



Code Red for Humanity!

ACAN is calling on you to make sure our government know there is nowhere to hide from their responsibility on this.

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The news couldn't be much worse but scientists assure us there is still time to limit warming to 1.5 degrees if we think big, act fast and work together at all levels of society.

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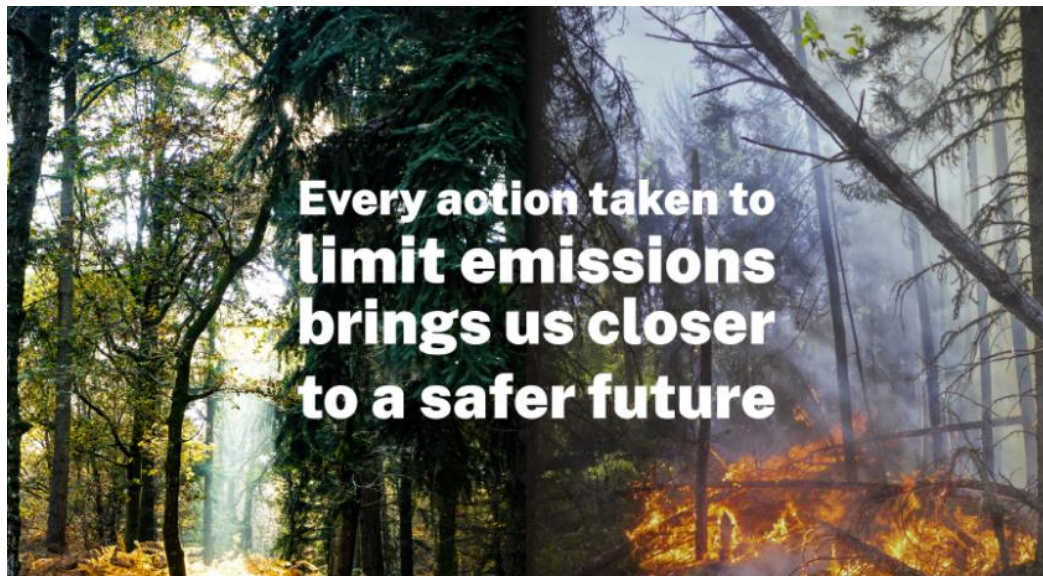
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A timely reminder of why we in ACAN do what we do.



In the past months we've seen flash floods rock communities at home in the UK and cause devastating loss of life in Europe and China. Relentless heat has stopped play at the Olympics whilst wildfires rage in Turkey and Greece.

Now, we know for certain: extreme weather like this is being made worse and more frequent by man-made global heating, according to a landmark report published in August.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - the United Nations group responsible for climate science has released a crucial report assessing our climate.

We already know that we need to keep the goal of limiting the warming of the Earth to 1.5°C alive by urgently reducing emissions. But now, scientists are raising the alarm that time is running out to do it.

The window of opportunity to protect the things we love is closing - but the good news is that it hasn't slammed shut yet. If we can make sure as many people as possible know about this shocking report, support for bold climate action will grow and grow.

In order to prevent that door from slamming shut, we need real action and ambitious commitments from the countries that produce the most greenhouse gases. Those governments - including the UK's - need a plan to change their economies to be greener and healthier, and secure a safe future for us all.

The reality of climate change can be overwhelming, and it's easy to stick our heads in the sand and try to ignore it. But this problem won't go away without action from all of us, and every new person who joins our movement to protect the planet makes us stronger. If each of us shares a post on Twitter or Facebook today, together we'll be able to make hundreds of thousands of people more aware of what climate change really means. That's the first step to making sure politicians know they have to act.

Please can you share a post about this shocking climate report on Twitter or Facebook.

Great Big Green Week

This is Great Big Green Week when campaigners up and down the country are doing all sorts of things to raise awareness about the climate crisis before the UN climate talks in Glasgow in November.



Please write to our MP Damian Hinds to tell him you care and you expect our government to do everything in its power to limit global heating to 1.5 degrees.

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/get-involved/write-to-mp/>

EAST HAMPSHIRE CLIMATE CONFERENCE (COP26)

Don't miss the local climate emergency summit at Alton Maltings on 8 October from 2 – 6.30 pm, organised by Damian Hinds MP and East Hampshire District Council.

The keynote speaker is Lord Deben the Chair of the Government's Committee on Climate Change, the most influential climate organisation in the UK.

ACAN has had representatives on all three action groups that will report at this conference (on buildings, land use and agriculture, and transport) and we will have a stall and an electric vehicle display at the event.

Register for free at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cop26-east-hampshire-tickets-169276958941>

WHAT YOU DO MATTERS

COP26 East Hampshire
Alton Maltings – Friday 8 October, 2-6.30pm



Find out how you can reduce your impact on the environment and discover what's already happening in East Hampshire. **It's time to act.**

- Talk by Lord Deben, chairman of the UK's Climate Change Committee
- Exhibition of products, services and organisations
- Advice for businesses and residents
- Find out what you can do to make a difference

Register for free at: easthants.gov.uk/cop26-east-hampshire

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

2pm Doors open – tour the exhibition

3.15pm Welcome by Damian Hinds MP and Cllr Robert Mocatta, EHDC

3.30pm Keynote speech from Lord Deben, chairman of the committee on climate change

4pm Presentations on local action to decarbonise transport, buildings, land use and agriculture

5.45pm Business-focused panel led by industry experts on advice, funding and services

6.30pm Close

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Lord Deben is the Chairman of the Climate Change Committee in the UK, the independent statutory body that advises the UK and devolved governments on emissions targets.

The CCC also reports to Parliament on the progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Do sign up and turn up - Both EHDC and our MP need to know the depth of feeling here in East Hampshire.

ACAN and other local community groups are coming together to hold a

Vigil of Hope
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To draw attention to the importance of the UN Climate Talks in Glasgow in November
We want as many people to join us as possible and are asking local groups to book a time slot and take the microphone to tell people why the climate talks matter so much to them in words, song and prayer.



We will have children's art works on display and invite people to play our zero carbon board game, calculate their own carbon footprints and talk about what we can all do to reduce our impact on the planet.

Have your say on a whole variety of topics by signing up for HCC's resident's forum.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-perspectives>

Hampshire

PERSPECTIVES

Hampshire Perspectives is Hampshire County Council's online residents' forum.

They are recruiting a diverse group of people who would like to share their views on council services and the local area. These views will help to shape services and make decisions that are right for Hampshire residents.

Lobby, Lobby, Lobby and Lobby again

No doubt many of you will have written to our MP Damian Hinds many times before and no doubt received what seems like a standard reply!

Don't be downhearted the more of us that repeatedly write demanding the urgent action that this emergency requires the less he will be able to ignore us.

I am told they count the number of emails they receive on each topic so let's make sure the climate emergency is right at the top of that list.

Lobbying Parliament



[ACAN's top 9 things you can do to reduce your emissions:](#)

1. Make your voice heard by lobbying your MP
2. Invest your money responsibly
3. Eat less meat and dairy
4. Fly less
5. Leave the car at home
6. Reduce your domestic energy use and bills

7. Respect and protect green spaces
8. Cut consumption and waste
9. Talk about the changes you make



Find out more by clicking this link:

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/What-you-can-do-about-climate-change.pdf>

Call to Action

We all know we need to act now.

Here in ACAN we have quite 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.
