

# Popular Alton Community Share seeking new leaders to continue future success

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#### Dates for the diary

#### PlasticACAN's Litter Pick

#### **Thursday 3rd October**

Meeting in Anstey Park car park by the British Legion at 10am. Equipment will be provided but please bring gloves.

#### **ALFI Harvest Feast**

## Saturday 12th October 10:30am-01:30pm

Alton Methodist Church Hall

All are welcome to join us for coffee and cake (from 10:30am) and homemade soups (from midday). **Energy Alton** will also be in attendance to provide an opportunity to discuss sustainable energy for your home.

## **EcoStreets Nature Walks**

#### **Next events:**

- Saturday 5th October @midday
- Sunday 6th October @4pm

See article in this newsletter for more details

### **Community Share**

Saturday 12th October and 26th October 10am-midday

St Lawrence Parish Centre

Games, toys and jigsaws available to borrow for free.

#### **Energy Alton**

Tuesday 15th October at 7pm

Alton Community Centre

Please join us with our guest speaker, Alan Whitehead, Former Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Net Zero.

#### Popular Alton Community Share seeking new leaders

Alton Community Share is a free library of jigsaws, games, toys and activities, powered by the generosity of our community. Currently run every two weeks in St Lawrence's Parish Centre, it helps people of all ages to banish boredom while saving money and supporting sustainable living by re-using preloved stuff – which reduces waste and carbon emissions.

As its leaders, Martin and Helen are stepping down, ACAN is now searching for one or more new people to lead Community Share into the future. There is flexibility for the new leader(s) to shape the role, but it essentially involves working with a fantastic group of fellow volunteers to make Community Share happen on a regular basis. Tasks cover ensuring smooth running of each Community Share session, managing the stock of toys and games etc, overseeing background administrative functions such as liaison with St Lawrence's EcoChurch, and promoting Community Share through social media and other means.

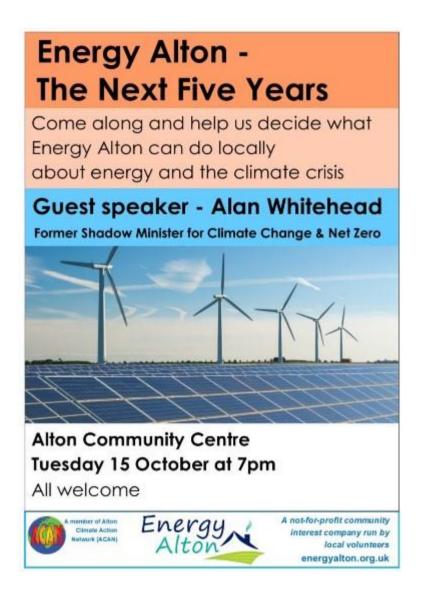
No special skills are needed to become the new leader(s) of Community Share. All you need is energy, a bit of time and willingness to give it a go. If you are interested, drop a line to Jenny Griffiths, ACAN Trustee, *via AltonClimateNetwork@gmail.com*,

Do visit Alton Community Share and have chat with Martin or Helen on 28<sup>th</sup> September, or 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/a-great-volunteering-opportunity-alton-community-share-is-looking-for-new-leaders/



**Energy Alton - help decide the next five years** 



#### Join a live call with Gumbi Farmers

#### FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 6 pm UK (8 pm Malawi time)

The Gumbi-Alton Permaculture project supports sustainable agriculture in Malawi, Africa.

Join us live with Gumbi farmers and Patrick Kamzitu GEF co-ordinator, for a special international call via Zoom to share the great progress already made and the ambitious plans for the future.

To register for the Zoom link, please email Jenny on <a href="mailto:GriffHobbs@aol.com">GriffHobbs@aol.com</a>

To learn more about the Gumbi Project please

visit: <a href="https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/our-groups/gumbi-alton-permaculture-paradise-project/">https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/our-groups/gumbi-alton-permaculture-paradise-project/</a>



Enjoy the EcoStreets Nature Walks Next walks: Saturday 5th October and Sunday 6th October



..and get ready for halloween by joining our EcoStreets Pumpkin Challenge!

# JOIN OUR FREE AUTUMN WALKS

SEPT 29, ECOLOGY WALK, ACKENDER WOODS, MEET AT THE PERTUIS AVENUE ENTRANCE OCT 5, CHALK STREAMS - THE UK'S RAIN FORESTS, FLOOD MEADOWS,

MEET AT THE BRIDGE AT THE LENTEN ST ENTRANCE

OCT 6 & 12 & 27 NATURE TALES / POETRY WALK / WILDLIFE TRAIL HUNT. CHAWTON.

MEET AT THE GREYFRIARS PUB CAR PARK

OCT 20 ECOLOGY WALK, ANSTEY PARK, MEET AT THE ALTON RUGBY CLUB



The walks will be cancelled in case of heavy rains, winds, or thunderstorms. Please check our Facebook / Instagram for updates on the day if the weather looks iffy!

# BOO! JOIN OUR PUMPKIN CHALLENGE!

Over 10 million pumpkins are grown in the UK, with 95% sold for Halloween carving. They make great decorations, but did you know you can eat the flesh and seeds too? With 42% of people buying a pumpkin in the UK, a



18,000 tonnes of edible pumpkin ends up in the bin each year. This year, we want to see your awesome carved pumpkins AND the yummy food you made with the flesh/seeds. Share your pictures on IG/FB and tag @ecostreetsalton and

@SUSTAINABITESUK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN COOL PRIZES!

### Alton Station volunteer group awarded "Outstanding" in South East in Bloom

RHS South East in Bloom 2004 awarded "Outstanding" to the Alton Station Adoption Group, which includes the ALFI-maintained community vegetable plot.

Many congratulations to the team of volunteers who plant, maintain and litter-pick on a regular basis, making such a positive difference to the town's important transport hub.

Please get in contact if you would like to join.

#### **Alton Community Cupboard**

Giving away rescued surplus food 6 days a week. Come and help us reduce the impact of food waste on our climate and our world. Run and managed entirely by volunteers at 73b High Street, Alton.

OPEN TO ALL

Mon 12:00-13:00 Tue 19:00-20:00 Wed 12:00-13:00 Thur 19:00-20:00 Fri 12:00-13:00 Sat 12:30-13:30

#### 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.

# Donate to ACAN