



The COP26 UN Climate talks in Glasgow have started. Will our leaders rise to the challenges ahead?

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We have done almost all we can here in Alton.
Our 2 day vigil raised awareness and gathered 200 signatures for our petition demanding that our leaders get on with the job.
Please join us if you can on a march for climate on 6th November.

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ACAN's Vigil of Hope for the UN Climate Talks

ACAN's vigil proved a very successful way of engaging with a great many people we don't normally meet and was felt to be well worth doing. We gathered 200 names on our petition, many of whom had not come across ACAN before and signed up for our newsletter. We also got to strengthen our partnerships with other community groups in Alton and the surrounding area.

For a full report with photos click link below:

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/Vigil-report.pdf>



With grateful thanks to the Alton Lions for the loan of their gazebo, Alton Town Council for the loan of their sound system and PPL / PRS for granting us a free music licence.

We have a choice of 2 marches to offer you at the half way point through COP26:

Do join an ACAN contingent going up to London on the 10:14am train from Alton Station on Sat 6th November to join CND's "Climate not Trident" march.

Starting at Bank at 12noon and marching to Trafalgar Square for a rally at 3pm.

More details at the link below:

<https://cnduk.org/events/global-day-of-action-for-climate-justice-london/>



Alternatively if you would prefer a more local march do join Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth calling for climate justice and an end to the burning of fossil fuels.

"Gather at Princes Gardens in Aldershot from 9:30-10am - We will have a speaker from BVFoE Ending at Queen Elizabeth Park - we will stop here for an autumn sustainable picnic (we will hopefully get a warm food van with drinks and soup and other hot foods)"

More details on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11y_AQYfaJgimpRNUwG5CH7kNJTOwqRHdyzQOFBP5wC0/edit

Growing food in an urban environment

**Monday 8th November at 7:30pm
at
Alton Community Centre or Online**

Please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com to register and state whether you want to attend on Zoom or in person at Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN

The breakdown of supply chains due to Covid and Brexit is a timely reminder of what the future may hold. When the climate crisis starts to really hit our food supplies we'll need to rely much more on local food and grow our own wherever possible.

To inspire us, our speakers at this event are:

Will Benson of Applegarth Farm near Hindhead, where they grow food for their restaurant in aeroponic towers and measure their food miles in feet!





And Glyn Jones who has had spectacular success (including a prize from *Alton in Bloom*) with his “No dig” allotment here in Alton.

Energy Alton have recently launched an exciting new project called **Powering Up**, and they have **big ambitions!**

The Powering Up project will benefit everyone by creating a new community owned and directed organisation to install and own local renewable energy projects.

To make this all happen **they need your help!** They have a small dedicated committee, but need to expand in order to support this new venture.

To find out more join their online meeting on Thursday 4th November at 7:30pm

email energyalton@gmail.com or click below for more details:

<https://energyalton.org.uk/powering-up-alton-needs-your-help-come-to-our-zoom-event-4th-november/>



Eco Church, Parish of the Resurrection, are streaming the Tearfund Service for Climate Change in

St Lawrence Church at 6pm on Sunday 7th November

please do come along, you will be very welcome.

The service is led by Pete Greig (from The Prayer Course), Carol Ng`ang`ga and Celtic Worship.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.



Young ACAN are thrilled to announce their launch on Instagram and the exciting news that they are to receive a significant Lottery grant to get them started with their various project ideas including work on reducing fast fashion and setting up a local schools climate conference.



GUMBI / Alton Paradise Project Fundraiser

We are delighted to report that we doubled our target by raising a wonderful
£3011.23

for the Gumbi / Alton Paradise Project

Many grateful thanks to all who contributed.

You can find out more about the project on our website.

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/the-gumbi-alton-paradise-project/>



Call to Action

We all know we need to act now.

Here in ACAN we have quite a [range of groups](#) already set up and many more ideas of things we would like to do if we had more volunteers, and 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.

If you would like to help please use the button below to go to our CAF donate page.

Many thanks.

[Donate to ACAN](#)
