



January saw the publication of the Skidmore review of the UK's progress towards net zero. He didn't pull his punches, let's hope the government responds with action on all fronts!

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Mission Zero the economic case for net zero by Tory MP Chris Skidmore, published last week, tells the government our future prosperity depends on our embracing green technologies and leading the field in their development.

The Skidmore review stresses the importance of local authorities and communities leading the way. The report contains nearly 200 recommendations many of which have been long overdue, could this be the turning point we have been waiting for?

If you haven't got time to read all 340 pages, Greg Ford of PeCAN has produced an excellent [summary](#) that is well worth a read.

What not to miss

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[Terracycle bins](#) popping up everywhere
[Can you spare some time?](#) Help needed
[Fill in our Recycling Survey](#)
[Visit the Alton Energy Advice & Eco Cafe](#), Tue to Sat 10am-12pm, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD
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[Challenge budget cuts for active travel & public transport](#)

In date order

[Hedge planting at Northanger Close](#), Greenfields Sun 5th Feb 10am - 12:30pm
[How to reduce home energy](#) talk 6pm - 7pm Wed 8th Feb Alton Library Vicarage Hill Alton GU34

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[Cuppa for the climate](#) 2pm Thu 9th Feb at the Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD
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[Hedge planting at Will Hall Meadow](#) Sat 11th Feb 10am - 12:30pm
[Fruit tree pick up](#) Sat 11th Feb 10am - 12pm
[ALFI's Seedy Saturday](#) 11th Feb 10am - 12:30pm Methodist Church Hall, Draymans Way GU34

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[Community Share](#) Sat 11th Feb 10am-12pm St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW
[PeCAN's Local Energy Bill](#) online meeting 7:30pm Mon 13th Feb
[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 18th Feb 10:30 - 12:30pm at Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN
[Hedge planting at Northanger Close](#), Greenfields Sun 19th Feb 10am - 12:30pm
[Wellbeing Walk](#) 11:30am 22nd Feb email for details altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com
[Phinna on Wey Valley Radio](#) on the Alton Energy Advice and Eco Café 10am Thu 23rd Feb

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What not to miss

**Mayor's
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Rooms

ACAN's second Mayoral fundraising event will be a quiz so it's time to start brushing up on your general knowledge or pressganging your more knowledgeable friends into your team. I am looking for someone who knows more about sports than I do!! Any offers?

Tickets £10 will include vegan or meat chilli with rice and tortilla chips

Come along with a team of 6, or join a team when you arrive.

Bring Your Own drinks

There will be prizes, but remember it is the taking part that counts - that and buying the ticket!

LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN

If nature runs out
we'll have none
to show and pass
down to future
generations -
imagine a world
without wonder!

EXHIBITION

What are the worries of our local children regarding the Climate & Nature Emergency, what do they ask of us and how can we help them - and ourselves! - be agents of positive change?

Find out at this exhibition, curated by Eco Streets, ACAN and Young ACAN.

Sun 29th January: Launch at The Lounge Bar, Alton, with introduction & live music

Touring to various venue in Alton and Petersfield. Dates to be announced!

Follow us on Social Media @ecostreetsalton for updates!



Listen to the Children

Scott Gudrich, leader of the Eco-Streets project, surveyed many pupils of The Butts School about their concerns about the climate and environmental crisis. He was so moved by their responses that he has put together an exhibition of quotes.

Do come along to see it and read [Lillie Ewins \(founder member of Young ACAN\) heartfelt response to it.](#)

It is currently at St. Lawrence Church, Church St, GU34 2BU leaving there on 9th Feb after which it moves on to other locations in:

Petersfield and possibly also Guildford.

Follow posts on the Eco-Streets Facebook and Instagram pages for dates and venues.



JOIN A HEDGE PLANTING WORKING PARTY IN WILL HALL MEADOW OR GREENFIELDS

**Create precious habitat for wildlife -
and have some fun! Bring the family!**

**We are thrilled to have funding for lots of hedge plants from
the CPRE Hedge Fund, "I Dig Trees" and Cllrs Richard Platt
and Steve Hunt**

10.00 am – 12.30 pm on all dates

WILL HALL MEADOW (meet near the roundabout, corner of
Basingstoke Road and New Odiham Road – near the source of the River Wey):

Saturdays 28 January & 11 February

GREENFIELDS (meet at the end of Northanger Close near the play
area)

Sundays 5 & 19 February

Just turn up – dress warm and bring a spade!



Email

AltonClimateNetwork@gmail.com



Terracycle bins being installed at the following locations:

Please bring only the items listed below to:

The Alton Energy & Eco Cafe - 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD

Alton Library, Vicarage Hill Alton GU34 1HT
Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HN
Energique Health Club, Anstey Lane, Alton Hampshire. GU34 2NB
Resurrection Furniture, 21b High Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1AW

The Terracycle scheme is financially supported by EHDC's Green Team and is included in their short term climate action plan as a community waste project.



**Specialist
recycling**



Bread Bags
Biscuit Wrappers
Confectionery Wrappers
Washing powder pouches
Pringles tubes
Coffee pouches
Dishwashing, cleaning and fragrance
flexible packaging
Flexible and some rigid plastic from
products above
No paper, card or glass



Alton Energy and Eco Cafe
16 Market Square Alton
Open 10 – 12 Tue – Sat
AltonClimateNetwork.org.uk

Volunteer with the Terracycle team

If you can help with our new Terracycle collections do get in touch. With a small team we can make light work of collecting and sorting donations and have fun too.

To get involved email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

Fill in our Recycling Survey

Test your knowledge and find out more about recycling in East Hampshire by [filling in our survey](#).



Alton Energy Advice and Eco Cafe

Now opening 5 days a week Tuesday to Saturday
from 10am – 12noon.

Come in and chat about practical steps for reducing energy bills, or other problems with bills or get advice on installing draft-proofing and insulation.

We can also advise on longer term projects such as heat pumps and solar panels.

We have comfy sofas and tea, coffee and cake on offer as well as lots of leaflets and information about Energy and ACAN in general.

Appointments can be made for other times if you cannot attend during opening hours – email energyalton@gmail.com

The Café is also available to be used for eco-groups and activities at other times.

Are you a small business worried
about rising energy prices?



Free Energy Survey

For a free and independent energy survey,

Phone 07811 462 659

Email energyalton@gmail.com

or visit us at <https://energyalton.org.uk>

Call on the government not to slash funding for public transport and active travel



More cuts to bus and rail services and funding for active travel are planned for the next budget that is only weeks away.

If you would rather see the money earmarked for new road infrastructure diverted to public transport and active travel please take a few minutes to [let the government know](#)

In date order

Alton Library - Wed 8 Feb at 6pm

Two of Energy Alton's volunteer Energy Champions will be talking about how you can upgrade your home to reduce your energy use - and make it greener and cosier at the same time.

[Book your free tickets here](#)

The poster for the Festival of Climate Change features a central illustration of a smiling Earth with arms and legs, holding a banner that reads 'Festival of Climate Change'. Below the banner, the dates '11 - 18 February' are displayed. To the right, the Hampshire Libraries logo is visible. The main text on the poster reads 'Energy Alton: Home Energy - how to reduce your energy bills and your carbon footprint'. At the bottom, the Alton Library logo is shown. A large green footprint graphic with the text 'CO2' is positioned next to a circular badge that says 'Pay what you decide'. The background is decorated with stylized flowers and leaves.

Energy Alton:
Home Energy - how to
reduce your energy
bills and your
carbon footprint

Alton Library

Pay what you decide

CO₂

Festival of Climate Change
11 - 18 February

Hampshire Libraries

Drop in for a chat every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Join us on Thursday, Feb 9th at 2pm at the Energy Advice Café (Market Square, GU34 1HD) and have a cuppa for the climate!

You can be sure of a friendly welcome. We have comfy sofas, hot drinks and biscuits.

😊🌍 We look forward to seeing you!



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Rooms

A fruit tree in every garden

Pick up your pre-ordered tree(s) at

Edgar Hall (the old St John Ambulance Hall) Anstey Lane, Alton,
Hampshire, GU34 2NB.

Saturday 11th Feb between 10am and 12pm.



ALFI
ALTON LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVE

Seedy Saturday

Saturday 11th February

Alton Methodist Church Hall
10.00am - 12.00noon

Bring seed to swap or help yourself for a small donation
Refreshments Available

To find out more about ALFI visit our website
www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk

Alton Community Share

Next session Sat 11th Feb

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



Hedge planting working party in Greenfields

Meet at the top of Northanger Close - Sunday 19th Feb 10am to 12:30pm Dress warmly and please bring your own spade.

Local Electricity Bill online event

Are you worried about your electricity costs, the power held by large electricity providers, or the likelihood of the UK reaching net-zero carbon by 2050?



If the answer is yes, [Energise South Downs](#) invites you to an [online talk](#) to find out how the Local Electricity Bill will benefit local economies, by encouraging community renewable energy and allowing local electricity providers to supply local people with fairly-priced power. They will also explore how *you* can help [Power for People](#) get the Bill passed as law.

You can join this online event on Monday 13th February at 7.45pm. Please register [HERE](#).

Energise South Downs, which is a new organisation promoting community-owned renewable energy projects in this area, *needs your help*. They want to know how you feel about community energy, solar panels and wind turbines. Please spare a few minutes to fill in [this short survey](#).



Next Session Sat 18th February

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

18th Feb, 15th Apr, 3rd Jun

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

Hedge planting working party in

Will Hall Meadow

Saturday 11th Feb 10am to 12:30pm Dress warmly and please bring your own spade.



Wellbeing Walk

Do join us for our next wellbeing walk on Wednesday 22nd February.

For details email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

We usually start around 11:30am for a country walk of about 2 or 3 miles and follow it with lunch at a pub or cafe.



Hear all about the Energy Advice and Eco Cafe

Phinna Brealey will be talking to David Way on Wey Valley Radio at 10am Thursday 23rd February about all the wonderful things that go on at the Energy Advice and Eco Cafe.



Workshops

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?



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. On the walk, Scott Gudrich (leader of our Eco-Streets project) 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

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](#)
