



There is plenty going on in Alton
this Autumn
Join us to ensure maximum impact in the build up
to COP26

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The Town Council's series of themed events is drawing to a close with the "All Things Local" themed market.

ACAN looks forward to seeing you all there on Sat 4th Sep

Do drop by for a chat, we would love to see you and share news and thoughts in this very important year.



Our new season of public meetings kicks off on Mon 13th Sept with "all you need to know about heat pumps!"

This will be a live event at the Community Centre but we will be providing a zoom option if requested.

Contact energyalton@gmail.com for more information and to join the meeting



Getting Rid of Fossil Fuel Boilers: Everything you need to know about heat pumps!

Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30 pm

At Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN
(also on Zoom)

SPEAKER: RICHARD CROUCHER
(engineer, scientist and heat pump owner) with
Richard Care and other owners of heat pumps

The different types. How they work. Cost modelling. Installation.



PLUS: UPDATES FROM
Chris Lang from the
Powering Up team on the
Alton Energy Co-Op
John Hubbard on Energy
Alton's **Clean Heat Alton**
Project

To register please email energyalton@gmail.com stating whether
you wish to attend at the Community Centre or on Zoom

Electric Vehicles will be on display again at the **Classic Car Show** **10- 4 Sat 18th Sep** opposite Greggs and Cafe Nero



The Alton Society have set up a petition. They are asking us all to:

"Sign to oppose the unsustainable development of 1200 homes at Chawton Park Farm, Alton"

They are also organising a protest on the Butts Green at **3pm on Saturday 18th September** to emphasise the strength of feeling in Alton prior to it going back to the planning committee the following week. Do show your support if you can. There are so many reasons why this is a very bad idea. Check out the petition site to find out more.



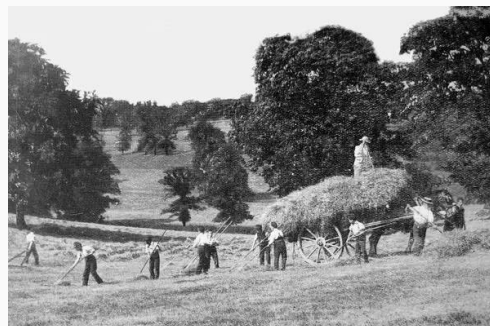
AVLAN invites everyone to join them on Sun 19th Sep for the cutting of the meadow in the Butts Plot.

As well as being quite a big job it will be an opportunity to learn more about meadow keeping. Do come along, even if only to watch this vital stage in the Butts Community Garden's year.



The grass cuts better in the early morning so Gareth will cut the grass from about 9:00am onwards and we'll be collecting the cuttings from about 10:00am onwards.

Please come to lend support if you can. If you'd like to help please come with a rake and/or fork to help with the grass pick up.



COP26 East Hampshire

[COP26 East Hampshire](#) is an event intended to help residents and businesses do more locally to combat climate change.

Organised by EHDC in partnership with Damian Hinds MP the feedback stage will be held at

Alton Maltings, on Fri 8 Oct 3 - 6:30pm

The free event will include key-note speakers and presentations as well as an exhibition. ACAN will have a stall there and there will be EVs on display. We need to fill the hall with local people demanding action.

[Please register to attend](#)

[Action Groups](#)

Three local Action Groups are currently developing recommendations in the key subject areas of transport, buildings, and land use & agriculture, and the findings from these groups will be shared at the COP26 East Hampshire event,

reporting on work already underway locally and suggesting further actions to be taken, locally and nationally. ACAN has been represented on all 3 working groups, as has our sister organisation PeCAN.

We cannot afford for this to be just an exercise in greenwash so please come along to show your concern that our government, local and national, joins us in rising to the biggest challenge of our time.



Join ALFI for coffee, cakes, delicious vegetable soups and chat at their annual harvest feast.



Autumn is a really good time to make your garden more wildlife-friendly, and to help you with ideas and answer your questions and concerns,

AVLAN is holding a **Wildlife Gardeners' Question Time**

Saturday 16th October at 10.45 for 11.00 until 12.00 noon

Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN.

The panel will be: Gareth Hurd (chair of AVLAN) and gardeners Nancy Clarke and Moira Masson – all knowledgeable, experienced and enthusiastic wildlife gardeners. The event will be chaired by AVLAN's Dave Tickner.

Please register and send your questions in advance to
altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com



GUMBI / Alton Paradise Project Fundraiser
Wednesday 16th October 6 - 7pm on zoom.

Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) is now part-owner of a plot of land in Malawi! You can help to ensure it becomes a productive permaculture plot providing food for local people, despite the ravages caused by climate change, by joining us in donating to this wonderful project. You can find out more about the project on our website.

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/the-gumbi-alton-paradise-project/>

Join us to catch up on all the latest project news from Luwayo Biswick of the Permaculture Paradise Institute.

We hope you will feel inspired to donate funds to help a further 3 students attend the Institute for training.

Our target for this initiative is £1500.

email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the zoom link



***The next session of the
Alton Repair Cafe will be***

Saturday 23rd October
10:30 to 12:30
at Alton Community Centre



ACAN will be attending the
[Global Day of Action in
London](#)

Sat 6th November (details tbc)
to demand real commitment to
net zero at the mid point of the
UN COP26 Climate Talks.



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

**Alton Community
Share**

continues to operate
every 2nd and 4th
Sat of the month from
10 - 12

*By the community for the
community*



Alton Community Share

Choose from a range of pre-loved toys,
jigsaws, games & more

At St Lawrence Parish Centre, Alton

Call to Action

*We all know we need to act now, especially after the sobering UN Climate
Report issued in August.*

We in the ACAN lobbying group are considering how best to respond to the report and what we can most usefully do to ensure our government, both national and local know they can delay no longer. We must demand they think big and act fast. We will be issuing a call to action later in the month. In the meantime if you wish to get involved there is no better time than 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.