



Welcome to February's Newsletter!

Sustainable Alton: From Seeds and Trees to a New Home for Repairs!

Community engagement through seed swaps, 900 fruit trees, and relaunching the Repair Café.

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Diary Dates

Thursday 5th February – 10:00am: Alton Litter Pick

Starts in Anstey Park car park by the British Legion clubhouse. Please bring your own gloves, although litter pickers and bags will be provided. Help make an immediate and obvious difference to the appearance of our town!

Saturday 14th February 2 – 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.

Saturday 14th February 10am - 12pm: ALFI Seedy Saturday

Join Alton Local Food Initiative for their annual seed swap, held at Alton Methodist Church.

Saturday 21st February 10:30am – 12:30pm: Alton Repair Café

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

Grow Something Different: Come Along to ALFI's Seedy Saturday

As the new growing season approaches, it is time to look ahead and plan your vegetable plot. Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) invites you to participate in our annual seed swap event to exchange seeds and share expertise. Please join us in **Alton Methodist Church hall on 14th February 10am-midday** for this community celebration of sustainable gardening:

- **Contribute Your Surplus:** Bring along any unwanted seed packets or seeds carefully collected from your own garden.
- **'Grow Something Different':** This year's theme encourages you to try an usual seed variety or a new vegetable you haven't grown before.
- **Open to All:** If you have no seeds to swap, you are still very welcome to browse; seeds are available for a small donation to support ALFI's local garden plots.
- **Share your expertise with others:** Refreshments will also be available.



A Tree-mendous Success!

"On 17th January, for the fifth year running, ACAN joined forces with the PeCAN 'A Fruit Tree in Every Garden' scheme to distribute 138 trees to 60 delighted local residents. This project has been a tree-mendous success, delivering over 3,000 trees across Petersfield, Liphook, and Alton over 5 years. Locally, ACAN has now enabled the planting of more than 900 trees in Alton and its surrounding villages, significantly boosting local biodiversity and tree cover.

An achievement of this scale is only possible through excellent teamwork and we would like to thank:

- PeCAN for their project management;
- Our own ACAN volunteers who enabled local delivery; and
- Alton Men's Shed for providing essential storage and distribution space, handled the heavy lifting of trees, and supplying our volunteers with much-appreciated tea and coffee on the day..



Town Mayor Helps Celebrate Relaunch of Repair Cafe

On 17th January, the Alton Repair Café successfully opened the doors to its new home at the Assembly Rooms. The event was marked by a special visit from Alton's Town Mayor, Annette Eyre, who helped officially relaunch the service and spent time chatting with our dedicated volunteers and local customers.

The Repair Café continues to be a vital asset to our community, promoting sustainability through helping residents reduce waste by choosing to repair and reuse rather than discard, and saving money by providing a cost-effective way to give beloved items a second lease on life.



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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