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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.enrgalton.org.uk](http://www.enrgalton.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  
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# CLIMATE CHANGE: HEADING FOR EXTINCTION (AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT)

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Alton Repair Café 10am - 1pm at Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Energy Alton Public Meeting 7:30pm Alton Community Centre Richard Folland talking about Finance, Investment and Climate Change
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Extinction Rebellion Public Meeting 7:30pm Alton Community Centre Heading for Extinction and What we can do about it
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Alton Open Minds</u> 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 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Riversearch training session - email <a href="mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com">altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com</a> for more details nearer the time
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Energy Alton AGM 7pm Alton Assembly Rooms This is a joint meeting with Alton Town Council
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	ACAN stall at the ATC Community Fair 10am - 3pm in the Town Gardens
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Alton Eco Fair in the Town Gardens

## Call for volunteers



Would you be interested in joining the team planning the Eco-Fair?  
In particular, we need people to take charge of:

- The art and photography exhibitions and/or the creative area (in the main marquee)
- The suggestions and ideas boards in the main marquee – a couple of volunteers who would encourage people to write their thoughts on white boards (to be purchased by the Town Council)
- The children's activities area

Please drop us an email on [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com)

## 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 [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) if you are interested. There will a training session on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:penney.hames@hotmail.co.uk) if you have some time to spare and would like to join the team.

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## 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](mailto:altonrepaircafe@gmail.com)

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