



## ***We've been lucky this year but that may not last***

***As our weather becomes ever more unpredictable are we prepared for what climate change might throw at us?***

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### **Heatwaves, wildfires, drought, storms & floods**

**What a year it has been.** We could be forgiven for just heaving a sigh of relief that we in Alton have not been on the front line of climate breakdown ourselves this year.

#### **In August alone there has been:**

Torrential rain & typhoons in India, China & Japan leading to catastrophic floods, land and mudslides.

Alaska suffered floods due to ice melt.

Further floods in Slovenia, Sweden, Norway & NE USA.

Germans had to use snowploughs to clear up after a freak hailstorm.

Heatwaves in Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal & Arizona.

Wildfires in Portugal, Greece, France, Spain, Siberia, Canada & Hawaii.

A winter heatwave in the Andes.

#### **See these short videos for details**

[the extreme weather effects](#)

[what it feels like to survive these events](#)

So far we have been lucky in the UK. My waterproofs have had more outings than usual and my tomato crop has got blight but what will it be like next year and the year after that? The time to fully address climate breakdown is long overdue, so please help us to keep the pressure up on our local and national representatives.

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[Litter Pick](#) 10am Thu 7th Sep Anstey Park Car Park GU34 2NB  
[Is Alton prepared for the next heatwave](#) Thu 7th Sep 7:30pm Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN  
[Neighbourhood Plan Consultations](#) 3 - 7pm Fri 8th Sep & 10 - 1pm Sat 9th Sep,  
Assembly Rooms, High Street, GU34 1BA  
[Community Share](#) Sat 9th Sep 10am-12pm St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW  
[Eco-Chat Cuppa for the Climate](#) Thu 14th Sep, Eco Cafe, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD  
[EVs at the Classic Car Show](#) Sat 16th Sep 10-4pm Alton High Street  
[March to end Fossil Fuels](#) Sat 16th Sep London  
[CARRR boot sale](#) Sun 24th Sep 7-11:30am Hillside, Basingstoke Road, GU34 4BH  
[Hampshire Pension Fund Picket](#) Fri 29th Sep 9am, Winchester, Elizabeth II Court SO23 8BH  
[Future Energy Forum](#) Fri 6th Oct 7:30 -9pm Bedales School Petersfield, GU32 2DG  
[Amphibians and Reptiles talk](#) Tue 10th Oct 7:30-9pm Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN


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## **Is Alton prepared for the next heatwave**

**Public meeting 7 for 7:30pm Thu 7th Sep Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN**

### **Speakers:**

Andy Moffat – Trustee of Petersfield Society, Convenor of Green Infrastructure Group  
Peter Moss – Trustee of PeCAN, Project Leader for Petersfield SuperHomes  
Melanie Oxley – Trustee of PeCAN, Project Leader for Engaging with Nature Recovery  
Jenny Griffiths - Trustee of ACAN, former Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health




# **IS ALTON PREPARED FOR THE NEXT HEATWAVE?**

## **LOOKING BACK ON 2023 & FORWARD TO 2024**



Hear from experts in public health and the built and natural environment, discover practical solutions to making our homes and gardens resilient, and find out how we can keep ourselves safe in the climate crisis.

*Join our open forum  
7:30pm Thu 7th Sep  
Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN  
Bar open for refreshments from 7pm*

email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) for more information



**Petersfield  
Society**



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## Call to Action

WinACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change) are spearheading a campaign to stop Hampshire County Council (HCC) issuing or renewing any more licences for oil and gas extraction.



We in ACAN recently discovered that the licence for oil extraction from a site in Avington, has been renewed by HCC, effective until December 2026.

We have written to Councillor Andrew Joy our HCC Councillor for Alton and our MP Damian Hinds, as well as writing to The Herald to publicise this insanity and demand that it stops.

We have pointed out that our own Eco-Streets survey results show that 97% of respondents are concerned about the climate crisis and most of them feel radical changes are needed to address it. Our local and national government must acknowledge this concern and recognise they have a mandate to act decisively and urgently to stop burning fossil fuels and build a future in which our young people can thrive.

Please join the protest and email your HCC councillor and / or your MP to express your concerns. WinACC have created templates for this purpose which you can access following the links below:

1. [Fossil Fuel Licence Renewals MP Template](#)
2. [Fossil Fuel Licence Renewals HCC Cllr Template](#)

And if you would like to see ACAN's emails - see below:

1. [Fossil Fuel Licence Renewals Damian Hinds from ACAN](#)
2. [Fossil Fuel Licence Renewals Cllr Joy from ACAN](#)

For more details about the campaign see:

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/sd4nature-campaign-plan/>

***Never written to your MP or councillor?***

***Come to our Writing to People in Power workshop at the Eco Cafe on Sat 9th Sep 10 - 12noon***

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## East Hants Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Report

Last month we reported the exciting news that EHDC has brought forward their net zero target to 2035 - [more details here](#).

Now we must offer grateful thanks to Peter Moss of PeCAN, working with WinACC, who has produced the first detailed report of where GHGs come from in the East Hampshire District. This will make it much easier for EHDC to assess and measure their progress on that journey.

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 East Hants District Council and lobbying government to take urgent action on

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these three priorities.

[Download report here](#)

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## Some Good News

In a groundbreaking legal decision, a judge in Montana ruled in favour of the young people who had accused state officials of violating their constitutional rights by promoting fossil fuels. The judge agreed that a stable climate is included in a right to a "clean and healthful environment", as guaranteed in the state's constitution.



This happened at the same time as a growing number of countries are considering adding the crime of Ecocide to their statute books. Is the tide finally turning?

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## Eco-Streets Phase 2 starting in Hop Field Place & Ackender Hill

This project will build on the experiences and insights gained during the first Eco-Streets project and will focus on nature and creativity through poetry or songwriting workshops, painting and theatre as well as wildlife gardening and litter picking. The original Eco-Streets project showed that the lack of action is due to a lack of emotional involvement, rather than knowledge. We will try to address this lack by delivering several outreach events at the two estates, including outdoor evening talks on bats, hedgehogs and foxes, a neighbourhood picnic, and litter picks. We also plan to assist residents to buy and instal swift boxes and to create more wildlife verges like the successful verge we planted in Bolle Road with the original Eco-Streets project.

Besides assisting residents to do their bit for the wildlife around them and inspiring them to take steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle, we also aim to promote ACAN's many offers to people who may not yet be aware of ACAN's many groups and opportunities to get active for the climate.

For ore details [see our website](#)

***Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @ecostreetsalton for updates on all events***

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## 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 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**



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**FOR SALE - ELECTRIC TRIKE – NEARLY NEW**

(owner no longer able to use)

Alpine Explorer – [see website](#)

£1300 - Offers considered

Heavy duty tyres



To arrange a viewing please contact ACAN on

[altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com)

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## Dates for your diary

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### Next Session Sat 2nd September

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

2nd September, 28th October, 9th December

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



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## Litter Pick Anstey Park Football Club Car Park GU34 2NB

**Thursday 7th September - 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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## Is Alton Prepared for the next Heatwave

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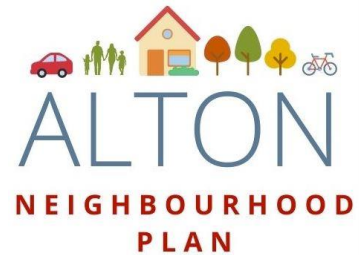
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## Alton Neighbourhood Plan

The next engagement sessions are at :  
Assembly Rooms  
on Friday 8th Sept 3pm - 7pm  
and Saturday 9th Sept 10am - 1pm  
to check out progress & have your say.

Find out more at: [www.alton.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/](http://www.alton.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/)



**Opening dates**  
9th & 23rd September  
28th October

**Closed 26th August &  
14th October 2023**

10:00-12:00  
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE, ALTON



**Please share your toys**

**Donate today**

10:00-12:00  
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE, ALTON



## Every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Join us on **Thu, Sep 14th 4-5pm** at the Eco Café (Market Square, GU34 1HD)

*When we will talking about talk about the role of art and creativity within the climate movement.*

You can be sure of a friendly welcome.

😊🌍 We look forward to seeing you!

## Electric Vehicle Display in Alton's Classic Car Show

**Sat 16th Sept Alton High Street 10.00 – 4.00**

Energy Alton, Cycle Alton and ACAN will be joining forces to display three electric cars, electric bikes – and converted classic Vespa scooters. It's a great chance to talk to EV owners about their benefits, and ask questions about overcoming the challenges



of battery range and charging. Visit our stall nearby to chat about our work. Thanks to Alton Lions for the invitation.

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## March to End Fossil Fuels

**Sat 16th Sep 12 - 2pm Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1E 0DH**

Extinction Rebellion is organising a march to coincide with the UN global leaders gathering in [New York for another summit](#) on meeting the Sustainable Development Goals which include [climate action](#).

It will be a family friendly event and will be one of many marches in major cities all round the world, as well as other cities in the UK.

For more information, or if you would like to travel with other people from Alton do email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com)

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**BOOT SALE**

**Sun 24th Sep 7-11:30 am**

ACAN will have a corner at the regular Hillside Car Boot Sale, Basingstoke Road, GU34 4BH, by the Departure Lounge.

We will be there to promote **reducing waste, reusing items** and **recycling**. If you would like to have a stall under our banner, please contact Wendy on [admin@altonclimatenetwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@altonclimatenetwork.org.uk)

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## Hampshire Pension Fund Divest are planning a Picket

We're invited by [HPF Divest](#) to join a picket organised by WinACC, demonstrating against Hampshire County Council's Pension Fund investments in fossil fuels:

**9am Friday 29 September, outside Elizabeth II Court, Winchester SO23 8BH**

(we can stay to attend the HPF board meeting itself if we want to).

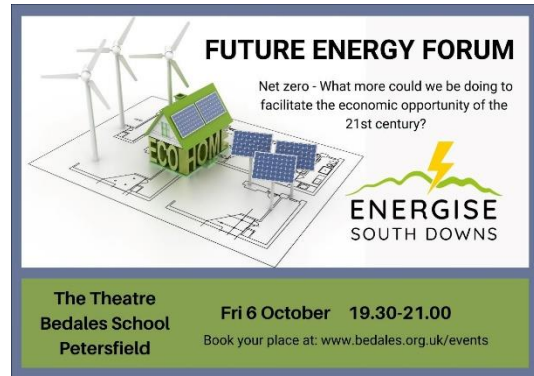
If you are interested in going do email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) for more details or to arrange lift share.

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## 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](#).



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## 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.

He will be sharing his knowledge and inviting us to share our own experiences on:

***Tue 10th Oct 7:30 - 9pm***

Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN

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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.

[Donate to ACAN](#)

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