



Alton Climate Action Network

Dates for your diaries

April 2021

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As we slowly emerge from our long Covid hibernation we can come out from behind our screens and meet outdoors as well as online.

So what better time to assess our wardrobes and make the move from fast to slow fashion.

And if fashion is not your thing we have plenty of other activities to tempt you. We look forward to seeing you at our stalls in the town gardens starting with the Repair Cafe on 8th May.

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ACAN invites you to join us for our next film discussion night on:

The Slow Fashion Revolution Mon 26th April at 7:30pm

Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the link.

This event is about how we can change our relationship with clothes.

In our consumer society, bombarded with adverts, we accumulate crazy amounts of clothes. But it doesn't make us any happier. More stuff just adds to our stress levels. And the planet is suffering from "too much stuff syndrome" too.

We will be joined by Anne Sayer of [Planet Aware](#)

Anne will introduce the work Planet Aware are already doing to address our addiction to clothing and will answer our questions on the real cost of fast fashion and what we can do to reduce the damage here in the Alton area.

We invite you to watch one or two of the films below before the meeting, to get up to speed with some of the alarming statistics – and some of the possible solutions.

Where the future of fashion is headed	50 mins (use subtitles not all of it is in English)
The Clothes we Wear – DW Documentary	28 mins
The True Cost of Fast Fashion – The Economist	7 mins
Is fashion destroying the planet?	27 mins



Hampshire County Council Election Thursday 6th May

Check out our candidates
pledges on the Climate and
Environmental crisis and ...

Don't forget to vote



We will be publishing our candidates responses to our questions in a second election special newsletter next week, on our web site and we hope to have a 2 page spread in The Herald as well so look out for that.

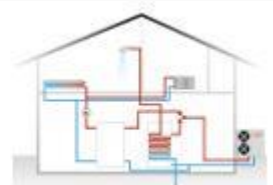


We're back! Please make a note of:

8TH MAY 2021

when the Repair Café will be in the
Public Gardens alongside the Walking and Cycling Festival
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

For more details contact Sue Hubbard, (sue@aspiretoperform.co.uk)



Energy Alton has had to postpone its virtual 'Alton Green Homes Event' until June due to the difficulty of making videos during lockdown.

Instead join our public meeting on **Wed 12th May** on zoom to launch the:

Clean Heat Alton Guide offering advice and guidance on clean heat systems (i.e. ground source and air source heat pumps) based on assessments in different types of home in Alton. To achieve net zero we need to wean ourselves off gas for heating, and the Committee on Climate Change's pathway to net zero projects the need for 900,000 heat pumps a year to be installed by 2030, compared with 20-30,000 a year now.

Speakers on 12 May will include **Doug Johnson** of [MESH](#) and **John Hubbard** chair of [Energy Alton](#).

Email energyalton@gmail.com for the link.

ALFI Alton Local Food Initiative: will be holding their annual **Seedling Swap** at the ATC themed market on Plants and Gardening in the Market Square on **Saturday May 15th from 10.00am**. Bring your spare seedlings to swap - or take some for a small donation. There will also be seeds as there hasn't been an opportunity for a Seed Swap this year. As Covid regulations are gradually relaxed, working parties on ALFI's fruit and vegetable plots will resume. New volunteers are always welcome to help with these. Check the dates at www.altonlocalfood.org.uk and let us know if you are interested in helping.

Look out for ACAN and AVLAN sharing a stall at the ATC Plants and Gardening Fair on Saturday 15th May



If you haven't already done so please complete East Hampshire District Council's survey regarding the future of East Hampshire's High Streets following the lockdown restrictions.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/town-centres-recovery-plan-east-hampshire>



Coming up

Alton Cycling & Walking Themed Market Saturday 8th May

- Cycle Alton will have a stand - we are looking for anyone who could lend a hand on the day, meeting and greeting, giving out leaflets etc and talking about cycling to passers-by. Otherwise do drop by and say hello!

Alton's Festival of Cycling - Friday 7th - Sunday 9th May

- Cycle Alton will arrange a variety of cycle rides to suit different abilities and distance preferences. All rides will be bookable in advance via the Festival booklet or by email/online.

Cycle Alton Cycle Training

- From talking to Alton residents last summer Cycle Alton realised there was a need for local adult cycle training. We've therefore engaged **Pedal Power**, which runs children's **Bikeability** classes in schools, to put on an afternoon of mixed classes in small groups, tailored to individual needs. The more-confident will get to ride on local roads, while free post-training rides with a Cycle Alton volunteer will also be available on request.

Date & location: Saturday 12th June, 2-4pm in Amery Hill School playground.

To book your place contact Darren at pedalpowertraining@gmail.com or tel **02392**

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further details and to discuss your needs. The **cost is £20 per adult**. We have applied for a grant

for a few subsidised places - do ask Cycle Alton if you are interested: cyclealton@gmail.com

See more information here: <https://altonevents.co.uk/events/bicycle-training-for-adults-in-alton/>

Action on Plastics and Waste

3 groups of intrepid litter pickers ventured out on 1st April. Happily they met up with a team from Alton Town Council who were able to relieve them of their spoils.

Phinna is hoping to plan more walks on the 1st Thursdays and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Do get in touch if you want to join her on Saturday 17th April.

Email plasticacan@gmail.com for more information.



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ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE

New Home Delivery Service

FOR A CHOICE OF 2-3 FREE ACTIVITIES TO
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**FOR FEB, MARCH & APRIL WE'RE TRIALLING
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**WE WILL DELIVER ON THE 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH
27TH FEB, 13TH & 27TH MARCH, 10TH & 24TH APRIL 2021**



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or text 07423 162654 Remember to include
your name, telephone no. and address
Save money and support sustainable living
Reduce waste, re-use and recycle pre-loved stuff!



Be sure to put **Alton's Eco Fair** in your diary on **Sunday 11th July**

There will be displays, talks, music, art, food and drink, stalls, re-use area, children's trail and all the fun of the fair.



Thank you to our "Gumbi" donors who are supporting these five young women who are being trained in permaculture at the Permaculture Paradise Institute in Malawi. They will learn how to grow a diverse range of crops to provide much greater food security than with the previous system of monocrop maize growing.

