



Welcome to May's Newsletter!

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As we enjoy a very mild spring, now is a perfect time to engage with nature through fantastic walks and workshops led by ACAN's very own Scott Gudrich. Please do come and join him and other nature-lovers of all ages in a series of events planned over the next few months!

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Diary Dates

Saturday 10th May 10am – 3pm: Alton Town Council's Spring Garden Fayre

Held in Alton's Market Square, this will feature ALFI's annual seedling swap, Sustainabites, Cycle Alton, AVLAN and more! Come and enjoy plant-based snacks and find out all about joining AVLAN's Greening Alton project. Looking forward to seeing you at this exciting community event!



**Saturday 10th May 2pm – 4pm: Community Share**

Featuring a new collection of toys, puzzles, games and more, with lots for children (and parents) of all ages. A fun and friendly initiative to support local families and entertain children whilst also making excellent use of available resources and reducing waste. All loans are free of charge. Held at St Lawrence Parish Centre. Please do come and visit us and make use of the brilliant Community Share!

Sunday 11th May 12pm: Nature Connect Walk

See conservation in action with visits to Alton's community gardens and wildlife verges. Start and finish at the Butts' flagship plot near Borovery Gardens ([what3words:///regal.spent.faced](https://www.what3words.com/what3words:///regal.spent.faced)). Free and open to all ages.

Saturday 17th March 10 - 11am: AVLAN's 'Invertebrate sampling'.

Fancy kick-sampling for invertebrates, such as cased caddis, freshwater shrimp and mayfly larvae? Meet near the bridge across the river from the Basingstoke Road entrance to Flood Meadows and find out how to measure water quality by searching for life in the river. Fun, interesting and educational!

Sunday 25th May 12pm: Nature Connect Walk

Fascinating Flora: an amble around Windmill Hill. Meet at Salisbury Close entrance ([what3words:///subjects.bright.sedative](https://www.what3words.com/what3words:///subjects.bright.sedative)). Free and open to all ages.

Saturday 31st May 10:30-12:30pm: Alton Repair Café

Bring along your very-much-wanted but malfunctioning items for repair! Saves money as well as the Earth's precious resources. Email altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday 5th June 10 – 11:30am: Alton Litter Pick

Starts in Anstey Park car park by the British Legion clubhouse. Make an immediate and obvious difference to the appearance of our town!

Saturday 7th June 4pm: Nature Connect Walk

Waterways and Wetlands: a chance to discover the secrets of the River Wey, from the source to King's Pond. Meet at the 'Otter and Owl Bridge' off Lenten Street. Free and open to all ages.


Nature Connect: Transformative Walks and Workshops

A fabulous programme of guided walks and workshops from ACAN's Eco-Streets, enabling you to connect with nature in all its glory and diversity. Led by enthusiastic, eco-guru Scott Gudrich, these walks are free to attend, open to all and are very family-friendly.

Future events include poetry and storytelling workshops and a night-time walk to find out about Alton's nocturnal wildlife. With thanks for funding from East Hampshire District Council's Community Climate Action Fund.

See website for details and more upcoming events:

[Nature Connect: Transformative walks and workshops](#)



The poster features a light blue background with a faint illustration of a tree. At the top left is the 'ALTON' logo in a colorful circle. At the top right is the 'East Hampshire DISTRICT COUNCIL' logo. The main title 'Nature Connect - Transformative Walks and Workshops' is in large, bold, black font. Below it, 'Free to attend! Open to all!' is in a smaller, bold, black font. The poster lists ten events, each with a date, time, title, description, and meeting location. Each event is preceded by a green highlight bar. Small illustrations of nature-related items (a person digging, a bee, a badger, a person with a basket, a bat, a building) are placed next to some of the event descriptions.

ALTON **East Hampshire DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Nature Connect - Transformative Walks and Workshops

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MAY 11, 12pm Conservation in Action - a visit to Alton's Community Gardens and Wildlife Verges. Start and finish at the Butts plot (what3words: ///regal.spent.faced, at the corner of Butts Road / Borovere Gardens)

MAY 25, 12pm Fascinating Flora - an amble around Windmill Hill. We'll meet at the Salisbury Close entrance to Windmill Hill (what3words: ///subjects.bright.sedative).

JUNE 7, 4pm Waterways and Wetlands - discover Alton's River Wey, from the source to Kings Pond. Meet at the bridge with the otter and the owl at the Lenten Street entrance to the Flood Meadows.

JUNE 15, 4pm Urban Nature - discover impressive trees and wonderful weeds in the centre of Alton. Meet in the car park behind Iceland (what3words: ///loads.bungalows.connected)

JUNE 22, 12pm Pollinators and Plants - understand the crucial role of pollinators like bees and butterflies in the local ecosystem. Meet at Anstey Park, Alton Rugby Club (what3words: ///mops.welcome.roadshow)

JULY 6, 12pm Climate Change Impact- understand how climate change is affecting Hampshire and what changes we can already observe. Meet at Chawton Car Park (what3words: ///reviews.juggles.bunny)

JULY 26, 12pm Wildlife Wonders: Discover common woodland animals and learn fascinating facts. Meet at the Pertuis Ave (A339) entrance to Ackender Woods (what3words: ///exact.sooner.shallower)

AUGUST 10, 3pm Poetry Workshop - Whispers of the Wild. Meet at Anstey Park, Alton Rugby Club (what3words: ///mops.welcome.roadshow)

SEPTEMBER 14, 12pm Storytelling Workshop: Tales of the Natural World. Meet at Holybourne Church Pond (what3words: ///river.limits.efficient)

SEPTEMBER 27, 7pm Nighttime Nature: Discover what lurks in the woods after dark. Meet at the Pertuis Ave (A339) entrance to Ackender Woods (what3words: ///exact.sooner.shallower)

OCTOBER 18, 12pm Sustainable Practices: A stroll through Alton's High Street. Meet in the car park behind Iceland (what3words: ///loads.bungalows.connected)

NOVEMBER 8, 12pm Welcoming Winter: Exploring the woods as they go to sleep... Meet at the Pertuis Ave (A339) entrance to Ackender Woods (what3words: ///exact.sooner.shallower)

Bookkeeper and Treasurer Role

Firstly, a big thank you to Laura Pambos who had been working as ACAN Bookkeeper and Treasurer over the last few months. Unfortunately, Laura is now stepping back from this role. Thank you for your hard work and dedication, Laura, during these times of big change for ACAN.

ACAN now needs a somebody to fill both of these roles. Do you have an hour a week to spare? Can you help ACAN and all its wonderful voluntary groups with their banking needs? The roles of bookkeeper and Treasurer can be combined (as they are currently) or separated into two, but neither is particularly time-consuming. Please click on the link to download a detailed role description.

[ACAN Bookkeeper and Treasurer Role: Description](#)

Any questions? Get in touch with us for a chat about this vital role through the website contact form or email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

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 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.
