



# Spring into Grand Openings, Green Swaps and Wild Walks!

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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 3rd April at 10:00AM:** Alton Litter Pick, starting at Anstey Park car park by the British Legion clubhouse. Please bring your own protective gloves. Pickers and rubbish bags will be provided. We plan to collect for around 90 minutes.

**Sunday 6th April at 12:00 midday:** [Eco Streets explore the South Downs National Park guided walk.](#)

**Saturday 12th April, 10:30AM – 12:30PM:** *Alton Repair Café* at Alton Community Centre. Bring along your cherished items and get them repaired! Free but donations are welcome.

**Saturday 12th April, 2:00PM - 4:00PM:** The [grand re-opening celebration of Alton Community Share](#), at St Lawrence Parish Centre

**Saturday 10th May, 10:00AM - 3:00PM: Alton Spring Garden Fayre featuring [ALFI Seedling Swap](#)**

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## Grand Re-opening of Alton Community Share

We are excited to announce the grand re-opening of Alton Community Share at St Lawrence Parish Centre (Church Street, GU34 2BW) on **Saturday 12th April, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. This much-loved community initiative is back and looking forward to welcoming families to celebrate with us.

Join us for an afternoon of fun and connection. Families can enjoy free nature-themed face painting, enjoy delicious complimentary food from SustainaBites and explore our newly refreshed selection of toys available for borrowing.



Alton Community Share us about bringing people together and sharing resources to create a more sustainable and supportive community. Thanks to the generosity of new volunteers within the community, Alton Community Share will continue to be open on the **second Saturday of every month 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**.

We look forward to welcoming families back to this much-loved community initiative!

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## Get sowing for the ALFI Seedling Swap

Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) will be holding their annual seedling swap at the Alton Town Council Spring Garden Fayre on **Saturday 10th May 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

Exchange your homegrown vegetable and fruit seedlings and discover new varieties to grow in your garden or allotment. The ALFI stall will be in Market Square, so join us along with other stalls and live entertainment. Our seedlings will also be available for a small donation if you are just getting started in growing your own food to eat.

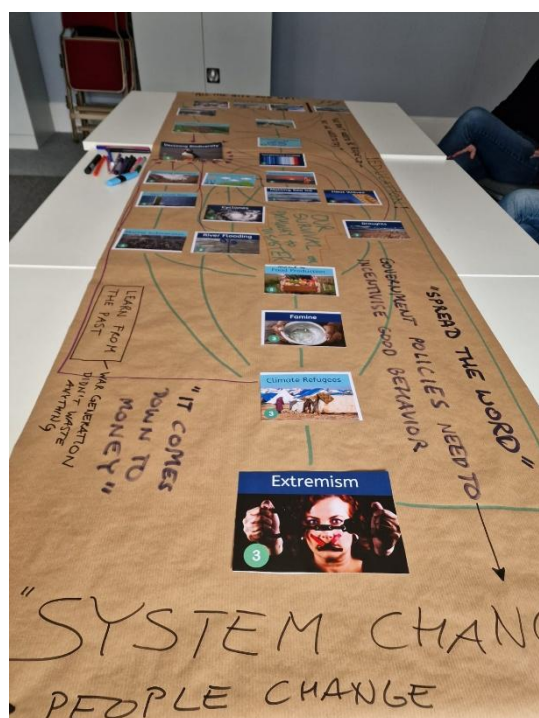


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## Understanding the impact of climate change through a 'Climate Mosaik' Workshop

On 29th March ACAN's Eco Streets programme hosted an enlightening interactive workshop to help participants gain a deeper understanding of how climate change affects our world, and how its causes and effects are interlinked.

The session led by Scott Gudrich developed a "Climate Mosaik" perspective and gave it a title: *"Our Survival or Pathway to Disaster"*.



## Explore the South Downs National Park with Eco Streets

We are excited to launch the newest project within Eco Streets. Through guided walks and creative interactions with the environment, we want to help create a deeper connection with the South Downs National Park (SDNP) among residents of Alton.

Focused on the western edge of Alton, but open to everyone, this community initiative is set to introduce residents to the wonders of the South Downs National Park and encourage them to start exploring it themselves. The project will provide a unique entry point into the park through a variety of imaginative guided walks and workshops.

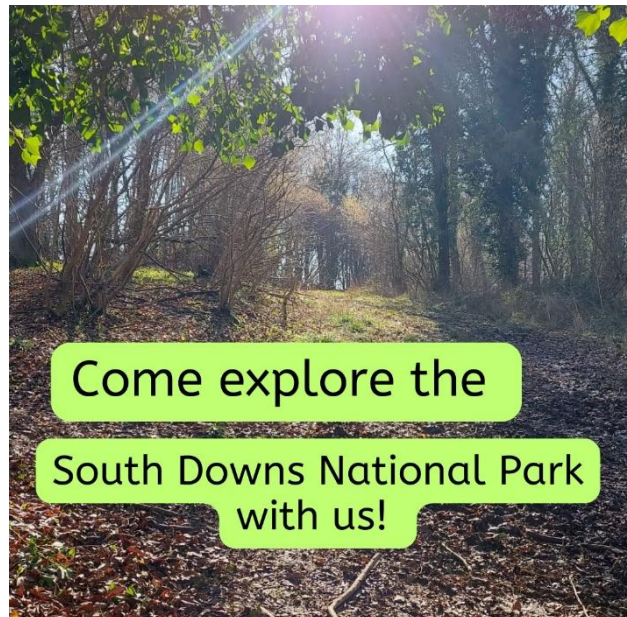
Thanks to a grant by the SDNP and Alton Town councillors Ginny Boxall and Barbara Tansey, we will be able to offer 10 guided walks and 4 creative workshops which will all offer different insights and connection points to the National Park.

The first guided walk will take place on **Sunday 6th April at 12:00 midday**. We will meet at Chawton Car Park. The walk, which will last approximately 75 minutes, will be followed by an informal project launch celebration with coffee and cake at Cassandra's Cup.

This walk will take participants around Chawton, taking in the signs of spring. We will repeat this very walk in summer, autumn and winter to observe the changing seasons.

There is some free parking in Chawton but it does get very busy, so we would suggest you walk or cycle if possible. All walks and workshops are free to attend and open to all.

Follow [@ecostreetsalton](#) on instagram or Facebook to stay up to date on more exciting events in the SDNP.



## 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](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) and let us know what you would like to do

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## 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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