



**Here comes summer.
Make the most of it with ACAN.**

**And read on to find out who is wearing
recycled plastic and coffee grounds to help
the planet!**

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The El Nina cooling of the last few years is officially over.

The World Meteorological Organisation recently confirmed a [50:50 possibility of a temporary breach of 1.5C of warming in the next 5 years](#). This is linked to the return of the El Nino warming effect and our failure to cut emissions sufficiently.

There is nothing we can do about the El Nino effect but we can surely do a great deal more to cut our emissions and restore and enhance our natural environment.

If you want to help us to reach out to our local community, businesses and councillors to work together towards a safer future do email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com or fill in our [volunteer interests form](#).

We are keen to increase our focus on the 4 big hitters:

Transport
Energy use
Food & Farming
Over consumption of stuff!

we will be delighted to hear from you.

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[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 3rd Jun 10:30 - 12:30pm Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN
[AVLAN's People's Plan for Nature](#) Mon 5th Jun 8pm Railway Arms, GU34 2RB
[Cuppa for the climate](#) 4pm Thu 8th Jun at the Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD
[Climate Question Time](#) Fri 9th June - CANCELLED
[Community Share](#) Sat 10th Jun 10am-12pm St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW
[Farnham Sustainability Fair](#) Sun 11th Jun 12-5pm Gostrey Meadow GU9 7PT
[Gardening for Wildlife](#) Sat 17th Jun 10-12noon Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD
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News and views

East Hants District Council

As the dust settles following the May elections we in ACAN are reaching out to all our new and continuing councillors to work with us on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and restoring and enhancing our natural environment. If you would like to talk to your local councillor you can find their details [here](#).

Alton Town Council elections

We are happy to report that the town council is now up to 13 councillors, so every ward is now fully represented.

There are many new faces but we are hoping the old hands will be able to help them settle in and we will see the council continuing to support the green agenda through their Climate Change sub committee.

If you would like to contact your town councillor you can find their details [here](#).

Gumbi Fundraising Concert

We are delighted to report that ACAN's very own Patrick Busby, Jenny Griffiths and James Willis pulled out all the stops at the wonderful Medstead Church Fundraising concert where donations were shared 50:50 between the DEC Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal and the [Gumbi Alton Permaculture Paradise project](#) and a very generous £600 was raised for bicycle repairs, purchasing more animals and commencing building of the classroom on the farm (for teaching local farmers).

Eco Cafe - Update

The cafe is now opening on a drop in basis on Thursdays 3:30 - 6pm and Saturdays 10am - 12pm

We have been working hard on the window and wall displays so do take a look as you pass and check out our dates for your diary board. We hope to run a series of topic based sessions starting on 17th June with gardening for wildlife - see below for more details.

See social media 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

Making a difference

The wonderful Sheila John has been writing fascinating articles for our [Making a Difference page](#) for several years now so do dip in for some welcome good news items about who is doing what to address the need to cut emissions and restore nature.

Sports fans may be interested to know more about the [BBC Green Sports Awards](#) aimed at educating sports people and fans about the impact of their sports on the environment and awarding those working to raise awareness and cut emissions.

And well done Nailsworth's **Forest Green Rovers** who have been described as [the greenest team in the world](#) for all the amazing work they are doing to reduce their environmental impact. Their football pitch is organic and mown using a solar powered "Mow-Bot" and they have set up a park and ride to reduce transport emissions, they offer exclusively plant-based foods for staff, players and fans and their kit is made from a composite material consisting of recycled plastic and coffee grounds!



Alton's Community Cupboard

We are sorry to report the future of our much loved Community Cupboard is under threat.

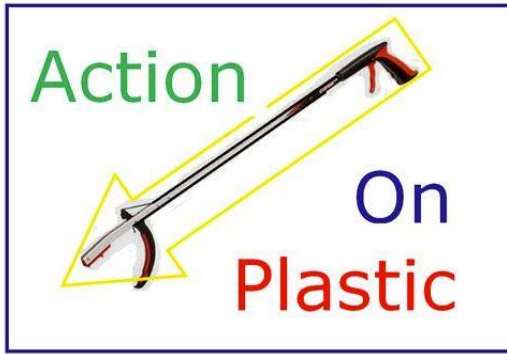
As they can only stay at *Little Vintage Interiors at the top of Market Street* until the end of June.



If you know of any premises in the town centre that could host this wonderful and essential facility please do get in touch as their move to the old post office has once again been postponed indefinitely.

Please go to their [Facebook page](#) for details of new opening times and procedures or contact Sandy at sandratmarks@gmail.com

Dates for your diary



Litter Pick - Anstey Park

Thursday 1st June - 10am - 12 noon

Meet at the football club car park. to pick either in adjacent roads or the park itself.

Come and join our friendly bunch of litter pickers every 1st Thursday of the month. Who knew litter picking could be such fun!

Please email if you can make it to give us an idea of numbers plasticacan@gmail.com

Help Count the Species at Flood Meadows

Alton Town Council is organising a Bioblitz to identify as many species as possible in a specific area of the Flood Meadows on **Thursday 1st June from 10am - 3pm**.

At a Bio-Blitz, scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to get a snapshot of an area's biodiversity. This will be used as a base-line to measure any changes (hopefully improvements) over time.

AVLAN will be there to chat about all the amazing things they do in and around Alton.



Next Session Sat 3rd June

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

3rd Jun, 29th July,

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



Dave Tickner of WWF

will be talking about

The People's Plan for Nature

in the back room of the Railway Arms 26 Anstey Road, Alton GU34 2RB Mon 5th Jun at 8pm.

The talk will be followed by a discussion of how we can get involved in this plan locally.

All welcome



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.



Every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Join us on *Thu, Jun 8th 4-5pm* at the Eco Café (Market Square, GU34 1HD)

This month's topic:

Poetry Workshop

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

😊🌍 We look forward to seeing you!

Climate Question Time

Friday 9th June, Petersfield

We are sorry to report that this event has been cancelled as Damian Hinds has pulled out.



Alton Community Share

Next session Sat 10th June
Celebrating National Volunteers Week



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

Farnham's Sustainability Festival 2023

Sun 11th June 2-5pm at Gostrey Meadow, Farnham GU9 7PT
With 40+ stalls * Talks * Crafts * Live Music * Wellness Zone * Plant Sale * Food & Drink
Come along to think locally and celebrate community



Gardening for Wildlife Session

***Eco Cafe Sat 17th Jun - 10am - 12 pm
with Jenny Griffiths***

Jenny has created a beautiful, organic, wildlife-friendly garden with no lawn, a pond and visiting hedgehogs and looks forward to chatting about planting to help pollinators year-round, and the challenges of coping with extreme weather. This photo was taken in last August's drought.



PETERSFIELD GREEN WEEK

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| 10/06 | 08.30 – 17.00 | Slow Ways Walk (11 miles)
Midhurst Grange OR P'field Square |
| 10/06 | 19.00 – 21.00 | FREE screening of The Oil Machine
Henry Warren Hall, Nyewood |
| 12/06 | 19.30 – 21.00 | Reducing Your Home Energy Bills
Merchistoun Hall, Horndean |
| 13/06 | 10.00 – 12.00 | Beaded Jewellery Repair Café
Courtyard Room, Winton House |
| 13/06 | 15.00 – 17.30 | Guided Nature Walk Noar Hill
Selborne Car Park |
| 14/06 | 19.00 – 21.30 | Carbon Capture & Storage talk
Rogate Village Hall |
| 18/06 | 07.30 – 12.00 | PTC Car Boot Sale & Climate Café
Playing Fields, The Avenue Pavilion |



Find many more events, details &
links to book on our website
petersfieldcan.org/events





Alton Town Council and
Alton Climate Action Network

ALTON ECO- FAIR

Celebrating Earth
Friendly Living

**SUNDAY 16TH JULY
10AM - 2PM**

**PUBLIC GARDENS
ALTON, GU34 1EN**

FREE ADMISSION



WILDLIFE GROUPS
STORYTELLING
FACE PAINTING
PERFORMANCE & ARTS
POETRY WORKSHOP
RE-USE ZONE
MUSIC
HAWK WALKS
THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN
PLANT BASED FOOD

For more information visit www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk

Workshops & Courses



Green skills courses

Colleges across Hampshire and Surrey have joined together to help tackle the climate crisis by creating two 'Carbon Literacy' courses to give an introduction into what the climate change issue is and how we can all make changes to reduce our carbon footprint.

The courses are FREE and available now, accessed via the Innovation South Virtual Campus (ISVC) here <https://em3.isvc.co.uk/>;

On the ISVC website you will also see courses for local businesses who wish to develop a more sustainable business model, topics include:

- Introduction to Domestic Retrofitting
- Introduction to Retrofit Technologies
- Introduction to Sustainable Resource Management
- Rainwater and Greywater Harvesting
- Tree Planting and Climate Change

Local colleges are also providing free training opportunities for businesses in working with electric and hybrid vehicles and renewable energy technologies such as heat pumps and solar.

Terracycle bins - update

We now have 4 bins around town and deposits are coming in thick and fast so if you can spare some time to help with the sorting do contact altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



Please bring only the [items listed in this article](#) to:

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

This scheme is financially supported by EHDC's Green Team and is part of their community waste project.

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](#)
