



Listen to the Children **exhibition at The Allen Gallery**

Plus workshops and events, you won't want to miss

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***Listen to the Children is a touring exhibition by Alton Climate Action Network
on display in the Allen Gallery cafe from 16 - 29 May 2023.***

Please drop in to join the free workshops & other events at the gallery, details below.

In June 2022, Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) conducted a survey among 7–11-year-old primary school pupils in Alton. They wanted to discover the extent of their knowledge and fears around the climate crisis:

The exhibition "Listen to the Children" features 29 out of the 115 answers - these are the concerns of our children, and we should all ask ourselves whether we are doing enough to prevent all these fears from becoming reality for our children and grandchildren.

This exhibition gives the children a voice and hopes to inspire adults to become active allies for positive change. It is aimed at anyone with an interest in the climate crisis; parents; teachers; mental health professionals etc.

Please note: The exhibition is not designed for children, it is intended to offer a new perspective for adults on the issues that concern younger generations around climate change.

Drop-in events and workshops:

Saturday 20 May, 2pm: Poetry Workshop. The poetry workshop is suitable for everyone aged 14+. Open to all, no previous experience in writing poetry needed. Duration approx. 90 mins.

Saturday 20 May, 5pm: 45 min acoustic concert of local Nature Warrior Rock band the Lürxx.
Click [here](#) for details.

Sunday 28 May, 2pm: Climate Change Communications Workshop run by Eco Streets project manager Scott about challenges in communicating climate change and ways to overcome these challenges. Open to all, no previous knowledge needed.

Monday 29 May, 11am: Closing Event with speeches talking about the data behind the exhibition by project manager Scott, reading of a speech originally delivered by Young ACAN activist Lillie Ewans, who wrote one of the introductions for the accompanying booklet, and the opportunity for discussion.

Listen to the Children Exhibition

[Listen to the Children exhibition](#) 16th - 29th May Allen Gallery, Church St, GU34 2BW

Special events during the exhibition at the Allen Gallery

[Poetry Workshop](#) for ages 14+ 2pm Sat 20th May

[The Lurxx Nature Warrior Rock](#) 5pm Sat 20th May

[Climate Change & our Community](#) 2pm Sun 28th May

[Closing Ceremony](#) 11am - 12:30pm Mon 29th May

More Dates for your diary

[Cuppa for the climate](#) Is activism worthwhile? 2pm Thu 18th May at the Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD

[Neighbourhood Plan Review](#) Fri 19th & Sat 20th May Assembly Rooms GU34 1BA

[Alton Community Share](#) 10-12 Sat 23rd May, St Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

[ATC Bioblitz](#) at Flood Meadows Thu 1st Jun 10am-3pm

[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 7:45pm Railway Arms, GU34 2RB

[Climate Question Time with Damian Hinds](#) 7pm Fri 9th June Festival Hall, Petersfield, GU31 4EA

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EXHIBITION OPENS ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY AT THE ALLEN GALLERY! "Such a moving exhibition....It left everyone feeling the weight those kids have on their shoulders and with increased determination to get our MPs and councillors to act quickly"

Thank you to the Allen Gallery for showing our Listen to the Children exhibition from 16 - 29 May, with a linked programme of events. See the [website link](#) for more information.

listen to the children

I worry most
about that
people are not
listening to what
is happening to
our planet!

**Alton's children
and the climate crisis**

exhibition at the Allen Gallery,
May 16th - May 29th



Special events during the exhibition

all at the Allen Gallery

mindfully rewilding ourselves

Create your very own poem about nature!
No experience necessary!

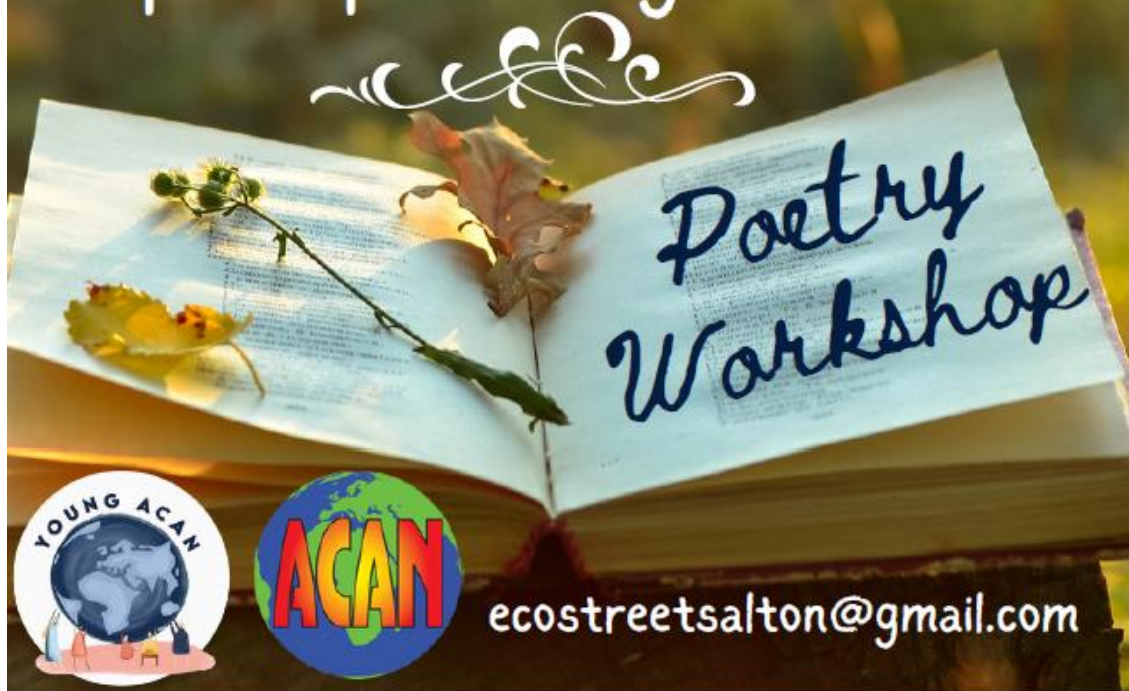
a wonderful way
to engage with
nature!

The simple concept
helped me connect with
the surrounding nature
in new ways and
appreciate the world
through all my senses.

This workshop really
touched something
in me

I didn't know I
could do this!

Saturday, May 20th, 2pm
Allen Gallery
free, for all ages 14+



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born in Hollywood...
live in Alton!

5pm **FREE**
Sat, May 20



Allen Gallery
GU34 2BW

SPECIAL
ACOUSTIC
SET

**NATURE
WARRIOR
ROCK**



CLIMATE CHANGE

AND OUR

COMMUNITY

YOU OWE
MY
GENERATION
AN
EXPLANATION

**communication
engagement
actions**

SUNDAY

MAY 28TH, 2PM,

ALLEN GALLERY



FREE WORKSHOP

CLOSING EVENT
MAY 29 11-12:30PM
ALLEN GALLERY, ALTON

**JOIN US FOR A REFLECTION ON THE
EXHIBITION AND THE CHANCE TO
DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS FOR
COMMUNITY WORK GOING
FORWARD.**

**LISTEN TO
THE CHILDREN**



[More dates for your diary](#)

Let's talk about...

**the value
of activism**

**join our next
Cuppa for the Climate
May 18, 2pm, Eco Café
16 Market Square**



Alton's Neighbourhood Plan Review

Alton Town Council is developing a new Neighbourhood Plan and ACAN intends to ensure that climate mitigation, protection and enhancement of our natural world as well as adaptation are key priorities within it.



The public are invited to “**Kick off engagement sessions**” taking place on:

Friday 19th May 3 – 7 pm and Saturday 20th May 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

in the Assembly Rooms

This is your opportunity to have a say!

For more information look at this Facebook Page [@Alton Neighbourhood Plan](#). and watch this [video](#)

If you would like to be part of the ACAN team working on this please

email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



Alton Community Share

Next session Sat 27th May

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-12noon

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 running a Riverfly Kick Sampling demonstration at 2pm



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.



WOMEN OF THIS TOWN PRESENT...

CLIMATE QUESTION TIME



AT THE PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL HALL

ON FRIDAY THE 9TH OF JUNE

FROM 7PM

**ENTRY IS FREE!!! COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR
QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

**PANEL TO INCLUDE:
DAMIAN HINDS (CONSERVATIVE)
MP FOR EAST HAMPSHIRE
ED GEMMELL LEADER OF THE CLIMATE PARTY
OTHERS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EAST
HANTS AND BEYOND TO BE CONFIRMED**



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Many thanks.

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