



Alton Climate Action & Network

Dates for your diaries

Spring 2021

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I am writing this looking out at glorious sunshine and hoping you are feeling as energised as I am by the onset of spring.

It won't be long now before we can meet again face to face.

In the meantime we have a variety of activities, indoor and out, to whet your appetites for what we hope will be a pivotal year for climate change and the environment.

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The floor is yours: imagining a better future for us all

Wednesday 17th March at 7:30pm

Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the zoom link

“Imagination is the ability to look at things as if they could be otherwise” (John Dewey - social reformer).

And if there was ever a time when we needed imagination, it is now as we face the most serious crisis in human history.



If we can imagine what a clean, green, healthy, secure, happy future will look like for ourselves and our families, we can set about building that future.

So please join us online on: Wed 17th March at 7:30pm

To answer the question “What If?” and unleash your imagination!

It's time for “Yes and” not “Yes but”.

No idea is too crazy - who would have thought it would only take 9 years to land someone on the moon?

As history and the Covid pandemic prove, we can act very quickly when motivated. And all over the world communities are creating better futures for themselves.

It can be done.

BY THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY

ALTON COMMUNITY SHARE

New Home Delivery Service

FOR A CHOICE OF 2-3 FREE ACTIVITIES TO
BORROW WHILST L3 KEEPS US ALL AT HOME

**FOR FEB, MARCH & APRIL WE'RE TRIALLING
A NEW HOME DELIVERY SERVICE**

**WE WILL DELIVER ON THE 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH
27TH FEB, 13TH & 27TH MARCH, 10TH & 24TH APRIL 2021**



Please email your request to
AltonCommunityShare@hotmail.com
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!



AVLAN

Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature have got off to a great start with the planting of the [Butts Road plot](#).

They are holding their next meeting on

Monday 22nd March at 7:30pm on zoom.

Email altonactionfornature@gmail.com for the link



The **Lobbying group** is planning various actions on Friday 26th March in support of the CEE Bill.

This should include a banner drop and multiple posts on social media.

Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com to find out more.



ACAN invites you to join us for our next film and 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

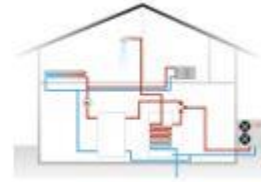


We're back! Please make a note of:

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.

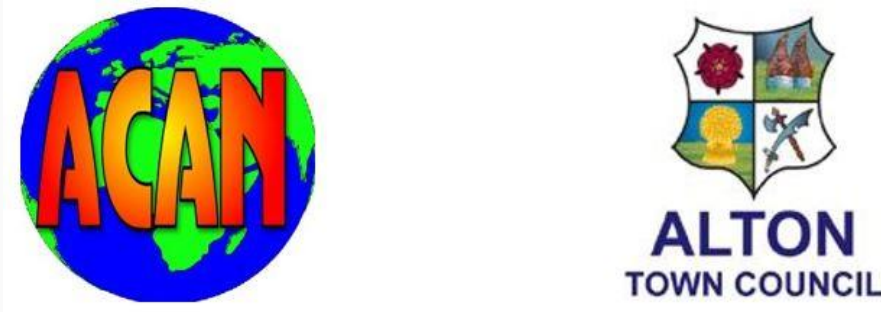
As Covid regulations are gradually relaxed, working parties on ALFI's fruit and vegetable plots will resume. New volunteers are always welcome to help with these. Check the dates at www.altonlocalfood.org.uk and let us know if you are interested in helping.



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

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.



Cycle Alton

would like to thank everyone who responded to the HCC consultation on their Local Transport Plan - let's hope they take notice of the ever growing demand for clean, safe, active travel.



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

- Cycle Alton will be offering subsidised (and we hope some free) cycle training so will be asking people to spread the word when the time comes to get started on this, after lockdown.
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Action on Plastics and Waste

Very many thanks to the over 100 of you that responded to our survey on waste and recycling.
The findings will be announced in due course.

We are delighted to announce that our **litter patrols** will be starting again on
Thursday 1 April (who are the fools in this scenario?)
Meet at 10 am at the Anstey Park car park near the Finnimore Pavilion.
We will be out for about 2 hours. Bring gloves and a mask.

Email plasticacan@gmail.com for more information.

