



**Thanks to all who attended our
"Its Their Future" meeting - see
below for link to full report.
Plus a full list of Autumn events**

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Our "It's Their Future" meeting on Monday 10th was well attended and yielded many good ideas and offers of help from different people and organisations. We will be looking carefully at what we can do next so watch this space.

How can we help our young people?

[It's Their Future](#) Report of the Public Meeting Mon 10th Oct

How to reduce your energy bills

[Energy Advice Cafe](#), Open 5 days per week, limited hours, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD

Upcoming events

[Try Plant Based Food at Alton Library](#) Thurs 20th Oct at 11am, GU34 1HT

[Community Share](#) Halloween special Sat 22nd Oct 10-12n St.Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 22nd Oct 10:30 - 12:30pm at Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN

[Town Mayor's Fundraising Litter Pick for ACAN](#) Sat 29th Oct 10-12noon Market Square, GU34 1HZ

[GUMBI Malawi - ACAN Fundraiser](#) 5:30-6:30pm Mon 7th Nov

[Dear Damian Public Appeal](#) Sat 12th Nov 11am Alton Public Gardens, GU34 1JL

Eco-Streets workshops

[Find out more about the climate crisis](#)

[A how-to guide to online activism](#)

[Mindfully re-wilding ourselves through poetry](#)

Eco-Church events

[Bulb Planting](#) Sat 29th Oct 9:30 - 11am St Lawrence Churchyard GU34 2BW

[A Greener Christmas](#) Sat 5th Nov 2-4pm St Lawrence Church GU34 2BW

[Toy Swap](#) Wed 16th Nov 12:30-4pm St Lawrence Church GU34 2BW

It's *Their* Future

Our survey of local children and young people, revealed widespread anxiety and fear about the climate crisis, and a view that they are being failed by adults.

As Lillie Ewins said in her speech:

"We are terrified. We are angry. We are desperate. But we still have hope. It is this hope that has allowed us to come together today to discuss how exactly you can help young people. Because we cannot fix the world without your guidance, your teaching."



At the meeting on 10 Oct, we presented the findings from the survey. We then broke into groups to discuss how we can work together to:

1. **Create more opportunities for children and young people to talk about the climate crisis**
2. **Offer support to those who are suffering from climate anxiety**
3. **Offer young people more opportunities to take action, including involvement with nature**
4. **Scale up action by the local community and government so that young people no longer feel they are being failed by adults**

We are now taking the suggestions and offers of help from those discussions and looking to see what we can do here in Alton to address all the points above.

Click [here](#) for a report and links to the recording of the meeting.



The Energy Advice Cafe is now open for anyone and everyone to ask for advice about how to reduce their energy bills. We have a team of experienced advisors ready to help you, or anyone you know, who might benefit from some unbiased advice.
We can also offer **free home energy surveys**.

ALTON ENERGY ADVICE CAFE

COME AND HAVE A CHAT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SAVE
MONEY ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

OPENING HOURS

Drop in sessions (walk-in)

A WARM WELCOME (AND FREE CAKE) AWAIT YOU.

MONDAY	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

If you would like to arrange an appointment outside of these hours please contact Wendy at finance@alton.gov.uk or call to book on 01420 83986.





Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN)



Hampshire
Libraries



An introduction to plant-based foods.

Come and try cheap, nutritious, plant-based foods for all the family. You will be amazed how good they taste.

Samples will be labelled with any possible allergens.

Alton Library

Thursday 20th October, 11am – 12pm

For more information, please speak to a Library Team Member.

www.hants.gov.uk/library   



www.hants.gov.uk

Alton Community Share

Halloween Special Sat 22nd Oct

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

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



Next Session Sat 22nd October

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

22nd Oct, 10th Dec, 18th Feb, 15th Apr

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



JOIN OUR TOWN MAYOR
GINNY BOXALL ON A

LITTER PICK

29 | 10 | 2022
10AM

MEET IN MARKET SQUARE

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORT LOCAL
CHARITY ALTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

EVERYONE WELCOME JUST TURN UP
HOT SOUP AND HOT CHOCOLATE AFTER
DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DAY



Supporting sustainable agriculture in Malawi

at the Gumbi-Alton Permaculture Project

Amazing progress has been made with ACAN's partnership project, developing climate-resilient agriculture in Malawi. But with more animals to provide manure, the productivity of the soil could be much improved.

Join us for an international Zoom LIVE with the Gumbi young farmers and Luwayo Biswick (director of the Permaculture Paradise Institute) in Malawi and the Gumbi Education Fund in the UK to hear more.

tinyurl.com/GumbiZoom

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PERMACULTURE PROJECT**
Amazing Progress!
Supporting sustainable agriculture in Africa
Join us for an international Zoom
LIVE with the Gumbi young farmers & Luwayo Biswick
in Malawi and the Gumbi Education Fund in the UK

Mon 7 Nov, 5.30 pm
Use this short link to get straight in:
tinyurl.com/GumbiZoom

More info about GAPP on our website:
tinyurl.com/GumbiParadise

GUMBI

Please join us and tell your friends

it's time to make ourselves heard.

To coincide with COP27 and in response to the threat of deregulation, ACAN will be joining forces with Young ACAN and The Guild of Optimists in Alton Public Gardens for a family-friendly, peaceful demonstration to express our concerns to our elected representative. Do bring a banner, artwork or letter to pass your concerns on to our MP.



DEAR DAMIAN

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO GO BACKWARDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

JOIN US TO SEND A MESSAGE TO YOUR MP AND
DEMAND ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

12/11/22 11AM PUBLIC GARDENS

  

Find out more about the climate crisis

This workshop offers general information on the climate crisis, its possible effects and what we can do about it at a community level. What does "global warming" mean for us? What is "too much CO2"? What can we as individuals and communities do to have a positive impact?



 **THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING!**

BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?



September 2022
FREE WORKSHOP

All are welcome!

econtreatsalton@gmail.com

We examine some of the main "talking points" of the climate crisis and provide some information on how exactly these topics relate to our lives.

We also talk about the most effective actions we can take and discuss ways individual action could turn into communal action.

Duration: approximately 2h
email us on ecostreetsalton@gmail.com to find out more
Date and time by negotiation.

A how-to guide to online activism!

We can now offer a recording of this workshop to anyone who wants to watch it in their own time.

[Online Activism Workshop](#)

passcode: *Gc2XJfT

Duration: 34minutes



Where to find reputable petitions on topics that concern you. How to tell an effective petition from a not-so effective one. Anonymous participation - make your opinion count without exposing yourself. Easy ways to interact with the government. Digital citizenship.

This workshop aims to give a quick and easy introduction to campaigning for change on a local, national and global level. Participants will walk away with hands-on knowledge on how to make their voices count in the often overwhelming 'jungle' of online-activism.

Poetry Workshop:

Mindfully re-wilding ourselves:

Expand your mind. Explore your creativity. Express yourself. We will head out into nature. As we walk, I will talk about the ecosystem we are visiting. Then I will take the group through some guided contemplation and present an easy to follow outline to get everyone writing poetry based on their sensory and emotional experiences.

Group size limited to 8 people to ensure a personal and intimate setting. Under 18's welcome if accompanied by an adult

email us on ecostreetsalton@gmail.com to find out more

Duration: approximately 1.5h | No prior experience in writing poetry required!



This workshop can be offered at a time to suit for small groups. Individuals can also apply but may have to join with others to get the full benefit.

St Lawrence Eco-Church - Bulb Planting

Sat Oct 29th, 9:30-11am - All Welcome

Eco Church is starting a project to improve the ecology of St Lawrence Churchyard including drought resistant planting and a quiet garden.

The first step is bulb planting on 29th October 9.30am to 11.00am - all welcome.





ECO CHURCH
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Eco Church
“Green Christmas” event
Saturday 5 November - 2-4pm
Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, Alton

Ideas and demonstrations on how to have a more environmentally friendly Christmas including

gifting pre loved items making plastic free decorations
wrapping presents home-made and virtual gift ideas

Refreshments and children's crafts too!

No charge, all welcome!

We are currently collecting ribbons, gift bags, boxes and tags, jiffy bags and unwanted decorations which will be available on the day to take away. Donations can be left in any of the parish churches. Thank you!

Parish of the Resurrection, Alton
W: www.potr-alton.co.uk T: 01420 513881 E: ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk



Eco-Church Toy Swap

St Lawrence Church Wed 16th November 12:30-4pm

Eco-church wants to encourage people to help the environment and people hit by the cost of living crisis by not buying new toys this year. So please look out those good quality, grown out of toys to pass on to other children and pick up something different for your own.

Toys can be donated at any POTR church - St Lawrence, All Saints, Holy Rood, St Peter's Beech and St Mary's Bentworth. Toys can be taken from the event even if no donation has been made .



Call to Action

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.

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](#)