



Happy New Year! We hope that you had a festive Christmas and that you are ready for 2025!

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First an **apology!** This newsletter has been sent out to replace an earlier one sent on New Year's Day. There's even more exciting stuff in this issue, including some features missing from the original, more links and greater detail on what's happening. January promises to be a really exciting month for ACAN so do come along to the events and get involved in the action!

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Diary Dates

Saturday 4th January 10am: [Invertebrate Sampling](#)

Meet at the bridge near the Basingstoke Road entrance to Flood Meadows (GU34 1HR) to find out how to kick-sample for invertebrates, such as caddis and mayfly larvae and freshwater shrimp.

Wednesday 8th January 7pm: Town Council meeting about the future of Kings Pond

This [Full Town Council](#) meeting will include discussion of the future of Kings Pond. and is being held at the Assembly Rooms, GU34 1BA in anticipation of a large turnout. Do go along if you can.

Thursday 9th January 10am: [Litter Pick](#)

Litter pick, starting in Anstey Park car park by the British Legion clubhouse (GU34 2NB) at 10am. Please bring your own protective gloves. Litter pickers and bags will be provided as usual.

Saturday 11th January 3-4:30pm: [New Year, New You? event](#)

Joint event held by ALFI, AVLAN and Sustainabites at Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN. Further details below.

Monday 13th January: ESD part-time roles

Closing date for applications to Energise Souths Downs who are looking to fill two part-time roles: a Communications Manager, and a Project Manager. See website for details: <https://esd.energy/energise-south-downs-is-growing/>

Saturday 25th January 6:15pm - 9:30pm: [Eating for Tomorrow film plus dinner](#)

SustainaBites are hosting a film screening plus plant-based dinner at the Alton Maltings GU34 1DT. [Book here Tickets £10 \(£5 unwaged\)](#). More details below.

Tuesday 28th January 6:30 pm: PeCAN film screening event

In collaboration with Bedales, GU32 2DG, PeCAN are hosting a screening of the soil health film '[Six Inches of Soil](#)'. This film tells the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system. Doors will open at 6.30pm. Tickets are just £5 each.

Saturday 8th February 10am-12 midday: ALFI Seedy Saturday

Held at Alton Methodist Church Hall GU34 1LG. Bring your spare seeds to swap, or help yourself for a small donation.

Thursday 6th February: [A Fruit Tree in Every Garden](#)

This is the deadline for ordering a heavily-subsidised quality fruit tree, in collaboration with PeCAN. Order early as they may sell out! See more details below

Saturday 22nd February at 10:30-12:30: [Alton Repair Cafe](#)

Bring along items for repair by the handy volunteers: toys, electrical equipment, furniture, radios, bicycles, ornaments, kettles, clothes & textiles and much more. Good for your pocket and our precious planet.

Alton Community Centre, Amery St, Alton GU34 1HN

A BIG thank you

As we reach the end of 2024 and start looking forward to 2025, this is the perfect time to say thank you to all our amazing and dedicated volunteers, who have worked so hard throughout the year serving our community.

They include:

- The Repair Café helping us reduce the amount of stuff we throw away
- The Community Share keeping books and activities circulating so we don't all have to buy everything
- AVLAN protecting nature and biodiversity
- Eco-Streets bringing the message to Alton's new estates
- SustainaBites addressing the impact of our dietary choices
- Young ACAN spreading the word in our local schools. They also filmed at the Repair Café on 14th December.
- Cycle Alton promoting active travel – they are asking us all to respond to the Department of Transport's call for ideas to [contribute to their Integrated National Transport Strategy](#).
- Action on Plastic clearing litter from our streets and green spaces

- Alton Community Cupboard reducing food waste
- ALFI promoting local food and maintaining plots around the town
- Energy Alton advising us how to keep our homes warm
- Headley CAN taking the message to the Headley area

YOU are why ACAN has such a well-deserved reputation in the climate campaigning world, and we could not be more grateful for the time and effort you put into supporting change.

Thank you!

Community Share Update

On Saturday 14th December, the Community Share held what may be their last session at the St Lawrence parish rooms. We were able to offer our grateful thanks to Martin & Judith Wiles and Helen Moore for all the hard work they have put into running the share since the Covid lockdown. They and their wonderful volunteers (Martyn, Sue, Bettie, Julia, Mary, Gill and Phinna) have provided an invaluable service and there is some hope we may be able to restart the Share in 2025.

If you are interested in taking part, please do get in touch via: altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



New Year, New You?

AVLAN, ALFI and Sustainabites are joining forces to help offer inspiration at this informal event. There will be support and advice on helping wildlife, growing your own fruit and vegetables and eating more sustainably. Drinks and snacks will be available and there will be displays, short talks and a chance to chat to volunteers. Please do come along and support this brilliant event!

Further details available here: [NEW YEAR, NEW YOU EVENT](#)

See Chris Packham's invitation to the event
at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfTkTqrDbYc>

**Chris Packham urges
everyone to come along**



New Year, New You?

Are you looking to:
help wildlife in your garden?
grow your own fruit & veg?
eat more sustainably?



**Be inspired at our
informal event on:**

Saturday 11th January
3 - 4:30pm
Alton Community Centre
GU34 1HN



Free entry.
Hot drinks. Tasty snacks. Bar.
Short talks. Displays.
Raffle.



**Alton Climate
Action Network**

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Screening of 'Eating for Tomorrow'

Join SustainaBites for a screening of 'Eating for Tomorrow', a powerful film discussing solutions to climate breakdown narrated by Kate Winslet. This will be accompanied by a delicious plant-based meal provided by Jo's Kitchen and followed by a discussion led by Shireen Kassam, who recently launched a campaign to persuade the NHS to provide more nutritious food in their hospitals. We'd love to see you there!

25th January 2025 at 6:15pm at Alton Maltings (GU34 1DT)

[Tickets on sale now](#) - a bargain at only £10 per person (unwaged £5).



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EATING FOR TOMORROW

25 JANUARY 2025
6.15PM

THE MALTINGS, ALTON,
GU34 1DT

TICKETS: £10 (£5 UNWAGED)

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER -
THREE CHANCES TO CHANGE THE WORLD
FOR THE BETTER.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW -
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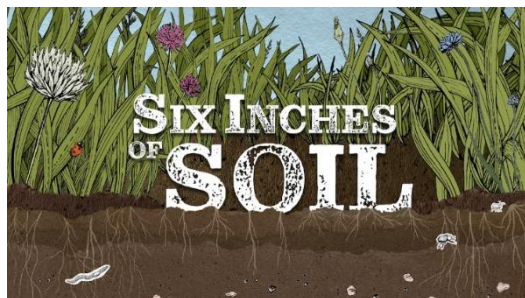


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SustainaBites

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A Fruit Tree in Every Garden

6th February is the deadline for ordering a heavily-subsidised quality fruit tree, in collaboration with PeCAN. These trees are a bargain at only £12.50 but order early as they may sell out! Choose from apple, pear, plum, greengages, cherries, apricots or filberts (similar to Hazelnuts).

Trees are a beneficial addition to most gardens, but in residential areas they are very important, helping with climate regulation, air filtration and providing valuable habitats for wildlife. They provide nesting places and materials, food sources and hiding places for a great variety of creatures. With almost half of Britain's ancient woodland having been destroyed in the last 50 years, the need for these habitats is greater than ever, and you can help by planting a tree in your garden!

To order your tree, follow this link: [ORDER A FRUIT TREE HERE!](#)
Collection will be in Alton on 22nd February, including stakes.



Volunteer with ACAN

Here at 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](#)
