



Summary of Achievements

2021

Year of COP26

Ongoing

- **Energy Alton**
 - **Green Homes Initiative and Clean Heat Alton Guide launched**
 - **Powering Up Alton - Alton Community Energy**
- **Cycle Alton**
 - **Cycle training for adults and children.**
 - **Outreach to schools.**
 - **Work on local cycle routes with EHDC and HCC**
- **Repair Cafe regular sessions** held in Community Centre and Public Gardens
- **AVLAN** (Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature)
 - **Butts Wildlife garden** established and developed.
 - **Rakemakers community garden started** in Holybourne.
 - **Riverfly training and sampling** of R. Wey.
 - **Partnership with Abri at Orchard House** on wildlife gardening
 - **Plotting of Alton** to show areas suitable for tree or wildflower planting.
- **ALFI** (Alton Local Food Initiative)
 - **Community garden plot at Hampton Court Garden Festival.**
 - **New plot in front of BT building** - October
 - **Orchard at Barleyfield** planted - November
- **Plastic Free Alton**
- **Litter Picks** monthly
- **Community Share** regular sessions held in St Lawrence Hall 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.
- **Community Cupboard** opened in premises in Westbrooke Walk every morning.
- **Walk Alton** (supporting 2 ATC Walking Festivals)
- **Lobbying & Campaigning**
 - **Local media: raising climate awareness / challenging disinformation**
 - **National Media incl. BBC**
 - **Lobbying for support of CEE bill**
 - **Lobbying HCC re Pension Fund ethical investment**
 - **Maintaining a constructive relationship with:**
 - **MP**
 - **Alton Town Council**
 - **East Hampshire District Council**
 - **Hampshire County Council**

Miscellaneous

- **Strengthening links** with local WI, Lions and Ecochurch

- **Promotion** of rail travel/PV panels/electric bikes/electric cars/insulation/reduced domestic temperature - **by example**
- **Interacting** with the public and **spreading the word** through stalls at events through the summer and autumn
- Providing **mutual support** as colleagues engage daily with the frightening realities of the climate crisis and the intractability of Denial
- **Wey Valley Radio** monthly broadcasts
- Monthly '**Making a Difference**' posts on ACAN website
- Social media: **Facebook, Twitter and Instagram**. Regular posts on ACAN events
Climate news.

Calendar events

January

- **AVLAN's Butts Community Garden** established
- Open meeting ***Swimming against the plastic tide***

February

- Film night ***The Need to Grow***

March

- Open meeting ***The Floor is Yours***

April

- Open meeting ***Slow Fashion revolution***
- **Litter picking** started a regular session
- **ACAN Election special** for HCC elections

June

- Open meeting ***Green Homes on line***
- Cycle Alton **Cycle Training**
- **Community Fair** - ACAN stall
- Butts Community Garden wins **Bumblebee Conservation Trust Award**
- **King's Pond Bioblitz** - AVLAN stall and guided plant identification walks

July

- **2021 Alton Eco Fair** in the Public Gardens, In partnership with Alton Town Council.
- **Gilbert White House Eco-Fair** - ACAN stall
- **Riverfly sampling** in town centre - for planned river restoration project

August

- **Stall at Lions Party in the Park**
- **Reuse and Upcycle themed market & Repair cafe**
- **ACAN representation on all three E Hants COP26 action groups**

September

- Open meeting ***Getting Rid of Fossil Fuel Boilers*** (Heat Pumps)
- **All Things Local** Themed market - ACAN stall
- **Young ACAN** launched
- **Electric Vehicles** in Classic Car Show

October

- **East Hampshire COP**. ACAN stall and electric vehicle display. Event sited in Alton Maltings Centre largely because of the town's reputation due to ACAN
- **30th-31st 2 day Vigil of Hope** in Alton Market Square to raise local awareness of COP26 immediately before it opened in Glasgow..
- **Gumbi/Alton Paradise Permaculture Project** - online transcontinental fundraiser
- **AVLAN Wildlife Gardeners' Question Time** at the Community Centre

November

- **Young ACAN** recognised with **Lottery Community funding**
 - **Global Day of Action** *Nov 6th* Members joined marches elsewhere to raise public awareness of COP26.
 - Open meeting ***Growing Food in an Urban Environment***
 - **Riverfly sampling** in R. Wey
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2020

Pandemic year

Ongoing

- **Advising schools** on making their grounds more wildlife friendly, on outdoor learning, meeting with school heads on two specific new initiatives, the “design an eco-hero competition” and an “eco-conference”
- **Website** live www.AltonClimateNetwork.org.uk
- **The Alton Herald** hosted regular ACAN columns
- **Community Hub** set up at the Community Centre (within Covid regulations)
- Detailed preparations for the abandoned 2020 Alton Eco Fair
- AVLAN worked to improve green spaces in Alton for wildlife

Calendar events

May

- **Nature Festival** at Gilbert White’s House - ACAN stall and display.

October

- **Gilbert White Themed Garden** at All Saints Church established by AVLAN & GW300
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2019

Foundation year

Calendar events

March

- Administering/analysing/sharing the results of the *Energy Alton* door-to door climate change survey.
- *22nd Joint Energy Alton / ALFI / Alton Society* showing of inspirational French film *Demain ‘Tomorrow’*

April

- Beginning to sign people up for the **Climate Awareness Network**
- Establishing a public profile. Design of distinctive **logo** and notices Setting up **@altonclimate** on Facebook and email **altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com** (also Twitter)
- Setting up database of individual and group contacts
- Supporting Extinction Rebellion demos in London
- Talking on **Wey Valley Radio** (and monthly thereafter)
- **Climate Awareness Stall** at the farmers’ market (and monthly through the summer)

June

- Providing an **Editorial** in *Round & About*
- *10th* **Green Pull-out section in the Alton Herald** - for which we provided the banner heading and editorial text
- *17th* **Inaugural Open Meeting** to enable people to “join in”
 - Subgroups:
 - Green Spaces
 - Food
 - Less Stuff
 - Transport
 - Energy
 - Building Standards
 - Lobbying
 - Information and Outreach
 - producing short video of inaugural meeting.
- *22nd* Stall at **ATC’s Community Fayre** in the Public Gardens

July

- *18th* Lobbying EHDC to support Ginny Boxall’s (successful) proposal to declare a climate emergency
- *19th* Attending HCC to support (successful) move to declare climate emergency

August

- (*Green Spaces Group*) Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature AVLAN - Wildlife-friendly gardening leaflet
- Centrespread in *Round & About* including '**Climate-Aware Household**' window notice.
- *4th* Meeting with County Councillor Andrew Joy
- *12th* Meeting with EHDC councillors

September

- **Cooking instruction classes** (*Food group*) -
- *18th* Meeting with Gilbert White Museum to discuss joint approaches to **GW300** (Gilbert White’s 300th anniversary)
- *20th* Organising a popular demonstration in the Market Square in support of the international children’s strike. Providing the photo which occupied half the front page of that week’s Alton Herald - which also carried a supportive editorial feature.
- *30th* Lobbying East Hants District Council on new building energy standards “*Golden opportunity to incorporate strong environmental standards in the redraft of the Local Plan*”

October

- *12th* **Alton Repair Cafe** Initiating and successfully establishing
- *19th* **Energy Alton’s Home Energy Day** contributed
- *26th* **Library display**

November

- Contributed Editorial to *Round & About*
- *2nd* **Open Meeting** sponsoring the **Community Bus** for attendees
- *23rd* **Gilbert White’s House Eco-Fair** ACAN Stall
- *30th* **Tree planting** - successful stimulus to ATC

December

- Facilitating with Energy Alton the establishment of the **Community Cupboard** and **Community Fridge** to distribute surplus food from supermarkets to local people.
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