



## **Alton's Eco-Fair**

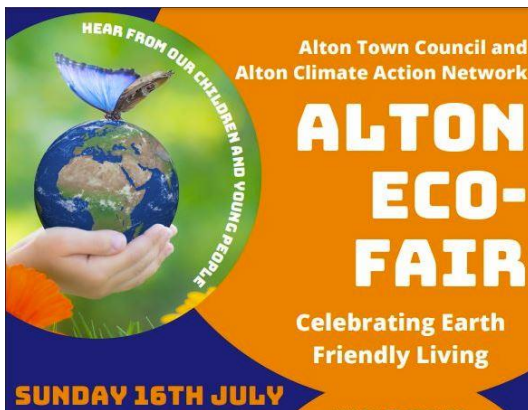
Sun 16th Jul, 10am - 2pm,

Public Gardens

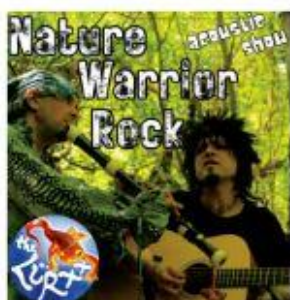
### **Celebrating Earth Friendly Living**

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- free family-friendly attractions (face painting, Hampshire Hawk Walks, Dawn Nelson's storying telling & crafts)
- the voice of young people on the environmental crisis in words & music
- Alton Concert Orchestra performing several seasonal pieces of music
- re-use and waste reduction zone
- plant-based foods
- caring for wildlife.



### **Bandstand Programme:**

**10.30** Welcome from the new Mayor – Ben Hamlin

**11.00** Lillie Ewins, Young ACAN – Speech

**11.30** Euan Rolfe singing

**12.00** Alton Concert Orchestra

**12.50** Performance of the Web of Life song

**13.00** The Lurxx - Nature warrior rock

**13.30** Prize-giving

### **Dawn Nelson story-telling and craft workshop**

Dawn Nelson is a professional storyteller and author, with a passion for connecting people with nature, history and landscape. Sessions will be at:

**10.45 - 11.30      11.45 - 12.30      12.45 - 13.30**

### **Hampshire Hawk Walks**

Anita from Hampshire Hawk Walks will be hosting meet and greet session with the Hawks.

### **Sabu's insect face painting**

10 minute slots from 10.30 – 12.30

### **Poetry workshop**

### **Sing for Nature with Eco-Streets for under 10s**

**Wildlife and nature stalls, local groups' stalls, plant-based food, re-use zone, art and interactive activities**



## ***It's good to talk!***

***June has been all about communication and collaboration.  
Find out who has been talking to who and to what effect below.***

**Jenny Griffiths was instrumental in persuading Alton Town Council to respond to Farnborough Airports Expansion Plans making the point that no noise impact assessment has been conducted in this area.**

**We attended the East Hants CAN do! where all the climate groups in our local towns and villages got together to see how we could share our successes and failures and learn from each other.**

**Cycle Alton met with our local MP Damian Hinds to talk about the need for more provision for cyclists in this area.**

**A week after that the wonderful WOTT (Women Of This Town) in Petersfield organised a private meeting with Damian Hinds to share our environmental and social concerns.**

**We also met with WinACC (Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis) to learn how Winchester City and District Councils measure their emissions and set their targets and how they held a citizen's assembly on what actions to take to cut emissions locally.**

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### ***News and views***

[ATC responds to Farnborough Airport Expansion Plans](#)

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[WOTT lead private meeting with Damian Hinds MP](#)

[WinACC briefing on setting targets and running a citizen's assembly](#)

[What's happening at the Eco Cafe](#) update

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### ***Dates for your diary***

[Eco-Church Celebration of Creation](#) Sun 2nd Jul 10:30am St Lawrence Church, GU34 2BW

[People's Plan for Nature](#) Wed 5th Jul 8pm on zoom hosted by HCAN

[Litter Pick](#) 10am Thu 6th Jul Mount Pleasant Car Park GU34 1NG

[Damian Hinds Public Mtg](#) Thu 6th Jul 7:30pm Petersfield, ticket only

[Community Share](#) Sat 8th Jul 10am-12pm St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

[Keep your house cool webinar](#) Tue 11th Jul 7:30-9pm on zoom

[East Hants Business Breakfast](#) Thu 13th Jul 8am Goldfinch Books GU34 1BN

[Cuppa for the climate](#) 4pm Thu 13th Jun at the Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD

[Eco Fair](#) Sun 16th Jul 10am - 2pm Alton Public Gardens

[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 29th Jul 10:30 - 12:30pm Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN

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## News and views

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### Alton Town Council responds to the lack of a noise impact assessment on the expansion of Farnborough Airport

ACAN's own Jenny Griffiths attended the ATC full council meeting in June and presented an introduction to Farnborough Noise Group's report to the Town Council in support of a motion on the agenda submitted by Cllr Barbara Tansey.

She referred to Farnboro' Noise Group's serious objection that the report was not conducted according to the strict CAA guidelines in that no noise impact assessment had been done anywhere outside the airport perimeter, despite acknowledging that the impact will be felt up to a 20 mile radius (i.e. including over Alton).

[Click here for further details.](#)

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### ACAN joins the "CAN do" for collaboration on climate work in the district

Phinna Brealey and Eleanor Hill represented ACAN at the first gathering of the CAN's (Climate Action Groups) of the district.

It was a wonderfully positive event. One thing you can be sure of when climate campaigners get together is that we are always keen to share our experience and knowledge so that no-one has to waste time re-inventing any wheels.

We all agreed we would benefit from working more closely together and should meet up a couple of times a year and in the meantime set up a shared record of who has experience and knowledge of which specialist areas.

***Present were representatives from:***

ERA (Eco Rother Action), PeCAN (Petersfield Climate Action), Harting CAN, Midhurst CAN, HEN (Hangers Environmental Network), Energise South Downs, PeRCH (Petersfield Resilience & Climate Hub) and ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network)

Just knowing there are so many of us, not just in East Hants, but up and down the whole country, all working to raise awareness and preparedness for the climate and environmental crises we face cheers me up. To the point where every small town I pass through I find myself thinking "I bet there is a climate action group here too".

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## Cycle Alton meet Damian Hinds

Cycle Alton's Chris, Barbara and Janice recently had a short meeting with Damian Hinds MP in one of his regular constituency advice surgeries.

We explained our disappointment at the recent cuts to the active travel budget. Hampshire will receive only one quarter of its funding bid, so many planned schemes will be cancelled. This disappointing allocation is likely to be spent on piecemeal schemes in several Hampshire towns, but not in Alton.

In order to effect changes here, we therefore proposed that the majority of the budget should be spent in Alton to create an example of what can be achieved in a rural market town to increase walking and cycling, not forgetting improved wheelchair access for Treloars College students.

We described our Safe Cycle Route for Schools, the joined-up loop of safe cycle paths and crossings designed to allow senior school aged children to access local schools and colleges. Damian was very quick to promise his support for the scheme.

We also invited him to join us on a cycle ride around the loop to which he readily agreed, on a date to be arranged.

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## WOTT meet Damian Hinds

Huge thanks go to Anna Grey, leader of the women of this town in Petersfield who set up a private meeting with Damian Hinds MP attended by about 15 climate activists and councillors, including 2 from ACAN.

The objective was to present Mr Hinds with the facts regarding the seriousness and urgency of the need to address climate change, with a focus on the safeguarding of our children's health and future, the benefits of active travel and community energy.

He listened respectfully and seemed to engage particularly with the child safeguarding issue, agreeing to consider setting up a young people's climate conference.

He also agreed to ask Chris Whitty about maybe using the Covid briefing room to talk to the public about climate science and government policies. Watch this space!

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## WinACC briefing on measuring emissions

At ACAN's request Chris Holloway and Phil Gagg of Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis gave a briefing on how they helped Winchester City and District Councils arrive at their baseline figures for GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions. We cannot thank them enough for all the work they (especially Phil Gagg) have done over the years on the nitty gritty of calculating emissions.

Present were representatives of ACAN, PeCAN and both Alton Town Council and East Hants District Council. We also heard about Winchester's Citizen's Assembly on climate and how that was organised so that we could consider whether it would be effective in our area.

Another example of local groups and interested parties coming together to share experience and good practices.

Peter Moss of PeCAN has volunteered to work on the figures with EHDC so again, watch this space.

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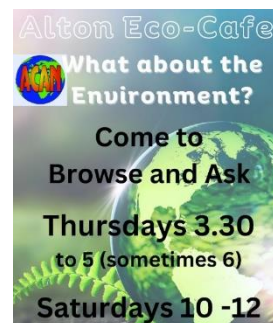
## Eco Cafe - Update

**Open Thu 3.30 – 5pm (sometimes 6) and Sat 10am – 12pm.**

Just drop in - no need to book.

We run activities for some of the open sessions, so far we have had fun:

- Upcycling Denim clothes,
- Chatting about Gardening for Wildlife,
- Chatting about Hedgehogs
- Chatting about Growing Our Own Food.



We are hoping to repeat these and also arrange more sessions on:

- Butterflies and Bees,
- Plant Based Foods,
- Tackling the Climate Crisis
- Walks from Bus and Rail Stops.

**Contact us with any more environmentally themed ideas you might have!**

Children are always welcome, with an adult - we can provide activities to keep them occupied while we chat.

Kids activities - If you can bring an empty cereal box or similar they can make an Eco-house to take home.

Bring your TerraCycle recycling. But please check this list of the [limited range of items we can accept](#).

See our Facebook Page and the shop window for more details as plans progress.

Energy Advice is still available over the phone or face to face by appointment. Please ring Stu on 07811 462659 or email [energyalton@gmail.com](mailto:energyalton@gmail.com)

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## Alton's Community Cupboard

*We are delighted to report that work to remove asbestos from the old Post Office has begun and we are hoping Alton's wonderful Community Cupboard will be able to move in there in the next couple of months.*



Please go to their [Facebook page](#) for details.

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## Dates for your diary

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After the service, enjoy your picnic in the churchyard – music to be provided by Luxx. Craft activities will be available for children. Drinks will be provided.

RSVP: [ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk)

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If you missed this excellent talk last month you can sign up with HCAN for:

### Dave Tickner of WWF

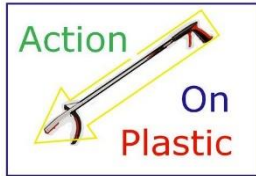
### The People's Plan for Nature

hosted by HCAN (Hampshire Climate Action Network) on zoom Wed 5th July at 8pm.  
email [events@winacc.org.uk](mailto:events@winacc.org.uk) for the link



The People's Plan for Nature is a plan created for the people, by the people of the UK – a vision for the future of nature, and the actions we must all take to protect and renew it.





## Litter Pick - Mount Pleasant Car Park

Thursday 6th July - 10am - 12 noon

Please email if you can make it to give us an idea of numbers [plasticacan@gmail.com](mailto:plasticacan@gmail.com)

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## Damian Hinds Public Meeting in Petersfield

If you missed the chance to quiz Damian Hinds MP at the public meeting in Alton last month you can always go along to Petersfield on Thursday 6th July at 7:30pm  
Attendance is free but you will need to [register for a ticket here](#).

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## Alton Community Share

Next session Sat 8th July

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



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## How to keep your house cool in summer

Are you struggling to keep your house cool in hot weather?  
Find out more about changes you can make to your home with PeCAN's free online webinar.

[Register via eventbrite](#)



Tuesday, July 11th, 7.30pm-9pm

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## East Hants Local Businesses Meeting on Climate

8 - 10am Thu 13th Jul at Goldfinch Books, 24 High Street, Alton, GU34 1BN

Yet another collaboration, this time between East Hants District Council, The Guild of Optimists, Energy Alton and ACAN has started to consider how local businesses can work towards accreditation for the environmental work they have done. This could be changes they have made to their own operations to address emissions reduction and/or the protection of nature.

This Breakfast meeting is for all those interested in starting on this journey and/or sharing their experiences and helping others to cut emissions and costs in their businesses.

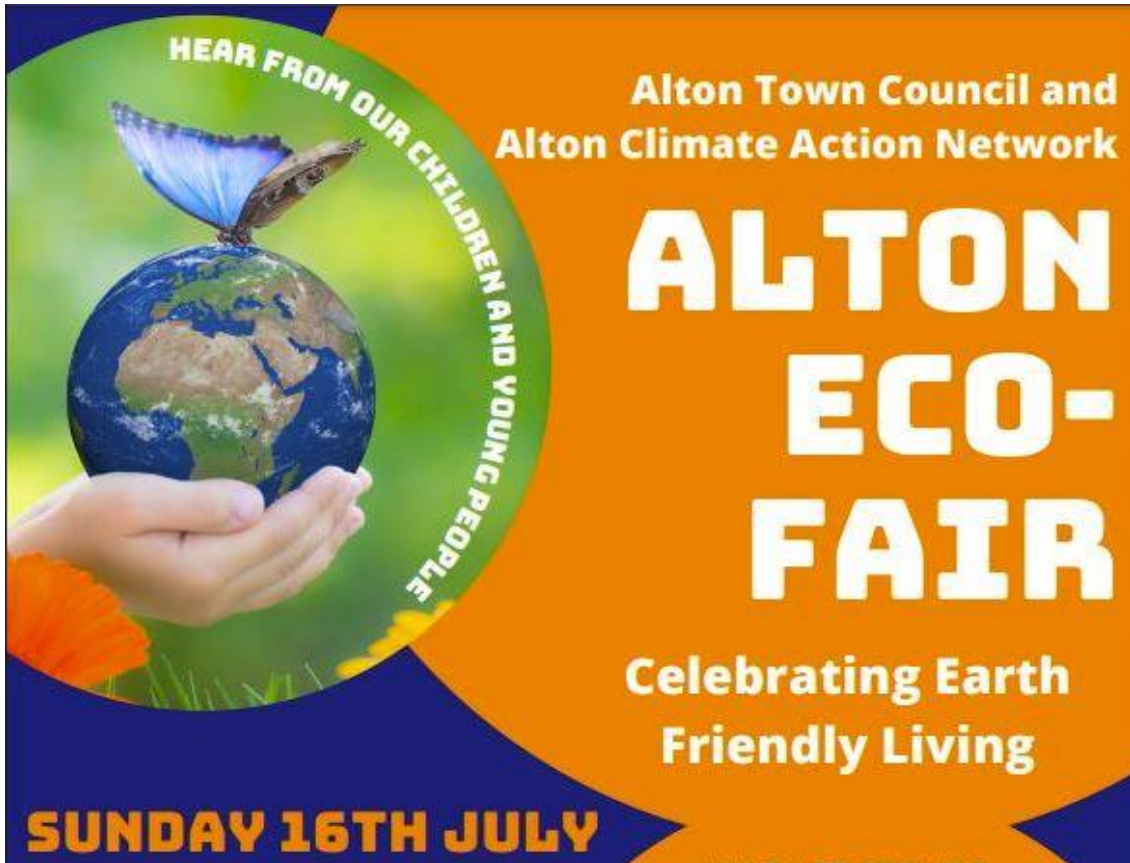


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**Every 2nd Thursday of the month.**

Join us on **Thu, Jul 13th 4-5pm** at the Eco Café (Market Square, GU34 1HD)

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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### Next Session Sat 29th July

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

2nd September

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



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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.

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