



Alton Climate Action & Network Calls to Action & Dates for your Diary Oct - Dec 2020

As this very strange year draws to a close I realise we have not been idle.

Like many organisations a lot of what we do has migrated online, but we are still managing some "in person" events.

Do check out our dates for your diary and join us if you can.

Please also consider letting our government know what you think, by answering our **Calls to Action** below.

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Dates for your diary

- Sat 17th Oct** Plastic Litter Patrol meet 10am - 12noon at Chawton Park Road, GU34 1RF (the small car park near the sports centre/skate park)
- Sat 24th Oct** Community Share 10am - 12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, Church Street, GU34 2BW
- Sat 24th Oct** Alton Repair Cafe 11am - 1.30pm at Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN
- Tue 27th Oct** Deadline for adding your comments to the Dept of Transport review of the Highway Code see details below
- Wed 4th Nov** Online talk at 7:30pm by Glen Skelton of Surrey Wildlife Trust - Protecting the River Wey in Alton - email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the link
- Sat 7th Nov** Community Share 10am - 12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, Church Street, GU34 2BW
- Mon 16th Nov** Online screening of Damon Gameau's inspiring and uplifting documentary 2040 7pm - see details below for how to book.
- Sat 21st Nov** Community Share 10am - 12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, Church Street, GU34 2BW
- Sat 21st Nov** Alton Repair Cafe 10am - 12.30pm at Alton Maltings, GU34 1DT
- Sat 28th Nov** Community Share 10am - 12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre,

Church Street, GU34 2BW

Sat 5th Dec ACAN have a stall at the Gilbert White Christmas Fair,
Selborne, GU34 3JH from 10:30am - 6pm

Sat 12th Dec ACAN stall at Alton's Yuletide Open Air Market 10am – 3pm

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Church Street, GU34 2BW

Do come along and join our happy band of volunteers working to make the world cleaner, greener, happier and healthier.



Wednesday 4 November 7.30 pm

Protecting the River Wey in Alton

Talk and discussion

Glen Skelton, Surrey Wildlife Trust



Zoom event – please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the link.



Glen Skelton is the Wetland Landscapes Officer at Surrey Wildlife Trust. For the past 7 years he has been supporting local communities and groups across the River Wey catchment to monitor the health of their local river and apply practical measures to restore degraded stretches. In this talk he will look in detail at the River Wey as it runs through Alton, why this is a particularly important stretch of river and

highlight some of the issues and opportunities for restoring our river to something we can be proud of.

Spring-fed rivers like the Wey in Alton are seriously threatened by climate change. Glen will suggest what we all can all do to protect this magnificent resource.

**Organised by Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature [AVLAN] and
Alton Climate Action & Network**

Photo: Local AVLAN volunteers with Glen Skelton (before lockdown), during a Riversearch training session

2040

Free screening - because we all need to see this.

Join the REGENERATION

@2040film

#whatsyour2040

whatsyour2040.com

Alton Climate Action & Network (ACAN) will be screening Damon Gameau's uplifting and visionary documentary *2040* online on:
Monday 16th November at 7pm.

At a time when the news about ice melt and wildfires is ever more frightening it is important to remind ourselves that the answers to the climate crisis are already out there. If we make the right choices now, we can make the world a healthy and beautiful place to hand on to our children and grandchildren.

Please join us, you will be so glad you did, and please persuade your family, friends and colleagues to join us too.

The screening will be followed by a question and answer session with local experts ready to answer your questions, the first of which may be "Why are we not doing these things already?".

The screening is free – but donations towards costs would be welcome. www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk

Just sign up here. You will receive a link from Eventbrite on the day of the screening.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alton-climate-action-network-2040-screening-event-tickets-122751794923>



Call to action

You may be aware the government is currently consulting on changes to the Highway Code to improve conditions for more vulnerable road users including cyclists.

Have your say...

Cycling UK has been closely involved in developing the proposed changes, which, if adopted, would see the inclusion of a 'Hierarchy of Users/Responsibility', new rules on junction priority, and a minimum safe passing distance for overtaking cyclists. Cycling UK has highlighted 10 key changes which would help make cycling significantly safer:

https://www.cyclinguk.org/sites/default/files/document/2020/08/highway_code_10_key_changes.pdf

It's vital that the Department for Transport sees there is widespread support, so **please don't miss this opportunity to submit your opinion on the government website:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horse-riders>

There is some more information on Cycling UK's website here:

<https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/64572/action/1?ea.tracking.id=CN&ea.url.id=4849684&fbclid=IwAR0qF5tEtknF4sHwaTFN8skVbffDqvjNacPfvBIM-J7agle3Fxn0qLusC4>

and here watch the film explaining why the new rules on junction priority would make the roads safer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCU-cDOcRIE>

The survey closes at 11:59pm on 27th October.

Call to Action

Please consider signing the petition raised by 350 degrees demanding the government:

[Kick the Polluters Out of COP26.](#)

In November 2021 the UN climate talks will be in Glasgow.

The UK government have said they want companies who are '*driving positive change and innovation towards a lower carbon world*' to sponsor the negotiations.

But it's **[just been revealed](#)** that big Fossil Fuel companies like BP and Shell are trying to get their logos in the picture, and what's worse it looks like the summit organisers are seriously considering it.

Big polluters have no place at the climate talks or in our future. We can't allow these companies to greenwash their image or try and influence these essential negotiations.

Demand that Alok Sharma, President of COP26, kicks big polluters out of COP26. *Culture Unstained, Glasgow Calls Out Polluters, Corporate Europe Observatory, Biofuelwatch, Polluters Out, Friends of the Earth Scotland and 350.org*

Plastic Litter Patrols

While outdoor activities with others are still allowed - what better way to spend a couple of hours than meeting others, talking about the environment and clearing litter.



Saturday 17 October 2020. 10 am – 12 noon. Chawton Park Road (meet at the Skate Park car park - please be prompt)

Pickers and bags provided - bring your own gloves

If you would like to go, or want to find out about future dates, please drop a line to Emma at emmajanejones72@gmail.com

If there are more than 6 people we may need to head off in different directions!



By The Community For The Community
ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE

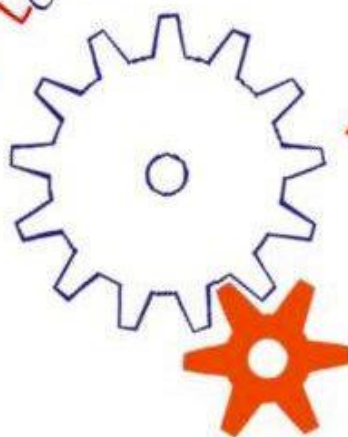
**2ND & 4TH SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH**
ST LAWRENCE PARISH CENTRE

Drop in to see our award winning team at the Community Share.



ALTON CLIMATE
ACTION & NETWORK

Alton Repair



**Bin it?
No way!**

Café

FREE!

Donations
appreciated

Special Repair Café

SATURDAY October 24th

11 am – 1.30 pm

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE Main Hall

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles
Mechanical • Small Electrical • Bikes

Covid-secure venue with social distancing

One item each please.

Part of the global *Repair Café* movement

