



Welcome to November's Newsletter!

October has been a busy month for ACAN but there's still plenty to enjoy in November: winter walks, living willow weaving, and Young ACAN's brilliant 'The Tale of the Waste Beast'.

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Diary Dates

Saturday 8th 2.00 – 4.00 pm: 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**.



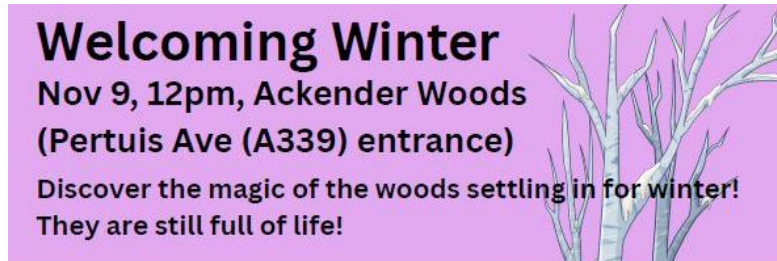
Thursday 6th November 10 – 11 am: Alton Litter Pick

Starts in Anstey Park car park by the British Legion clubhouse. Please bring your own gloves, although litter pickers and bags will be provided. Help make an immediate and obvious difference to the appearance of our town! Fingers crossed for a dry morning!

Sunday 9th November at 12 pm: Welcoming Winter Walk in Ackender Woods!

Join ACAN's very own Scott Gudrich on a voyage of discovery in the woods! Find out how the natural world prepares for winter. Meet at the Pertuis Avenue entrance to Ackender Woods.

Find more details here: [Welcoming Winter Walk](#)



Saturday 15th November: Willow Weaving and Cutting

AVLAN (Alton and Villages Local Action for Nature) is holding a working party in Will Hall Meadow (on the Basingstoke Road, beyond the junction with the New Odiham Road) to maintain the willow hedge. It's grown enormously and needs to be cut back and woven - a very rewarding and soothing job! Please bring gloves, strong secateurs, loppers and garden saws if you have them. All welcome!

Friday 21st November: Alton's Christmas Fair

Featuring the SustainaBites Team! More details about what the team have been up to below!

Saturday 22nd November: 10 - 11am: AVLAN's 'Invertebrate sampling'.

Fancy kick-sampling for invertebrates, such as cased caddis, freshwater shrimp and mayfly larvae? Meet in the Bank Car Park (near the Library and Community Centre) and find out how to measure water quality by searching for life in the river. If you'd rather keep your feet dry, then just come along and see what has been caught! Families welcome. Fun, interesting and educational!

Tuesday 26th November 7.00 – 8.00 pm: Eco Streets final presentation!

Join Scott Gudrich on Zoom to find out about the successes and the lessons learned from the last three years of Eco Streets. More details below!

‘The Tale of the Waste Beast’

‘The Tale of the Waste Beast’ is an animated short film from Young ACAN Partners, based on characters and stories devised by primary school pupils from Alton and the surrounding villages, animated by Flossie Waters. Read on to find out how this amazing project came to be!

Over the past few months Young ACAN has been working on a very special project with seven of its partner schools, in collaboration with local animator, Flossy Waters.

‘The Tale of the Waste Beast’ started out as a competition launched in January at Young ACAN’s schools’ *‘Treasure Not Trash’* Conference. The brief - to create a storyboard featuring a waste beast in order to educate young people about waste. Entries from 19 primary-aged children were selected as winners from the following schools – The Butts, Selborne, Chawton, St Mary’s Bentworth, St Lawrence, Bentley and Wootey Junior. Flossy Waters, together with Young ACAN’s Emma Jones and Scott Gudrich, then worked together to ensure that the animation captured the words and ideas of the children, from the design of the Waste Beast to the names of the characters.



Just before the end of the summer term, Flossy, Emma and Scott set up a pop-up sound recording studio at the Butts Primary where nine of the winners came together to voice the characters and record the rap which is an important part of the animation.



After months of anticipation, *'The Tale of the Waste Beast'* was premiered to an enthusiastic audience at a special launch party at Goldfinch Books last Thursday. The animation is available to view on Youtube and will be shared in schools nationwide over the coming months.

To view the film, please click here: [The Tale of the Waste Beast](#)

Thank you to the children and schools who participated in our competition as well as The Butts Primary School for hosting our sound recording session and Goldfinch Books for hosting our launch party. Thank you to the Transition Network International and The National Lottery Community Fund for financial support. Finally, thank you to our very talented animator, Flossy Waters, and composer, Scott Gudrich.

To keep up to date with Young ACAN, please follow us on Instagram @youngacan and Facebook @Young ACAN. If you'd like to get in touch with us, please email: young.altoncan@gmail.com

SustainaBites

SustainaBites has been on a roll (*pardon the pun*)!

The events team at SustainaBites are enjoying a well-earned rest after our busiest month yet. Four gigs in October have provided plenty of opportunities to meet people and introduce them to the delights of plant-based foods. The wonderful Saffron, whose PhD covers the health and environmental benefits of eating a largely plant-based diet, gave an excellent talk to the Alton Ramblers at their AGM, with plenty of engagement leading to a lot of interest in our nibbles.

Please note we have added some new recipes to our web page including Eleanor's ever popular flapjack. We have also added a link to the EAT-Lancet Planetary Health Diet which has a lot of information, at all levels, for all ages. Do take a look.

In the meantime, if you want to join us, or want us to talk or provide nibbles at an event, just get in touch via sustainabitesuk@gmail.com

Find us at the Christmas Fair on Friday 21st November, and don't miss our next film screening in January of the documentary *'Food for Thought'*, with a plant-based meal included in the price!



Eco Streets final presentation

Join Scott Gudrich on Tuesday 26th November 7 – 8 pm to find out about the successes and the lessons learned from the last three years of Eco Streets, the pioneering community outreach programme. There will be a presentation followed by

the chance for you to ask questions! Please do take part and find out what impact Scott has had – and what happens next!

For more details, click here: [Eco Streets Presentation](#)

Email ecostreetsalton@gmail.com to sign up for the Zoom link

Looking back on 3 years of

Eco Streets

Lessons learned
Successes
Legacy

Join us for a final presentation on Zoom with the opportunity to ask questions.

Nov 26 2025
7pm - 8pm

Please email ecostreetsalton@gmail.com to sign up for the Zoom call!



Listen to the Children



Guided walks



Fair on the Butts



"Green Bench"



Web of Life Song & Play



Balls Rd wildflower verge

Energy Alton: 'My Home Made Better'

Energy Alton, the Energy advice charity and partner with ACAN, are working with a wider partnership across Hampshire to bring free, independent and qualified energy advice to homeowners in the area.

It's called 'My Home Made Better' and you can register by using the QR code. You will be called back by a friendly energy expert who will be pleased to discuss the practical things you can do to improve your home and make it more energy efficient and comfortable.

If you are thinking of making some improvements to your home or simply need to reduce your energy costs, then register for this free service. We are not selling anything, just here to give free independent advice!

For more details, click here:

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/energy-altons-my-home-made-better-free-advice/>



Repair Café Update

The Repair Café is making a move in the new year to the Assembly Rooms in Alton, giving everyone the chance to meet regularly on the morning of the third Saturday of each month. It is a lovely room with plenty of space and gives the team the chance to offer refreshments too, bringing the 'Café' aspect into play. So, tell your friends to bring along their household items and textiles for repair from 10.30 to 12.30 pm. The Repair Café promotes repair and reuse, not replace, allowing people to save money whilst at the same time reducing the amount that goes into landfill. Everybody wins!

For more information on what the Repair Café does, check out the video found here [Alton Repair Cafe](#) or email altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com

Fruit Tree in Every Garden

We are once again partnering with PeCAN for their brilliant '*Fruit Tree in Every Garden*' project – orders will open on 25th November and close on 31st December. Look out for information soon on the ACAN website and AVLAN Facebook page. The collection date is Saturday 17th January in the morning at Edgar Hall, Anstey Park, in partnership with the ever-brilliant Alton Men's Shed (we couldn't do it without them!)

In the meantime, register your interest here: [PECAN Fruit Tree in Every Garden](#)

Some varieties of fruit trees sold out very quickly last year – so don't miss out!

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.
