



Have your say regarding East Hampshire District Council's '*Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan*'

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Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd November from 11 am – 3 pm (march sets off at 11:45am)

March for Clean Water: muster on Albert embankment (south of river between Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges).
Wear blue! For more details see <https://marchforcleanwater.org/>

Thursday 7th November 10 am

Litter Pick: meet in Aldi/Wicks/Pets at Home car park.
Parking available in the far corner nearest Elstead Lighting.

Friday 8th November 6pm

Gumbi Alton Permaculture Project Zoom meeting

Saturday 9th & 23rd November

Alton Community Share: games, toys and jigsaws to borrow for free.
Banish boredom with free activities for all ages!

Sunday 17th November 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

AVLAN working party at Will Hall Meadow (on the Basingstoke Road, beyond the junction with the New Odiham Road) . Main tasks will be maintaining the willow hedge and tidying up the community garden

Sunday 17th November

Deadline for submitting responses for consultation (see Cycle Alton update below)

Saturday 14th December 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Alton Assembly Rooms

Alton Repair Cafe: free repair of all sorts of items including bikes, computers and a range of toys. Donations welcomed. For any questions, please email: altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com

Greening Alton

AVLAN's 'Greening Alton' initiative is attempting to create a greening movement in the town, creating nature corridors for wildlife. Please email James Willis jarwillis@gmail.com (cc. jenny@griffhobbs.co.uk) if you would like to put your garden on the map. Include a photo and a couple of sentences of description. It will be anonymous and only include the road name, not the house number or your name.

If you would like to explore the range of sites already added please visit www.bit.ly/GreenAltonSites

Top tip: one of the easiest ways to encourage wildlife into your garden is to do as little as possible at this time of year. Leave seedheads for birds and only cut back plants in April when the weather warms again. This ground cover will provide habits for a range of little creatures, many of which provide food for other animals.

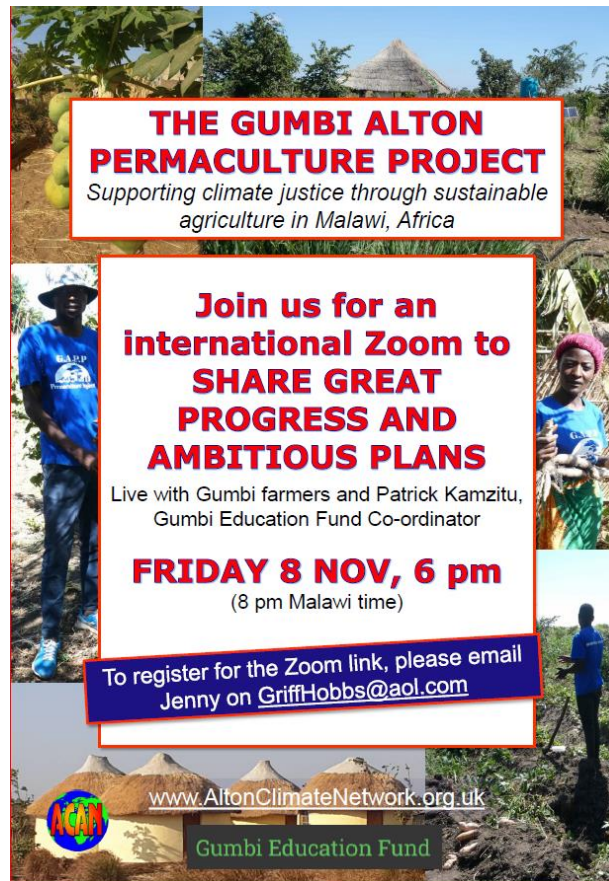


SustainaBites 'Food for the Future Roadshow'

The Sustainabites team had a great time at the Energy Alton public meeting on 15th October and then again at the Resurrection Furniture AGM on 22nd October, where we supplied plant-based nibbles to attendees. Several people asked for the recipes for the mushroom and walnut pate and the broad bean, olive and sun-dried tomato dip, both of which are available in the recipes section at the bottom of the [Sustainabites web page](#).

Cutting down on meat and dairy in our diets is one of the best and easiest ways to reduce our environmental impact and benefits our own health as well as the planet. **And the team are keen to spread the word so remember if you are holding a meeting and would like to try some plant-based nibbles we are happy to come along. Just email sustainabitesuk@gmail.com and we will see what we can do.** To find out more, or organise a speaker, email us at sustainabitesuk@gmail.com

Join a live call with Gumbi Farmers



THE GUMBI ALTON PERMACULTURE PROJECT
Supporting climate justice through sustainable agriculture in Malawi, Africa

Join us for an international Zoom to SHARE GREAT PROGRESS AND AMBITIOUS PLANS

Live with Gumbi farmers and Patrick Kamzitu, Gumbi Education Fund Co-ordinator

FRIDAY 8 NOV, 6 pm
(8 pm Malawi time)

To register for the Zoom link, please email Jenny on GriffHobbs@aol.com

www.AltonClimateNetwork.org.uk

Gumbi Education Fund

Alton Community Share Update



JOIN US AT ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE!

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY - AND FUN?!

Alton Community Share is a free library of jigsaws, games, toys, and activities, powered by the generosity of our community. We meet every two weeks at St Lawrence's Parish Centre, helping people of all ages banish boredom, save money, and support sustainable living by re-using preloved items.

WE NEED YOU!

With our current leaders stepping down, we're **Looking for enthusiastic new volunteers** to guide Community Share into the future. This role is flexible and can be shaped by you, but it involves:

- Ensuring smooth running of each session
- Managing the stock of toys and games
- Overseeing administrative tasks
- Promoting Community Share through social media and other means

NO SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED!

Just bring your energy, a bit of time, and a willingness to give it a go. Join a fantastic group of volunteers and make a real difference in our community.

INTERESTED?

Drop a line to Jenny Griffiths, ACAN Trustee, via AltonClimateNetwork@gmail.com, Alternatively visit Alton Community Share and have chat with Martin or Helen on 26th October, or 9th or 23rd November 2024.

ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE

ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE, 10.00-12.00
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

GAMES, TOYS AND JIGSAWS
TO BORROW FOR FREE

Cycle Alton: Have your say regarding EHDC's 'Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan'

To read about the proposals for Alton in detail, follow this link to the [consultation](#). The East Hampshire District **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** (LCWIP) document is under the heading 'More About the Project'. See pages 181-193 for cycle paths and 54 to 75 for walking.

There are four ways to respond, starting with the quickest:

1. **E-mail your comments** directly to engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk, adding that you support the Cycle Alton response which is here, and which you can download, save and attach. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eEEaS0-ajUdA74GdD2G9hrlHLxU4pckQ/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115267757482054521145&rtpof=true&sd=true
2. **Complete the Cycling/Walking survey**. Follow this link to the [consultation](#) (or google 'EHDC LCWIP') and 'Respond to the consultation'. It takes about 10 minutes.
3. **Complete the Map Based Survey**. This allows pinpointing of areas in detail and will highlight clusters of problems on the map for HCC to prioritise. There is a [video](#) and [written instructions](#) to explain how to 'drop a pin' and enter comments on their map.

Cycle Alton has drawn up a list of five problem areas within the LCWIP's proposed primary and secondary routes which are detailed below. We urge you to comment on these areas of concern.

1. Holybourne Primary Route 200

On-road parking makes this route difficult & unsafe for cyclists to navigate. **We propose the safer off-road secondary route (from Anstey Park, behind Treloar College to Holybourne via Howards Lane and Church Lane) should be prioritised as Primary Route 200. At the western end it would need a toucan crossing to Geales Crescent.**

2. Draymans Way – Turk Street roundabout on Secondary Route

We are aware of two cycle/car collisions very recently. This dangerous roundabout is the only route to cycle from the High Street to the well-used community facilities at Alton Maltings Centre. **We propose a tiger or toucan crossing across the junction and the on-street parking in Turk Street be replaced with a contra-flow cycle lane on the southern side into the centre of the High Street.**

3. High Street/Market Street. Primary Routes 200 and 210

The LCWIP acknowledges narrow roads, on-street parking and one-way systems as barriers to cycling and suggests re-modelling the High Street to allow contraflow systems. **We support the need for contra-flow cycle lanes on Crown Hill, Turk Street, Market Street and the rest of the High Street. Buses, taxis and disabled parking could still be accommodated.**

4. Corner of Northfield Lane and Chawton Park Road. Primary Route 200

This is a busy, narrow and dangerous blind bend with no footpath and buses every 15 minutes. National Cycle Network route 224 crosses this corner and it is on a popular route for commuters, students and walkers between Four Marks and Alton. The NCN cycle path through the farmland urgently needs

improvement. **We propose a toucan crossing by the Cricket Club car park entrance, and a shared-use path on the western side down to the corner. This will safely link the NCN 224 between Four Marks and Alton Town Centre. We suggest the farmland cycle path be upgraded.**

5. Junction of Chawton Park Road and Whitedown Lane. Primary Route 200

There is currently no safe way to cycle from The Butts to the shared-use path under the Butts Bridge or to the Sports Centre. We welcome the LCWIP suggestions for improving this junction. **The shared-use path from outside The French Horn should be extended north to the entrance to Chawton Park Road with a light-controlled crossing to access NCN 224 into the town centre.**

Please submit your comments by 17th November.

Volunteer with ACAN

Here in ACAN we have a range of groups already set up and many more ideas of things we would like to do if we had more volunteers, and, of course, you may have ideas of your own you would like to pursue. It doesn't matter how much or how little time you can spare we have volunteering opportunities to suit.

To get involved do fill in our [volunteers form](#)

Or just email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to do

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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