



Welcome to April's Newsletter!

Protecting our environment together: Saving Hampshire's Swifts, Chalk Stream Roadshow, Inspiring Film Screening and Alton Repair Cafe highlights.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th April 7:00pm: Clean Green - Protect Our Streams Roadshow

Bishop's Sutton Village Hall

Saturday 11th April 2:00pm – 4:00pm: 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**.

Saturday 18th April 10:30am – 12:30pm: Alton Repair Café

Recycle and repair, don't replace! Bring along your cherished items and get them repaired. Free but donations are welcome. Held at **Alton Assembly Rooms**

Wednesday 22nd April 7:30pm: Clean Green - Protect Our Streams Roadshow
Old Alresford Village Hall

Thursday 23rd April - 7:30pm: [Saving Hampshire's Swifts](#)

A talk from Hampshire Swifts, organised by The Alton Society. Held at Alton Assembly Rooms. Free entry.

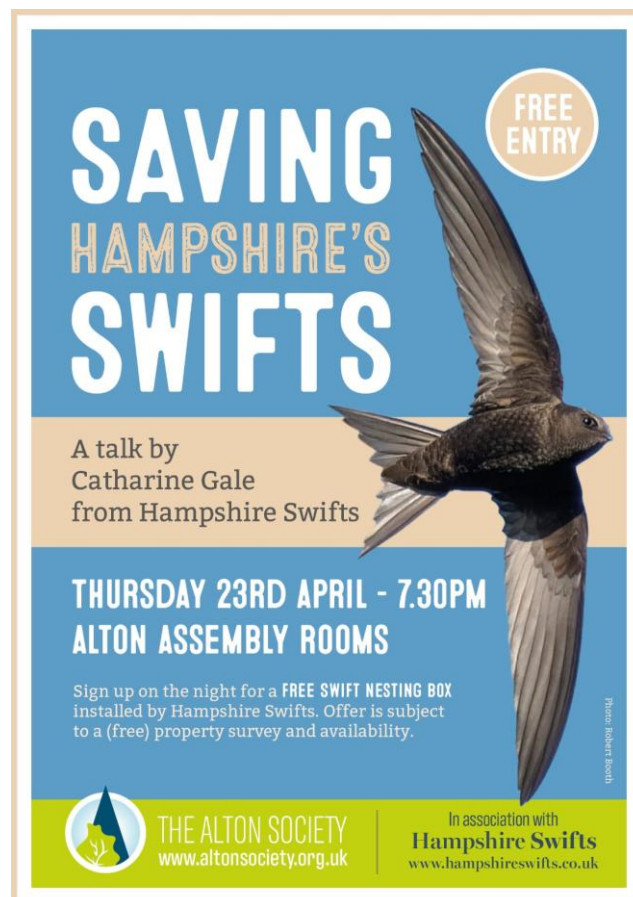
Saturday 16th May 10:00am - 3:00pm: ALFI Seedling Swap

ALFI's is hosting its annual Seedling Swap as part of the Alton Spring Garden Fayre being held at Alton Jubilee Gardens. Please bring your spare seedlings to swap or pick up for a small donation.

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Saving Hampshire's Swifts



Roadshow to Protect Hampshire's Chalk Streams

Learn more about the impact of everyday chemicals on our rivers and how we can make a difference by selecting the right household cleaning product. Attend one of the free scheduled meetings of this local roadshow by booking your place via the following ticket page link - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/upper-itchen-restoration-cic>.

Find out more at <https://www.upperitchenrestoration.org.uk/projects/its-clear-but-its-not-clean>

The poster is divided into several sections. The top left section has a dark blue background with white text for the title and a brief description. The middle left section has a light blue background with event dates and locations. The bottom left section has a dark blue background with the organization's name and contact information. The right side has a light blue background with funding information and a list of activities. The bottom right section has a green background with a circular logo and a concluding statement.

'CLEAN GREEN - PROTECT OUR STREAMS' ROADSHOW!
A local project to protect our chalk streams from household cleaning chemical pollutants and raise awareness of cleaner alternatives.

This event will be repeated on the following dates / locations.
Choose from:
Tuesday 31st March, 7pm, Cheriton Village Hall
Weds 8th April, 7pm, Bishop's Sutton Village Hall
Weds 22nd April, 7.30pm Old Alresford Village Hall

FREE EVENT all welcome! Book at:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/upper-itchen-restoration-cic>

Recent studies show that many toxic chemicals are discharged into our chalk streams, where they build up and cause harm to river life. Household cleaning products contribute to this problem.

Be aware Use less Reduce chemical load

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At the Roadshow:
Talks – Learn how cleaning products work, and be aware of how toxins cause harm to river life.
Demonstrations & participation – Join our interactive activities.
Recipes for home-made 'river savers' for non-toxic cleaning – Take home product samples and a 'goody-bag'.

Upper Itchen Restoration
Community Interest Company
Working to protect our precious chalk streams
www.upperitchenrestoration.org.uk upperitchenrestorationcic@gmail.com

It has never been more important to act together to ease the stress on our streams, keeping them safer for river life and for future generations.

Alton Repair Cafe in March - By the Numbers

The Alton Repair Cafe ran its monthly event on 21st March with 14 experienced repairers joined by 36 residents seeking repair for well-loved items,

Below are the facts and figures from this March event:

-  18 fully repaired
 -  9 not possible
 -  2 advice given
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- 🛠️ 2 partially repaired
- ⌚ 5 carried over

Emission saving: 592.2 kg
(Equivalent to driving 2,459 miles)

Landfill saving: 63 kg

The next sessions are scheduled for 18th April and 16th May, at the Alton Assembly Rooms. Please bring along your items for repair.



Community Screening of The People's Emergency Briefing

On 8th April Goldfinch Books is screening the People's Emergency Briefing – an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis in the UK and why it matters for things like extreme weather, food security, health and cost of living..

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK.

After the screening there will be a short open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally, facilitated by ACAN.

Seats are free but limited so please book in advance on the Ticket Tailor link below.

<https://www.goldfinch-books.com/events-listing/national-emergency-briefing>

STOP PRESS There is now a waiting list for this screening Due to high demand there is a plan to show another screening at a larger venue this summer: look out for further details in upcoming ACAN Newsletters.

Greening Alton Project: Register your Garden

It's time to restart AVLAN's *Greening Alton* project which endeavours to improve biodiversity in the town. Gardens that are rich in plant life support all sorts of insects and other invertebrates, as well as birds and small mammals. If you would like to add your garden to the map, then get in touch below.

Some questions for newsletter readers...

- Should we hold another 'Greening Alton Open Gardens' this summer?
- Would you open *your* garden to visitors?
- Would you visit other gardens?

Let us know your thoughts at: altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

To view the map (which currently has over 15,000 views) and see photographs of the biodiverse gardens and 'wild' spaces around Alton, please click [here](#)

GREENING ALTON

MAPPING AND LINKING LOCAL GREEN SPACES TO
IMPROVE BIODIVERSITY

SEE THE ONLINE MAP www.bit.ly/GreenAltonSites



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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