

Alton Climate Action & Network Newsletter – Jan 2020

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A Happy New Year to you all

ACAN had a very successful first six months, thanks to you and we are now developing our plans for 2020, including:

the launch of our website, Alton's first ever Eco-fair with the Town Council, Expanding our work with schools and a possible ACAN Community Hub.

Watch this space!

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Tackling the climate crisis together www.energyalton.org.uk

Wed 15 January 2020, 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN

FINANCE, INVESTMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Why it matters - and will matter even more at COP26

Richard Folland, Climate & Energy Associates



What does climate change mean for your pension fund? What are institutional investors doing about it? How does this connect with COP26, the UN summit to be hosted by the UK Government in December 2020? Find out from an expert in the field.

Richard Folland has worked in the climate and energy sector for 15 years. He was Co-Founder and Partner of Sustineri, advising stakeholders on low carbon and responsible investing strategies. Richard is also JPMorgan's European climate change and energy policy adviser, and policy and government affairs adviser to Carbon Tracker Initiative.

All welcome. Bar. Free event - donations welcome.

If, like Mark Carney (ex Governor of the Bank of England, now UN Special Envoy on Climate Action) you are concerned about the misuse of pension fund moneys and other investments by our big financial institutions our next public talk is a must.

Richard Folland will be delivering this timely talk in the year the UK is due to host the next COP talks and cannot afford to be seen to still be ignoring the financial impact of the climate crisis.

Then on Wednesday
22nd January the
fledgling Extinction
Rebellion Alton group will
be hosting a talk entitled
"Heading for Extinction
and What to do about it"

Please help us to publicise this event by telling all your friends on social media and liking our new Facebook page "XR Alton" and see if we can fill the room to capacity.

If you cannot make the talk but want to be added to the XR Alton mailing list contact

xr alton@yahoo.com



Wed 22nd January 2020, 7:30 – 9:30 pm Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, GU34 1HN

Free public talk

The sixth mass extinction is well under way.

In this talk members of Extinction Rebellion will talk about the climate crisis and what we can do about it.



Dates for your diary

Wed 22nd Jan

Sat 18th Jan

Sat 11th Jan Alton Repair Café 10am - 1pm at Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN

Wed 15th Jan Energy Alton Public Meeting 7:30pm Alton Community Centre

Richard Folland talking about Finance, Investment and Climate Change

Extinction Rebellion Public Meeting 7:30pm Alton Community Centre

Heading for Extinction and What we can do about it

Alton Open Minds at the Quaker Meeting House

A new initiative to encourage public engagement on a range of social and

political issues of significance starting with climate change.

Sat 7th Mar Riversearch training session - email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for more

details nearer the time

Wed 18th Mar Energy Alton AGM 7pm Alton Assembly Rooms

This is a joint meeting with Alton Town Council

Sat 10th Jun ACAN stall at the ATC Community Fair 10am - 3pm in the Town Gardens

Sun 12th Jul Alton Eco Fair in the Town Gardens

Call for volunteers



AVLAN (Alton & Villages Local Action on Nature)

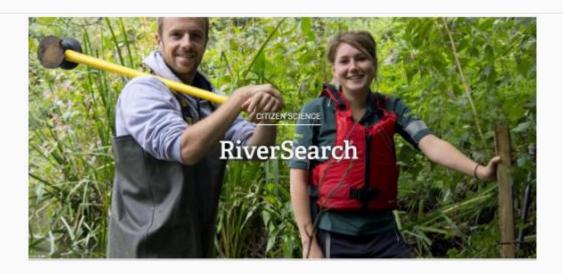
We have the opportunity to help monitor the health of our local river, the Wey

Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) has a well-established volunteer scheme which monitors the health of our river and its tributaries eg. the Caker stream. The whole of the River Wey catchment is co-ordinated by SWT, including in north Hampshire, as the river flows through Surrey for most of its length.

See: https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/what-we-do/citizen-science/riversearch

We are very fortunate that Glen Skelton, who is SWT's Wetland Landscapes Officer, lives in Alton. He has suggested that through ACAN/AVLAN we set up a group of interested volunteers to do kick-sampling for invertebrates (shrimp, caddis flies etc.) in the river bed here in Alton. The number and diversity of invertebrates is a good indicator of river water quality and pollution levels. There are Riverfly schemes run by volunteers all over the country now. It is very interesting work and not time-consuming. At the same time, volunteers look for birds, dragonflies and plants by the river.

Please email us at <u>altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com</u> if you are interested. There will a training session on Saturday 7th March run by Glen Skelton – more details to follow for those who are interested.



Alton Community Cupboard

The launch of the Alton Community Cupboard on 6th December was a spectacular success. Both the amounts of food made available and the numbers of people through the door have gone up with every session.

Grateful thanks go to all the volunteers and donors including ALDI, Tesco, Waitrose and Marks & Spencers, who have made this possible.



The group are hoping to continue with regular sessions on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Please check their Facebook page for details.

Many volunteers are required to keep this wonderful initiative going so please contact Penney at penney.hames@hotmail.co.uk if you have some time to spare and would like to join the team.

Alton Repair Cafe dates:

Saturday 11th January Saturday 8th February Saturday 7th March

Alton Community Centre
10am to 1pm
Volunteers welcome email altonrepaircafe@gmail.com

