



Never has good news been so welcome as our government seems to be backpedalling on its climate & environment commitments

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Good News

"The prospects of the world staying within the 1.5C limit on global heating have brightened owing to the "staggering" growth of renewable energy and green investment in the past two years", according to Fatih Birol, the executive director of the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Of course there is much more to be done, but he went on to say:
"Despite the scale of the challenges, I feel more optimistic than I felt two years ago... Solar photovoltaic installations and electric vehicle sales are perfectly in line with what we said they should be, to be on track to reach net zero by 2050, and thus stay within 1.5C. Clean energy investments in the last two years have seen a staggering 40% increase."

Add to this the fact China's emissions fell by 3% last year and it is definitely not all doom and gloom.

More locally it is a joy to see so many businesses and community groups in this country stepping up to the plate as our government flounders. See [25 sustainable UK companies](#) with ideas including:

- using drones to clean solar panels
- making biofuel out of whisky by-products
- creating burnable "logs" from used coffee grounds

And if you want to experience a real glow in your heart take the time to watch this wonderful film about what it is possible to achieve when a community comes together
<https://happenfilms.com/together-we-grow>

Have you come across any exciting new ideas you would like to tell us about? If so do let us know at altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

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[Alresford Eco Fair](#) Sat 4th Nov 10am-3pm John Pearson Hall at St John's Church SO24 9AG

[Warm & Welcome](#) Tue 7th Nov 9:30am-12:30pm Alton Library, GU34 1HT

[Amphibians & Reptiles Talk](#) Mon 27th Nov 7:30pm Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN

East Hants Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Report

Now we know what we are up against we can really make progress.

Grateful thanks go to Peter Moss of PeCAN, Phil Gagg of WinACC and our own Jenny Griffiths, who have produced the first detailed report of where GHGs come from in the East Hampshire District. The report has now been published and disseminated to all three levels of local government (county, district and town) to inform their climate strategies and action plans and help them and us to assess and measure progress.

The major finding is that 83% of East Hampshire's territorial emissions come from transport (almost entirely road transport), domestic energy consumption (mainly heating) and agriculture (mainly livestock). The path to territorial net zero will require a focus on these three activities.

We need to achieve net zero by 2035 to keep global warming as close as possible to 1.5 – 2.0 degrees, above which the impacts on human beings and on nature will be increasingly catastrophic. ACAN and PeCAN will be working with our Town, District and County councils and lobbying government to take urgent action on these three priorities.

[Download report here](#)

AVLAN Highly Commended for Wilder Neighbourhoods

AVLAN volunteers should be rightly proud of this award from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

AVLAN's volunteers have, in the last year alone, planted 1,750 native hedging whips (with grants from CPRE, I Dig Trees and local councillors), in partnership with Alton Town Council, to create 500 metres of double hedge in Will Hall Meadow and Greenfields. They have held monthly volunteer Riverfly sessions, invertebrate sampling for water quality in the River Wey in Flood Meadows. Through ACAN, the group has obtained licences from East Hants District Council and Hampshire County Council to cultivate green spaces and verges for wildlife across the town. As a partner in Petersfield Climate Action Network's "A Fruit Tree in Every Garden" project, AVLAN volunteers distributed 100 fruit trees to residents. They also successfully applied to Hampshire County Council for recognition of an orchid verge on Pertuis Avenue as a Recognised Verge of Ecological Importance.

See below: Gareth Hurd, Chair of AVLAN receiving the award from Megan McCubbin President of the Wildlife Trust,

Congratulations to the AVLAN team and all our wonderful volunteers.



Eco-Cafe and Eco-Chats

Come and have a browse! We have displays about ACAN's groups and various environmental issues. Sometimes we have an "Eco-chat" on a topic led by an appropriate expert or enthusiast. Kids welcome with a grown up - we have activities to keep them occupied.

Phinna is in the Eco-Cafe every **Thu 3.30 - 5 & Sat 10-12**. see **ACAN website & Facebook page for information on topics & speakers**



Dates for your diary

Future Energy Forum - Friday

6th October 7.30-9pm

[Energise South Downs'](#) Future Energy Forum will give you the opportunity to learn more about energy security and our future energy transition. A fantastic line-up of speakers, and an event not to be missed - find out more and book your place [HERE](#).


FUTURE ENERGY FORUM
Net zero - What more could we be doing to facilitate the economic opportunity of the 21st century?
ENERGISE SOUTH DOWNS
The Theatre
Bedales School
Petersfield
Fri 6 October 19.30-21.00
Book your place at: www.bedales.org.uk/events

Adult Cycle Training



These cycle training sessions are offered at reduced rates and are delivered by experienced and qualified cycle trainers who also teach Bikeability in schools.

Groups are tailored to meet the needs of the cyclist, and we've received extremely positive feedback from previous attendees.

For more details and to book click [here](#)



Hampshire Outdoors
Participation & Lifelong Learning



ADULT CYCLE TRAINING

at Amery Hill Secondary School, Alton GU34 2EB

Saturday 7th October 9am–12pm

COURSES

• Learn to ride 60 minutes 1:1	£15
• Learn to ride 90 minutes (group of 3)	£10
• Developing rider 2 hours	£10
• Road ready 3 hours	£22.50

Helping Amphibians & Reptiles

This talk has been deferred to Monday 27th November - [see below for full details](#).

Please put the new date in your diary.

Cuppa for the Climate Every 2nd Thursday.

Join us on **Thu, Oct 12th 4-5pm** at the Eco Café (Market Square, GU34 1HD)

You can be sure of a friendly welcome.

😊🌍 We look forward to seeing you!



Please note

Sat 14th Oct session is CANCELLED.

In the meantime do look out any Halloween items to take along with you for your little witches and wizards to the:

next session on Sat 28th Oct





New Directions

ACAN will have a stall at EHDC's New Directions event at Alton College on:

Friday 27th Oct 10am - 4pm

We are hoping to encourage more people to volunteer on our wide range of projects.

In particular we are hoping to get a group together to work on promoting plant-based foods as a way to reduce emissions from livestock farming as well as improving our health. Do contact us at any time

on altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Next Session Sat 28th October

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

28th October, 9th December

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



Opening dates
9th & 23rd September
28th October

Closed 26th August & 14th October 2023

10.00-12.00
 ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE ALTON





ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE

Please share your toys

Donate today

10.00-12.00
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Litter Pick

The next pick will be on **Thu 2nd Nov - 10am - 12 noon**

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

Alresford Eco Fair

Head for Alresford for all things eco. Stalls, displays, talks, quizzes, games and delicious food.

Have you got a jumper you no longer wear? Bring it along and take part in the great 'Sweater Swap'!

Entry is free, so go along to find out how you can to Save Money, Save Energy, and Save the Planet!



Alton Library Warm & Welcome Event

Alton Community Cupboard, Community Share and Repair Cafe will all be represented at the Library's Warm and Welcome event on:

Tue 7th Nov 9:30am - 12:30pm

Do come along to help us promote sustainable ways to address the cost of living crisis here in Alton.





Helping Amphibians and Reptiles in our Gardens

– a talk by
JAMIE NEAVES

Jamie is a local reptile surveyor, who has worked as a herpetologist and in several conservation roles, including for Natural England.



ALL WELCOME – share your own experiences

**MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER,
7.30 – 9.00 pm**

**ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
Amery Street, GU34 1HN**

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Many thanks.

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