



Welcome to October's Newsletter!

Don't forget to join our public meeting on 16th build community action to support nature and the environment. October to share your thoughts on how we can further

We also share the many other local events to enjoy this month.

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Diary Dates

Saturday 11th October 10am-Midday: Alton Society Autumn Litter Pick

Meet at the Cairn next to the Assembly Rooms at 10am

Saturday 11th October 10:30am-1:30pm: ALFI's Harvest Feast

Coffee, Tea, Cake and homemade Soup along with community chat held at the Alton Methodist Church Hall.

Saturday 11th October 2pm – 4pm: Community Share

Featuring a new collection of toys, puzzles, games and more, with lots for children (and parents) of all ages. A fun and friendly initiative to support local families and entertain children whilst also making excellent use of available resources and reducing waste. All loans are free of charge. Held at **St Lawrence Parish Centre**.

Thursday 16th October 7:30 – 9:30 pm: ‘Everyone is Invited to Come Together’

ACAN’s public meeting – *please see details below*.

Saturday 18th October, 12 noon: “Sustainable Practices”

A guided walk with Scott Gudrich, project leader of ACAN Eco-Streets. This walk will look at sustainable shopping options in Alton. We’ll meet at the Town Council Notice board in the car park behind Iceland.

Saturday 25th October 2-3pm: Creative Workshops - Storytelling Tales of the Natural World

Meet at the Freedom Through Expression Gallery

Sunday 26th October, 12 noon: “Seasonal Changes in the South Downs National Park – Autumn”

A guided walk with Scott Gudrich, project leader of ACAN Eco-Streets. For more information, see the Eco-Streets Facebook page.

Everyone is Invited to Come Together to Help Shape ACAN

Please do join ACAN and the local community on **Thursday 16th October at 7:30 pm at Alton Maltings** for a public meeting, where we will come together to discuss how local action can support more sustainable living and help build resilience to climate change.

This is a really exciting opportunity to celebrate the achievements so far, connect with other like-minded people and share your ideas for ACAN activity in the year ahead. ACAN would love to *hear your views to help shape our plans* and activities..

Contact altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for more details.

EVERYONE is INVITED
to COME TOGETHER



to build **Community & Local Environmental Action**
in the face
of Climate Change



 **CELEBRATE** how local action is making a difference in the big picture.

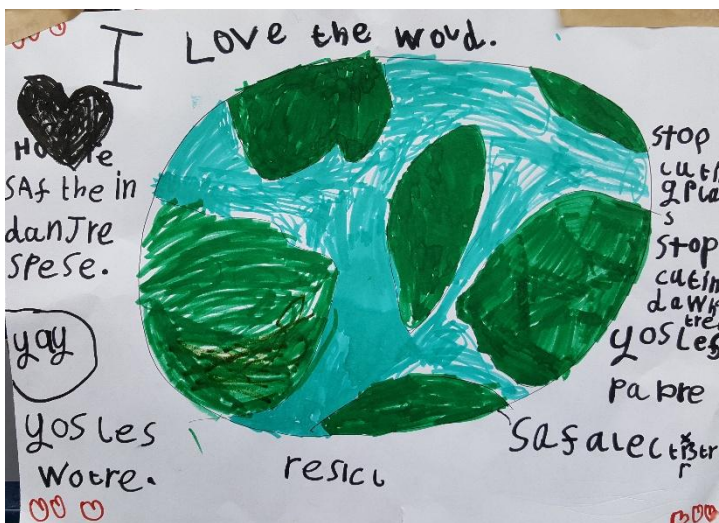
 **CONNECT** with others working towards similar goals.

 **EXPLORE** new ideas and plans for the year ahead.



Thursday, Oct 16
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Alton Maltings
(Wesley Room)

Contact: altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



Looking for Volunteers: Help keep Fillup on our High Street to Reduce Plastic Waste

The Fillup shop (15 High Street, next door to Home Hardware and opposite Goldfinch books) has now been going for five years! Here Louise Bagnall, Fillup owner-manager, explains the journey that she has been on during that time and is now looking for volunteers to support Fillup's future.

'Fillup first opened its doors in November 2020. Having grown more and more frustrated seeing just how much non-recyclable plastic was clogging up my own household bin, I wanted our community to have a resource where shopping without the need for single use packaging was possible and where eco-friendly and ethical products could be reliably found.

'Over the past 5 years, from our cleaning product range alone, Fillup has prevented the need for an estimated 44,635 pieces (1562kg**) of single use packaging that would more-than-likely have ended up as landfill or in our oceans.*

'Life on the high street is not without its challenges. Rising costs and competing with the buying power of supermarkets, amongst other things, contribute to an on-going battle to keep Fillup running as a financially viable business. To help us achieve this, we are asking if there are members of our community that could help us! We are determined to stick around and continue providing a much-needed resource for our town.

Do you have just a few hours spare each week to volunteer? If you do, and you would like to help us on our continued mission, then please get in touch with Louise Bagnall.

*based on an average size of 500ml

** based on an average weight of 35g per 500ml bottle

Want to help? Then email: fillupstorealton@gmail.com

Come along to ALFI's Harvest Feast for Coffee, Cake and Hot Soup

ALFI's popular annual Harvest Feast will be held this year on Saturday 11th October at Alton Methodist Church Hall. Join us for coffee, tea and cake from 10:30am and/or hot homemade soup served from midday to 1:30pm.

This year we are pleased to welcome SustainaBites who will be joining us with their plant-based treats.

Everyone welcome! Why not come along for rewarding cake or hot soup after supporting the **Alton Autumn Litter Pick** (see next article in this newsletter)?



Enhance our local environment by joining Alton's Autumn Litter Pick

The Alton Society, in collaboration with the Guild of Optimists and supported by Alton Town Council, invites everyone to come and support their very popular 2 hour litter pick on **Saturday 11th October 10am-midday**. Meet at the Cairn next to the Assembly Rooms at 10am.

Equipment is provided but if you have your own do bring it along. This is definitely a family friendly event and ACAN will have a volunteer group taking part- you are welcome to join

them or just come along. It is great fun, helps enhance our town and demonstrates that there is a community that cares about our environment.

Help clean up your community



11th OCTOBER, 10 am - 12 pm.
Meet at the Cairn by the Assembly Rooms.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.



Organised by the Alton Society and the Guild of Optimists.
Questions? Contact katguenioui@gmail.com



Deepen your Connection to the Natural World at an ACAN Creative Workshop

Our workshops are led by Scott Gudrich, ACAN Eco-Streets project manager. For details please use the QR Code for booking.



Creative Workshops in Alton



@ Freedom Through
Expression Gallery

Storytelling
Tales of the natural world
Oct 25 & Jan 31 / 2-3pm



Songwriting
Melodies of the earth
Dec 6 & Mar 21 / 2-3pm



Theatre
Nature's Stage
Mar 7 & Apr 18 / 2-4pm



All welcome!
No experience needed!



Places are limited, secure yours
by signing up here or emailing
ecostreetsalton@gmail.com



Help HCC with their Food Sustainability Survey

Hampshire County Council, in partnership with the Hampshire Food Alliance, are looking

for people to complete our survey on food and cooking habits.

The results of this survey will be used to inform their work around access to food and sustainability. It should take about 10 minutes to complete and will close on Sunday 19 October at 11:59pm.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-food-management-2025>

Smart Living is Hampshire County Council's waste prevention initiative, engaging and enabling residents in ways to save money while helping the environment. They provide information and tools which are freely available to residents to help manage their food in the home. To find out more, please follow this link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving>

For any questions, please contact Waste.Prevention@hants.gov.uk

GDPR Update

As a subscriber to ACAN's newsletter, we need to retain some of your personal information (*such as your email*) so we can let you know about all of the important things that ACAN are up to. This information is kept securely and is only used to contact you about ACAN's activities. If you no longer wish us to do this, please let us know. This notice is to ensure that ACAN complies with *General Data Protection Legislation*. The good news is if you're happy to continue receiving the newsletter (*and for us to hold your email*) then you don't have to do anything!

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.



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