



The ACAN team is back refreshed after the summer break with a packed diary of events for the Autumn

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There is something for everyone this Autumn. Now is the time to get involved and chase away the end of summer blues by taking action with like minded people.

News:

[Young ACAN survey results](#)

[HCC planting more trees](#)

Are you social media savvy?

We need a [volunteer to take on our Instagram account](#)

Dates for your diary:

[Alton Repair Cafe](#) Sat 10th Sep 10:30am-12:30pm Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN

[Alton Community Share](#) Sat 10th Sep 10am-12noon at St. Lawrence Parish Centre, GU34 2BW

[ACAN stall](#), Sat 10th Sep 10am - 2pm at All Things Local market in the Public Gardens

[Energy Advice Cafe Launch](#), Wed 14th Sep 11am, 16 Market Square, GU34 1HD

[Electric Vehicle Display](#) Sat 17th Sep 10am - 4pm Classic Car Show in the High Street

[Young ACAN Clothes Swap](#) Fri 23rd Sep 3:30 - 6pm The Maltings, GU34 1DT

[WorthyEarth Festival stall & speaker](#) Sat 24th Sep at Dummer, RG25 2AR

[Herriards Eco Fair stall & speaker](#) Sat 1st Oct 10am-4pm at Herriard Green, RG25 2PD

[ALFI Harvest Feast](#) Sat 8th Oct 11 - 1pm, Methodist Church Hall, GU34 1LG

[It's Their Future](#) Public Meeting Mon 10th Oct 7:30 - 9pm on Zoom

[Try Plant Based Food at Alton Library](#) Thurs 20th Oct at 11am, GU34 1HT

Other stuff:

[Fairphones](#) - The ethical Eco-Phone a report by Sheila John

[Volunteer with ACAN](#)

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It's their Future!

At a public online meeting on 10th October [see events section]

ACAN will share the shocking findings of a survey, commissioned from researcher Fiona Witcomb by youth eco-group Young ACAN, funded by the Community Lottery, to help us understand children's and young people's concerns about the climate crisis, and discuss ideas on what we can all do to help.



The major finding from the 335 responses (supported by qualitative discussion groups in 5 schools) is that climate anxiety is widespread amongst children and young people in and around Alton. Half the respondents report negative emotions towards their future because of the climate crisis - sadness, fear and powerlessness. One participant said

"You can easily fall into a dark hole in which you feel there's nothing you can do."

They feel they are being failed by adults at all levels of authority, who are simply not doing enough to address their concerns. Over 80% of respondents felt that they "were being failed as young people" by the Government in the fight against climate change. But 69% said that they felt the local community and council of Alton, "Cared about climate change in the same way I do". Respondents' focus was on action: 91% wanted to see more action on climate change locally, including more opportunities to take action themselves.



HCC asking us all to choose spots for trees

We are delighted to report HCC have launched a tree planting scheme:

"Members of the public may request that Hampshire County Council plant trees on the highway. This can be on your road, outside your house or any other suitable highway location. We will endeavour to accommodate all tree planting requests if appropriate."

Follow the link below for more details - there is no charge for your tree(s) although they do ask that you help with the watering if safe to do so.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/tree-planting>



HCC is also asking for your views on the introduction of **20mph limits**, and other measures to control traffic around the county.

The deadline to respond to the survey is Sun 11th Sep
<https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/20MPH>

Help Needed

Do you have the time and know how to manage ACAN's Instagram account?

We could do with some help to ensure we make the best use of our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Do get in touch if you can spare some time to help us altonclimateaction@gmail.com

Instagram



Next session Sat 10th September

Bring your items for repair along to Alton Community Centre from 10:30am to 12:30pm on:
10th September, 22nd October, 10th December
There is no cost, although donations are welcomed.

IT'S FUN, PRODUCTIVE, SOCIAL AND HELPS THE PLANET!

Alton Community Share Next session Sat 10th September

Reduce waste & save money at this free library of jigsaws, games, toys and activities
On the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
at St Lawrence's Parish Centre
10am to 12 noon



Come and see us at Alton Town Council's
"All Things Local" themed market on
Sat 10th Sep 10am - 2pm in the Public Gardens.



We are very much looking forward to this joint venture with Alton Town Council.

From 14th September we will be occupying 16 Market Square - underneath the Town Hall next to the Food Bank.

We will be open to talk to people wanting advice on reducing their energy use and bills, which has always been Energy Alton's core business.

And we must give a big thank you to the council for providing this space, covering the rent until the end of the year, providing Wendy to run 2 sessions a week and to the Community Cupboard who have agreed to supply the cake!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ALTON ENERGY ADVICE CAFE

A WARM WELCOME (AND FREE CAKE) AWAIT YOU.



**OPENING 14TH SEPTEMBER
FROM 11AM**

COME AND HAVE A CHAT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SAVE
MONEY ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

16 Market Square, Alton, GU34 1HD

For more details



or visit www.alton.gov.uk

Electric Vehicle Display at the Classic Car Show

ACAN will be bringing several Electric cars plus an electric scooter, bike and trike to this year's Classic Car Show run by the Alton Lions.



Do come along if you want to know the joys and challenges of EV ownership.

on Sat 17th Sep Alton High Street 10am - 4pm



Young ACAN

Back on the Rack is back

So do get the word out to any youngsters you know aged 7 to 20 to sort out their wardrobes.

They can bring any good quality clothes to The Maltings collection point in their foyer from 1st Sep.

Then be ready to "swap 'til they drop" on

Fri 23rd Sep from 3:30pm to 6pm.

BACK ON THE RACK 2!

SWAP 'TIL YOU DROP THRIFT SHOP

ALTON MALTINGS

GV34 1DT FRIDAY

23RD SEPT 2022

3:30 PM → 6 PM



**Swap
your
preloved
clothes**

Upcycling
Climate Cafe
Donations
welcome



SUGGESTED FOR THOSE AGED 07-20

Stall and speaker at Worthy Earth Festival

If you haven't heard of them before Worthy Earth is a collection of Regenerative, No-Dig Market Gardens in Hampshire and Oxfordshire. They are staging a weekend festival on their farm in Dummer and ACAN will be taking our stall and giving a talk on "One Planet Living" on

Fri & Sat 23rd & 24th September. Dummer Down Farm, Dummer, RG25 2AR

We have been offered up to 5 discounted price tickets (£44) so if anyone would like to come along, and perhaps commit to an hour or two on the stall while there, do get in touch altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



Herriard's Eco Fair

***Sat 1st Oct 10am -4pm
Herriard Green Pavilion, RG25 2PD
Free Admission***

- Talks on Sustainable Living, Energy & Wildlife
- Local Eco groups
- Artisan stalls
- Children's tent
- Fill Up
- Waste prevention
- Energy efficiency
- EV and more...



ACAN will have a stall and speaker on "One Planet Living"
It should be a lovely day so do come along and join the fun.





HARVEST FEAST

Saturday 8th October 10.30 - 1.30

Alton Methodist Church Hall



***Coffee and cakes from 10:30 am
and home-made vegetable soups from 12 noon.***

**Enjoy delicious home-made local food,
garden tips and chat.**

To find out more about ALFI visit our website

www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk



It's **THEIR** **future!**



grief
Motivated
annoyed
guilty
betrayed
exasperated
sad
Worried
disappointed

Word cloud from 335 responses

Young ACAN's pioneering survey amongst local school children and young people has revealed widespread anxiety and fear about the Climate Emergency.

**Please join this important meeting to share ideas
on how we can help.**

Monday 10th October 7.30 – 9.00 pm

Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the Zoom link

The event will be kicked off by Fiona Witcomb who carried out the survey, and Young ACAN ambassadors Lillie Ewins and Isobel Goldie.

We will also hear from Scott Gudrich about the results of his equally-innovative *Eco-Streets* house-to-house survey in the Whitedown area of Alton.

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Try Plant based food at Alton Library

Thursday 20th October at 11am.

ACAN & Energy Alton have had a corner display in Alton library for many years, which has proved a great way to get information out to local people.

ACAN has now been invited to collaborate further with the library and will be bringing plant based foods to the library for people to try.



Fairphone - the ethical eco-phone

Want a new phone - think again - maybe what you need is a Fairphone
See Sheila John's news item on the [ethical eco-phone](#) on our website.

Call to Action

Here in 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 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.

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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