



Alton Climate Action & Network News and Dates for your Diary – Feb 2020

Breaking News



ACAN's website was launched in January. Do take a look and let us know what you think. We are hoping it will be seen as the goto site for reliable information about the environmental and climate crisis, as well as telling you what we, here in Alton, are doing to address it. There is a Calendar for all our events and a Donate page if you would like to support us financially.

We are very excited and energised by the amount of support we have received for the ACAN Community Hub. Grateful thanks go to Alton Town Council, Councillors Ginny Boxall, Stephen Dolan, Paula Langley, Tony Costigan and Richard Platt for their grants for the hub itself and to Cllrs Suzie Burns and Steve Hunt for their contributions towards the website and publicity materials respectively. All this means we now have enough funding, or pledges of funding, to go ahead with our plans to launch our ACAN Community Hub at Alton Community Centre on Saturday 18th April. We still need a further £3000 in donations to cover our costs for the full year and are exploring different sources to help us with that. If you can help we have a Just Giving page. All contributions large or small will be gratefully received and put to good use.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/acancommunityhub>



We have far more ideas than we can possibly implement all at once but we hope to start with:

- Gardening for wildlife
- The home energy doctor
- A refill station for laundry products
- Arts & crafts / knit and natter
- Conversations about climate change
- Lobbying letter writing parties
- Screenings of environment and sustainability related films
- Drop in centre and wellbeing sessions for those of us suffering from climate anxiety
- Family holiday activities

Do come along to our Hub volunteers meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 6:30pm at the community centre if you would like to get involved in any of these activities.

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Dates for your diary

- Thu 20th Feb AVLAN meeting 7:30pm at the Hawkins Guide HQ, Chawton Park Road, GU34 1RG (between the indoor bowls club and the new sports centre)
- Sat 22nd Feb Enough is Enough – Together we March. Organised by XR UK this is a family friendly march starting at Russell Square in London at 1pm and finishing in Parliament Square meet on 11.15 train from Alton Station.
- Sat 29th Feb Hampshire Climate Action Network meeting 10am at Edmund Kell Unitarian Church, Bellevue Road, Southampton SO15 2AY finishing at 1pm with a bring and share lunch. This is open to anyone active in climate campaigning in their community.
- Wed 4th Mar ACAN Hub volunteers meeting 6:30pm at Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN
- Sat 8th Mar Alton Repair Café 10am – 1pm at Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN
- Wed 18th Mar 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, GU34 1BA – Alton Town Council Annual Electors' Meeting – spotlight on community action on the climate crisis – working in partnership. Presentations on climate strategy from Energy Alton and ACAN, and the Town Clerk, Leah Coney
- Sat 21st Mar Alton Society annual Litter pick 10am outside the old post office.
- Sat 18th Apr ACAN Community Hub Launch 11am at Alton Community Centre
- Sat 10th Jun ACAN stall at the ATC Community Fair 10am – 3pm in the Public Gardens.
- Sun 12th July Alton Eco Fair in the Public Gardens

Do come along and join our happy band of volunteers working to make the world cleaner, greener, happier and healthier.