which are normally scheduled for during May to help promote wildflowers and encourage pollinators in less recreationally used areas.



These areas will be cut later in the year when flower heads have gone to seed, helping to encourage wildflowers, insects and wildlife.

The sites in Alton that will be left to grow wild during May are:

- Cherry Way (between Southview Rise, Maple Close, Lime Ave and Maple Close)
- Shipley Close
- Chauntsingers Road
- Goodwood Close
- The Ridgeway/Fontwell Drive
- Salisbury Close

For more information about the 'No Mow May' challenge and to find out how you can get involved, visit [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk).

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## POTR ECO CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING



**At 45 Lenten Street, ALTON GU34 1HE**

**On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 10am to 12 noon**

**Enjoy a coffee & some fairtrade cake & learn more about Fairtrade**

**Traidcraft goods will be available**

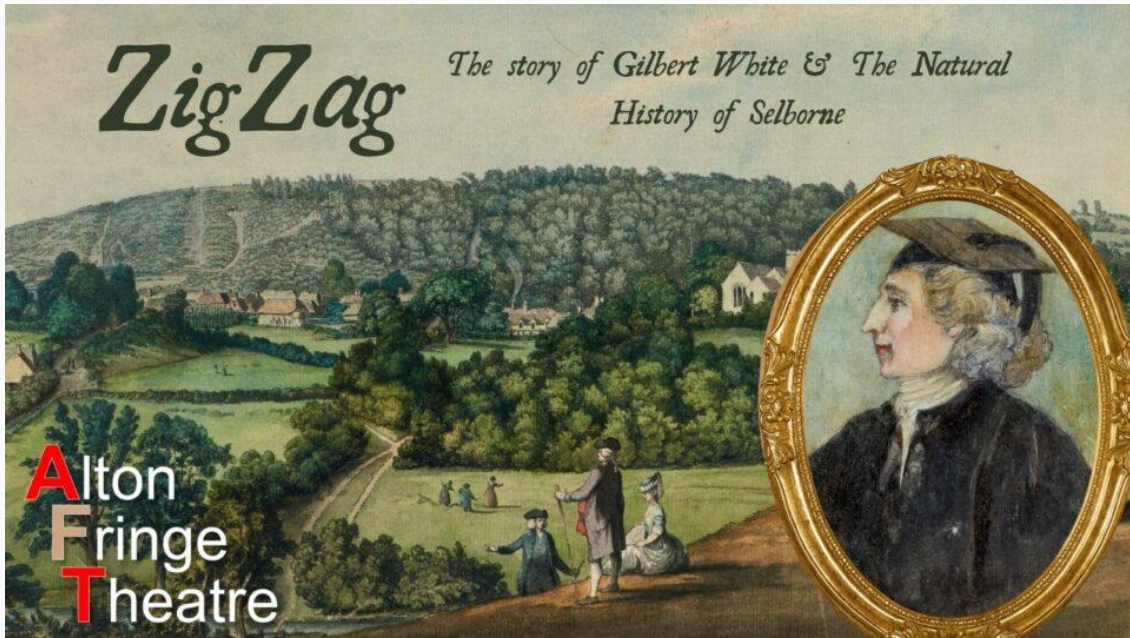
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## The Zig Zag path

After the sell-out performance in Alton in March - one more chance to see Alton Fringe Theatre's specially-written celebration of Gilbert White and his world-famous book *The Natural History of Selborne* - staged in the evocative setting of the ancient barn at White's home in Selborne.

Saturday May 7th - 3pm Tickets £10, from [gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](http://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk) or click this link: [https://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk/zigzag-story-gilbert-white-natural-history-selborne/?event\\_date=2022-05-07](https://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk/zigzag-story-gilbert-white-natural-history-selborne/?event_date=2022-05-07)





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## Hampshire County Council

has just launched a consultation on their Pension Fund Investment Strategy. This is open to all HCC employees and pensioners but **NOT** to all HCC council tax payers who, after all, fund the HCC contributions to their employees pensions!



The consultation runs to 31st May 2022.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/pensions/responsible-investment/consultation>

For more details from HCC about their Responsible Investment strategy do read:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/pensions/responsible-investment>

And to find out the Hampshire Pension Fund Divest campaign's take on it go to:

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns-2/hampshire-pension-divestment/>

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## Volunteer with ACAN

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

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.

Many thanks.

[Donate to ACAN](#)