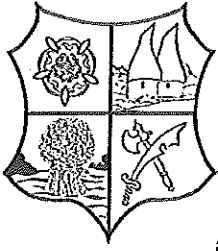


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ALTON TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2020

Background

National Picture

The report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), published in October 2018, stated that we have just 12 years for "ambitious action from national and subnational authorities, civil society, the private sector... and local communities to deliver the "rapid and far-reaching transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, so we can prevent tipping points where we no longer have the ability to avoid extreme weather events."

According to the South East Climate Alliance "We have only a few years to act on a massive scale to avert irreversible climate change that will profoundly affect our lives. Yet somehow, while some important steps have been taken, this degree of urgency is not yet reflected in our individual actions and that of our local and national governments."

'A Climate Emergency Declaration issued by a body in authority, such as a government or local authority, can be a powerful catalyst for community wide action if paired with a clear action plan'.

The Climate Emergency movement started in Darebin, Australia. They declared a climate emergency in August 2017 and developed a climate emergency plan to galvanise action. The movement has been gathering pace ever since and was launched in the UK after Bristol declared in November 2018. Since then, 220 of the UK's 408 Principal Authorities (County, Unitary, Metropolitan, London Boroughs, District), (October 2019) with widespread support across political groups, have declared a climate emergency, committing them to take urgent action to reduce their carbon emissions at a local level. Many have set 2030 as a target date for going carbon zero, 20 years ahead of central government's 2050 target.

Town councils have a key role to play in this. Policies and actions can have a big effect on many aspects of the environment in areas such as:

- Local transport
- Housing policy
- Waste management
- Energy generation and use
- Public information
- Parks and landscape management

Action on climate change can deliver many local benefits, including improved health, increased equity and social cohesion, economic opportunities and increased resilience

As a recent report from The Town and Country Planning Association and the Royal Town Planning Institute states:

"While we need to work nationally and internationally to secure progress on addressing climate change, we must also galvanise local action. Local and combined authorities are at the cutting edge of the climate change challenge because they have responsibility for decisions that are vital to our collective future. Many of the adverse impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat, flooding or water scarcity, will result in costs to businesses and householders, and solutions to the problems they pose need to be developed locally. Adaptation to the risks presented by climate change is key to future-proofing our existing communities and making sure that new developments maintain and enhance the health and wellbeing of local communities, as well as their competitiveness." From 'Planning for Climate Change: a guide for local authorities' (2018)

The Local Picture in Alton



Energy Alton is a volunteer Community Interest Company, offering advice on saving energy and carbon emissions, which grew out of the Greening Alton and Holybourne campaign, which started in 2009.

Since 2010, they have offered to the public free home energy surveys and in 2012 they purchased a camera to offer free thermal imaging. They also helped families to obtain free loft insulation while it was available.

In 2014 Energy Alton won a Community Renewable Energy Award from the National Energy Foundation for installing a 10kW solar photovoltaic system on Alton Library. From 2016 they have engaged in supporting other potential renewable energy schemes, e.g. schools.

Through their regular programme of public meetings, special events and links with other organisations, they also promote other sustainability issues such as climate change, energy-efficient transport and travel and effective waste management, including single use plastics

Climate Change: A Survey of Alton Residents' Views, 2019 (carried out by Energy Alton)

As public concern over the impact of climate change has risen, Energy Alton decided it would be valuable to have a baseline understanding of local people's views, to help with local action planning and to share with decision-makers in local and national government.

A short questionnaire was developed based on previous government surveys. The survey was undertaken door-to-door by a team of 17 volunteers. The target achieved was 200 completed forms. Roads from different areas of the town, representative of Alton's social demography, were allocated to volunteer surveyors. All replies were totally anonymous.

The key findings were that:

- 92% of those surveyed are convinced that the world's climate is changing: 66% very and 26% fairly convinced.
- 90% of respondents are worried about climate change: 44% very and 46% fairly worried.
- Concern about climate change is higher amongst Alton residents than the national average. The Dept. of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Public Attitudes Tracker published data in May 2019 that 80% of people were concerned about climate change (45% fairly concerned and 35% very concerned). <http://www.yougen.co.uk/blogentry/3124/What+does+the+public+think+about+climate+change'3F+/>
- Nearly half (45%) said that they are prepared to change their behaviour "a lot" to limit climate change; a further 44% said they were prepared to change "a little".
- In response to the question, "Who or what is most likely to help you do more to reduce your carbon emissions?" the top choice was government legislation, the second choice was TV programmes and the third was newspapers and magazines. Social media was next on the list.

Many people said they lived relatively low-carbon lifestyles (by choice or because they could not afford to do otherwise) or were already taking action to reduce their carbon emissions. Three quarters of the sample said they were reducing energy use in the home and over half said they were reducing car usage, eating less meat and buying second-hand goods or sharing goods. About half the sample never or rarely fly (national data suggests that, in any one year, over half the population take no flights; 70% of flights in/from GB are taken by 15% of people). The more affluent tend, on average, to have higher greenhouse gas emissions because they can purchase and consume more.

"What other factors should the government be addressing?" There were thoughtful responses to this question, suggesting frustration with government inaction, for example (amongst many issues raised):

- Great concern about the inadequacy of public transport services and the lack of alternatives to car use.
- The need for much stronger action on the reduction of single-use plastics.
- Confusion with local recycling services and wanting a uniform, easily-understood system.
- A concern about the accuracy and trustworthiness of information. TV programmes by David Attenborough were specifically mentioned as trustworthy. Social media is however often not trusted.
- People want suggestions for practical action they can take: concrete information on practical ways to reduce their carbon footprints.

Energy Alton said they were "really heartened by the great interest, concern and willingness to take personal action to reduce carbon emissions demonstrated by the respondents. Some felt that it was difficult for individual action to have an impact without concerted and consistent government policy. "It doesn't feel like they are doing anything at the moment" was a typical comment. There is a paradox expressed by respondents – government is considered to be doing very little, but it is government that would help people to do more."



Alton Climate Demonstration September 2019 outside the Town Hall.



Alton Climate Action & Network (ACAN) was set up in 2019 by a group of concerned Altonians to share information and nurture action in the town on the climate emergency.

The 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference was held in Paris last year. Its objective was *"...to achieve, for the first time in over 20 years of UN negotiations, a binding and universal agreement on climate, from all the nations of the world."*

This landmark event was celebrated with a major rally in support of these vital talks in London on 29 November, along with events in cities all over the world.

An energetic group from Alton attended the rally bringing support and the commitment of dozens of Alton Residents who had the day before on 28th November come together in the Public Gardens to demonstrate their support for the Paris Climate Conference and its aims.

Now the Alton Climate Alliance exists to increase awareness of the need to act with urgency across communities, across countries and across continents and has working groups set up to focus on the following areas:

- Food
- Green Spaces
- Transport
- Energy
- Less (new) stuff
- Building Standards
- Lobbying and Campaigning
- Information and Outreach.

With an established exchange economy already taking shape in Alton ranging from the Toy Library, Resurrection Furniture and the work of Mens Shed, to new projects like the Repair Café the Community Cupboard, local residents are already engaging and receptive to reducing their consumption of goods, sharing and repairing.

Alton Town Council

Whilst local authorities do not have a statutory duty to reduce emissions in line with the Climate Change Act, during 2019 and with cross party support, Alton Town Council made the impact of climate change and how to address it a key priority for the Council. This started with a climate change workshop in July 2019 involving councillors and contributors from Energy Alton and Alton Climate Action & Network. The formation of a Task and Progress Group took place shortly thereafter.

Even before the climate change motion was put to Members, the Council had already taken a proactive approach to environmental improvement through its open spaces. Specifically, town centre bedding planting has started being replaced with pollutant absorbing perennial planting which also reduces water consumption. Wildflower planting has

already taken place during 2018 at Windmill Hill, with Flood Meadows following on in 2019 and the creation of additional wilderness areas such as that at Barley Fields. Also, the council has extended its ownership of open spaces, adopting land at Barley Fields, Chawton Park Road and the Lower Field at Will Hall Farm to preserve for future generations as well as looking to adopt the 10 Principles of the Woodland Trust Tree Charter.

The Council has also joined the Refill Campaign in 2019 (<https://refill.org.uk/refill-alton>) after recommissioning the "other" Miss Bells Fountain as a public drinking water station last year.

Alton Town Council Climate Change Emergency Motion Wording.

Alton Town Council at its Full Council Meeting on the 31st October 2019 resolved to:

1 Declare a climate emergency

2 Progress towards making Alton Town council carbon neutral by 2030, including undertaking a green audit of the council to ensure that weight is given to the environmental and sustainability impact as well as cost to all council functions and activities.

3 Set up a Task and Progress Group to facilitate the progress towards carbon neutrality of the Town Council.

4 Create a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan to submit to Full council within 6 months.

5 work with partners and other local authorities across the district and region to deliver these new goals through all relevant strategies and plans and drawing on local and national best practice

6 To actively lobby the government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 targets

7 To aspire, through the strategy, to create an ethical procurement framework to ensure suppliers reduce their own carbon footprint

8 To make climate strategy a consideration on all aspects of policy making

Climate Change Strategy Vision.

The wording of the motion included the creation of a key document, a Climate Change Strategy and accompanying Action Plan. The objectives of this strategy are designed to enable the Council to pursue policies which will have a positive impact on the future sustainability of the Town for its residents, visitors and businesses, have been summarised as follows:

1) Alton Town Council will lead by example, focusing on reducing its own carbon footprint, adopting policies and practices to reduce its consumption of resources and minimise its impact on the environment.

2) Alton Town Council will seek to promote opportunities for residents, schools and businesses to become involved with initiatives which will have a positive impact on changing consumption habits in our community both now and in the future and which engender a strong civic pride.

3) Alton Town Council will seek to influence decision makers in the adoption and promotion of policies to provide sustainable alternatives to traditional construction, infrastructure and transport models.

4) Alton Town Council will promote the principles of responsible tourism in Alton as a "Destination Town" for walking and cycling, minimising negative environmental impacts of tourism and making positive contributions to the conservation of our landscape.

5) Alton Town council will seek to promote schemes to reducing energy consumption and emissions from existing homes and businesses in the town by promoting energy efficiency measures, renewable energy sources and behaviour change.

Key Target Influencers

In seeking to deliver the objectives of the strategy and satisfy part 5 of the Town Council motion: " *work with partners and other local authorities across the district and region to deliver these new goals*" a number of key sector influencers have been identified who will be instrumental in shaping policy and decision making which will impact the future viability and deliverability of the wider strategy beyond the Town Council's own estate. These are:

East Hampshire District Council/Hampshire County Council Planning Policy Teams – Local Plan policies, Neighbourhood Plan, building regulations, minerals and waste plans. The National Planning Policy Framework requires local plans to "help to shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience.... and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure" (Paragraph 148)

Damian Hinds MP – Lobbying for increased funding through Parliament and through the work of the All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group.

Hampshire County Council Strategic Highways – speed limit reduction, pedestrianised or low emission zones, increase and improved cycling and walking infrastructure

East Hampshire District Council Parking Team – increased electric car charging points. Lower car park charges for electric cars

Hampshire County Council Public Transport – improved community transport, increased car sharing. Local Transport Plans.

Stagecoach – increased frequency and number of services, use of low emission vehicles

Hampshire County Council Education – walking and cycling to school, cycle storage

Developers – designing zero carbon homes and offices, landscape led design and green architecture

Enhance East Hampshire Team (EHDC) – lobbying for funding from the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). (2/3rds LEP funding is on roads projects)

Supermarkets – encouraging promotion shop bikes (Waitrose), additional secure cycle storage, use of cargo bikes and similar for deliveries.

Alton Matters – encouraging schemes which reduce waste and plastic consumption, particularly, bags and bottles; replacing with sustainable options. Promoting reuse and refill schemes.

Industrial Estate Businesses – assisted by EHDC Economic Development, to encourage car sharing and cycle to work schemes as well as updating machinery with lower energy alternatives

Challenges

In considering the delivery of the action plan items in the strategy a number of potential constraints need to be considered.

- Finance and resourcing - for the Council and for individuals. Environmental improvement, retrofitting and waste reduction will have economic benefits in the longer term but requires a high level of initial investment which is currently not backed by government funding. Options are currently limited to bidding for funding, use of CIL, borrowing, use of reserves or precepting.
- Skill sets and resourcing. Officers and indeed councillors are not experts in this field and therefore should not be expected to demonstrate extensive knowledge although learning will increase over time. Officers also have considerable remits and capacity needs to be acknowledged when seeking to deliver such a wide ranging strategy action plan.
- Availability of land. Increasing demands upon the council to increase wildflower spaces, areas set aside for tree planting and wilderness areas compete with multi use open spaces and areas for sport and exercise. The amount of land available to the council is finite.
- Public perception and changing "mind set". Whilst scientific warning and public concern are at the forefront of national and international media, at a local level there is still a level of scepticism which needs to be sensitively considered. There is also a great deal of pejorative rhetoric which can be associated with climate change which needs to be dispelled with softer, more inclusive language.
- Sphere of influence and direct ability to effect change. Whilst it is important that any action taken by ATC is beyond simply improving its own estate (e.g. the buildings they own) and encompasses all the wider community, the Town Council does not have direct powers and authority over the whole of the public realm.
- Conflicting priorities for the Council. Cost versus environmental impact. There will be conflicts, eg. town centre cost of parking; should it be free to encourage footfall on the High Street, or increased to dissuade people using their cars to drive into town.

- Law of unintended consequences. e.g Infrastructure improvements versus environmental impact. Promoting measures that increase greenhouse gases – for example, increasing road capacity through advocating improved road capacity encourages more traffic and therefore increased greenhouse gas emissions.

Action Plan

The Action Plan to deliver the vision objectives are included as an appendix to this document.

Because action on climate change brings many co-benefits it is also important in addressing other areas within our community including health and wellbeing and how we promote the town. As such this strategy should be read alongside the Council's overall Corporate Strategy which brings all these elements together. Research by Imperial College identified the numerous co-benefits from action on climate change.¹ The public health benefits from action on climate change are particularly significant.

All items included in this works programme are perceived to be deliverable and viable and should be seen as a pathway to progress, not a final solution. Technology, science and thinking will evolve and impact the plan over time.

Useful resources

www.ClimateEmergency.uk

<https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/insight/33-actions-local-authorities-can-take-climate-change> (Friends of the Earth)

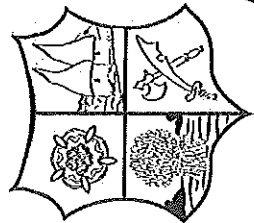
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<https://treecharter.uk/get-involved.html> Become a tree charter council

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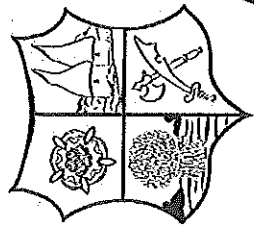


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Strategy Action Plan – OBJECTIVE 1

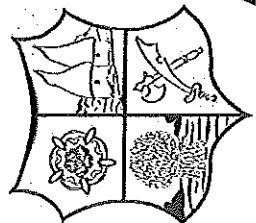
Alton Town Council will lead by example, focusing on reducing its own carbon footprint, adopting policies and practices to reduce its consumption of resources and minimise its impact on the environment.

Action	Purpose	Actioned by	Budget	Method of Evaluation	Status
1.1 Undertaking a green audit to cover the entirety of the Town Council's estate and assets.	To establish the current carbon footprint of the council and a baseline for future comparisons, demonstrating ATC as an environmentally responsible organisation	Town Clerk,	£2,000	Report produced by Expert Energy.	Audit undertaken, results circulated to councillors. Actions below designed to reduce council's estate and assets carbon footprint. The Assistant Clerk is now formally logging all fuel consumption every month so year on year comparisons will be readily available going forward.
1.2 Reducing fuel emissions from ATC estate and operations	To lower the council's carbon footprint toward the carbon neutral target of 2030	Town Clerk and Managers	N/A	Annual year on year comparison will establish improvement, taken from green audit baseline	Grounds Team evaluation of fuel consumption to see where efficiencies can be made to reduce use by at least 10% per annum, through rationalisation of cutting regimes and creation of wildflower areas. Capital replacement programme of vehicles reducing diesel use over the longer term. Research to be undertaken in respect of use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) also known as renewable diesel, which can reduce emissions by up to 90% in existing diesel engines and machinery
1.3 Reducing energy consumption and emissions by promoting energy efficiency measures, sustainable construction, renewable energy sources.	To invoke behaviour change to lower the council's carbon footprint toward the carbon neutral target of 2030	Town Clerk	£10,000	Annual year on year comparison will establish improvement, taken from green audit baseline	Installation of solar lighting where appropriate. Upgrading current town council owned lighting and floodlighting stock to LED where viable to reduce energy consumption. Reduce temperatures in public buildings. Installation of behaviour change signage on light switches and heating dials. Reduction of office paper use.



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1.4	Retrofit existing council-owned properties	To achieve Energy Performance Certificate c or higher wherever possible. This should include fitting eco-heating and developing heat networks where appropriate	Full Council	£200,000	EPC certificates.	This is a longer term aspiration which will take 3 – 5 years to realise. There is significant cost to upgrading existing oil fired heating and older gas systems. Investigate with EHDC's Conservation Officer the option of using fully removable magnetic inner glazing which can be taken down each spring and re-fixed in the Autumn on listed buildings where double glazing no an option.
1.5	Aspiring to achieve carbon zero delivery of new public buildings	To lead by example in establishing innovative, environmentally friendly design and build of new buildings to help reduce overall carbon footprint of the council. To be an exemplar Council for the delivery of zero carbon public building creation.	Full Council	£700,000	Certification from the Carbon Trust (or sector equivalent) of carbon neutrality	Budget set aside for 2020/21 to scope the new pavilion at Jubilee Fields, secure planning permission and grant funding for the new build.
1.6	Explore the renewable energy sources which could operate within the Town Council's premises; consideration of community energy scheme	To reduce the carbon footprint of the Council's estate, through use of solar, wind etc..	Full Council	Not yet costed	Lower carbon footprint (year on year comparison)	Feasibility study required for suitable locations, ascertain costs – longer term objective.
1.7	Install additional tree Planting and Hedgerows on public open spaces; creation of more wildflower and wilderness areas	To help reduce the carbon footprint of our open spaces through the installation of pollutant absorbing hedgerows along entrances into the town and encouraging more spaces for wildlife to grow and thrive	Open Spaces Committee	£5,000	Increased trees and hedgerows in open spaces and more wildflower planting	Creation of wildflower meadow at Flood Meadows created October 2019. Installation of new tree planting (16) for National Tree Charter Day November 2019 Members to sign up as a Woodland Trust Tree Charter Branch in 2020. On-going dialogue with local groups and



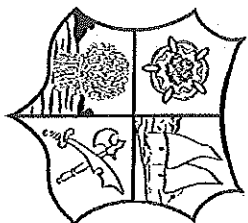
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					schools over tree planting projects (particularly fruit trees)
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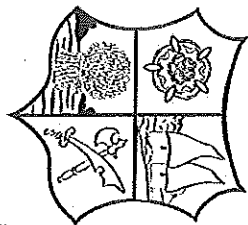
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Action	Purpose	Actioned by	Budget	Method of Evaluation	Status
2.1 Put in place EV charging - at council owned locations	To encourage the take up of electric vehicles (residents, visitor and staff) and to provide free to use, accessible charging points for emergency use.	Policy and Resources /Officers	£2,000	Take up/usage	Audit of ATC owned buildings has identified locations for charging sockets at Anstey Park, Jubilee Fields, The Public Gardens and Market Square Lobby EHDC Parking for increased discount for season ticket permits for electric vehicles.
2.2 Installation of wayfinding in key locations across the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists	To assist visitors on foot and travelling by bicycle in navigating around the High Street to make the town centre easier to access from Alton Station or via public transport.	ATC, facilitated by HCC/EHDC where consent for installation is required.	Up to £60,000	Survey data	Survey carried out October 2019 with a specialist surveyor to undertake a comprehensive survey with recommended actions (for pedestrian wayfinding NOT cycle). Survey costed at £4,000 and an application made as part of the place making project to release \$106 to pay for 75% of the survey cost with the remainder



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						being met by ATC approved tourism budget.
2.3	Promotion and support of community led creative solutions to reduce waste and impact on landfill sites	To invoke behaviour change, to encourage residents to "buy less stuff" and heighten awareness about recycling, repurposing and upcycling	ATC Officers in partnership with ACAN	£10,000	Numbers of people using "green" community schemes, calculations of overall reductions of the town to landfill as a result	Promotion of the Repair Café and Community Cupboard/ Community Fridge/ Toy Library
2.4	Replacement of traditional "In Bloom" schemes with environmentally sustainable alternatives around the town.	Create a welcoming, colourful High Street to welcome visitors as they come into town whilst reducing the carbon footprint of the displays and creating sustainable alternatives to annual bedding plants.	ATC Grounds staff and contractors	£10,000 per annum	Public response and anecdotal evidence	Seasonal planting extended to all year round perennial planting to reduce watering and help absorb pollutants. Proposal to replace the colourful schemes with banners to brighten up the street scene without the need for the use of electricity or water. Introduction of "Incredible edible" planting around the town using fruit and vegetables in place of traditional schemes. Introduction of wildlife and wilderness categories to In Bloom from 2020.
2.5	Hosting of community events designed to influence behavioural change of residents and to attract new audiences to better understand their environment	To inspire many more people to take action in an inclusive, encouraging way, advocating cost effective, easy solutions to redress current consumption habits.	ATC working with ACAN and Energy Alton	£2,000	Public consultations and feedback to gauge public opinion and evaluate behaviour change.	Eco Fair - Celebrating Earth-friendly living, to be held with ACAN in July 2020 in the Public Gardens Bio Blitz – learning about our local environment and habitats, as well as the concepts about the father of ecology, Gilbert White. June 2020 – King's Pond
2.6	Creation of a sustainability centre / hub for climate change	To give local people a fixed location as well as on-line methods of engaging to	ACAN/EA working with ATC to secure venue	£10,000	Creation of Hub, number of visitors/	ACAN successfully applied to ATC for partnership funding to create a hub at



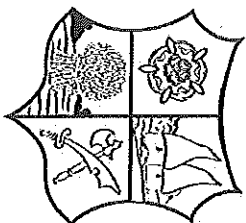
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projects and information	become more informed and find resources to help them on the their own journey to live more sustainably.			football. Subsequent behaviour change.	the Community Centre for a one-year trial, based in room 8.
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Strategy Action Plan – OBJECTIVE 3

Alton Town Council will seek to influence decision makers in the adoption and promotion of policies to provide sustainable alternatives to traditional construction, infrastructure and transport models.

	Action	Purpose	Actioned by	Budget	Evaluation	Status
3.1	Reducing car travel and traffic congestion, and encouraging behaviour change	To increase awareness of car share schemes, school park and stride, reducing idling to lower emissions, the benefits of use of public transport, cycling and walking	ATC / ACAN / EA / Schools	£1,000	Feedback from schools, resident surveys on frequency of use of public transport and alternatives	
3.2	Promoting low-emissions buses and taxis in partnership with the county council, bus companies and taxi companies.	To lobby providers of buses and taxis to consider more environmentally friendly alternatives to diesel powered vehicles	EHDC/ Stagecoach/ local taxi firms	Officer hours only	Roll out of more low emission vehicles within the local public transport network	Lobby EHDC vehicle licencing for reduced fees for electric taxis.
3.3	Creation of a sustainable community transport scheme	To lead by example to enable residents to actively make a sustainable transport choice, reduce social isolation and reduce the emissions on our roads	ATC in partnership with ACAN and Energy Alton	£600,000	Creation of a sustainable bus service for the town	Expression of interest form has been submitted to the National Lottery Climate Change fund. If successful a detailed application will be submitted in spring 2020.



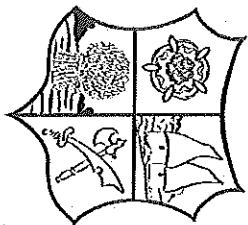
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3.4	Review the current 20mph limits in town with a view to extending across the wider town	To lower emissions in the across the town and increase safety of the network across the town for pedestrians and cyclists	ATC /HCC / EHDC through the place-making strategy	Not yet costed	Successful extension of the 20mph limits across the town	Proposed to be part of the Enhance East Hampshire project over the next 5 years.
3.5	Requiring residential and commercial developers to adhere to Passivhaus / AECB (Association for Environment Conscious Building) standards.	To develop more carbon neutral properties, which eliminate energy waste, through the fabric of the build process rather than with measures which help offset energy consumption	ATC / EHDC / P & T Committee	Not yet costed	Inclusion of suitable policies in the Neighbourhood Plan & Local Plan	Development of new Local Plan on-going and commencement of ANP review to be considered February 2020
3.6	Contribute towards and assist in delivery of the EHDC LWCIIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan)	To develop a priority plan for proposed improvements to enable walkers and cyclists to navigate more easily and safely around the town	ATC/EHDC/HCC/ Local walking and cycling groups – Enhance East Hampshire Programme	Not yet costed	Increased use of walking and cycling for short journeys across town.	Response to Technical Report given on 29 th November. Revised draft and public consultation awaited (due Feb 2020)

Strategy Action Plan – OBJECTIVE 4

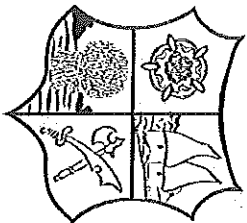
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4.1	Improving accessibility to walking routes, through clear mapping, signage, and publicity.	To encourage a wider demographic to walk into town as well as providing safe, increased permeability on routes for those with mobility issues, wheelchairs, push chairs and buggies, particularly to enable easy access to public transport.	ATC / HCC, Ramblers, Walk Alton and volunteers	£1m+	Increased number of participants in the organised walks; uptake of self-guided walking tours leaflets/web stats.	Station Forecourt scheme pending funding approval. Walking and Cycling Technical document for priority improvements to the network commissioned by EHDC reviewed by Steering Group prior to public consultation



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		including additional seating on routes.				
4.2	Promote Walkers are Welcome and its ethos and seek to host the annual Walkers are Welcome convention in 2021	The scheme is a known brand aiming to benefit local economies by attracting low environmentally impactful tourism, on foot and using public transport and	Community Officer with Walk Alton	£4,000	Increased number of walkers/cyclists to Alton via survey data.	Officers are looking at the feasibility of putting Alton forward to host the Walkers are Welcome National annual event in 2021 to promote the town.
4.3	Increase areas for secure cycle parking and introduction of Cycle Pod Repair Stations in Public Open Spaces/along cycle routes	To provide more locations where cycles can be securely stored whilst in town or on public open spaces and enable run-in repairs to be undertaken where needed	ATC	£5,000	Increased use of bicycles in and around town, through surveys and anecdotal evidence	First Cycle Pod to be installed at Jubilee Fields by National Cycle Route 23 and new skate park February 2020
4.4	Securing status for Alton as an official gateway of the South Downs National Park	To encourage walkers and cyclists to base themselves in Alton as a gateway town to the park, accessible from London on public transport.	ATC officers working with South Downs National Park Officers	Officer hours plus publicity costs (up to £5,000)	Increased number of walkers/cyclists to Alton via survey data.	Work in early stages with SDNP but authorisation given to refer to Alton officially as a gateway town. Liaise with EHDC over gateway signage.
4.5	To help visitors to be better aware of their surroundings, encouraging and educating people on the spaces they are visiting engendering love and care of the countryside	Ensuring that tourism makes positive contributions to the conservation of natural heritage, that visitors leave a minimal impact on the countryside and learn more about sustainable local industries and farming.	ATC/ EHDC/ HCC Tourism / Ramblers/ Walk Alton	Officer Hours plus publicity	Increased number of walkers/cyclists to Alton and surrounding areas via survey data. Anecdotal evidence from Ramblers / HCC on the state of the Rights of Way Network	Promotional strategy required.
4.6	Offering local walking and cycling along the network, with considered start/finish locations which feed in	To promote tourism which minimises carbon footprint	ATC / Local companies and organisations promoting walking and cycling	Officer Hours plus publicity	Take up of events and surveys of local accommodation to ascertain reasons for staying locally and if	Review of walking publications underway. Promotional strategies required.



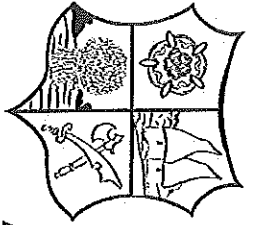
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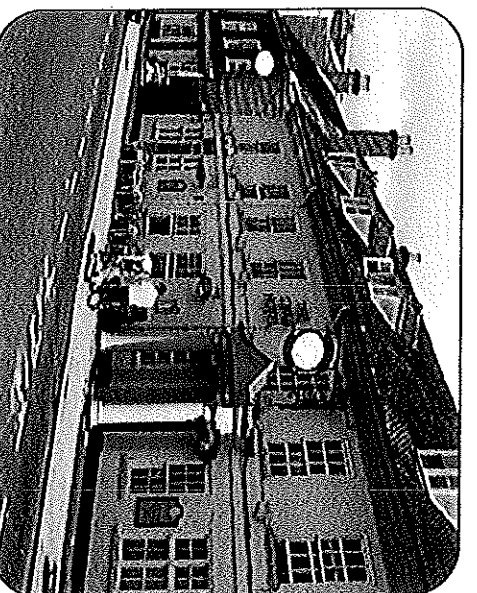
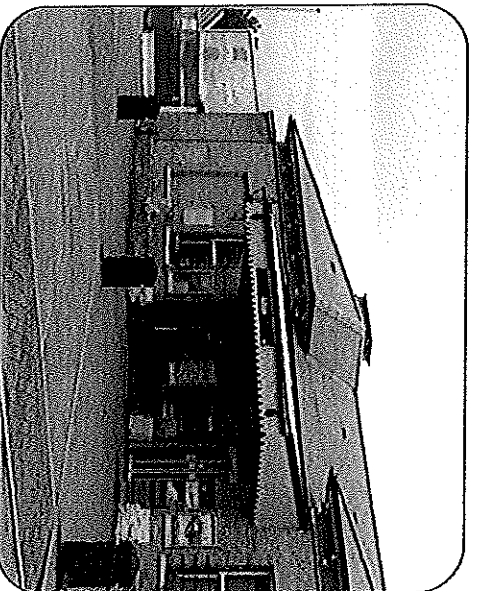
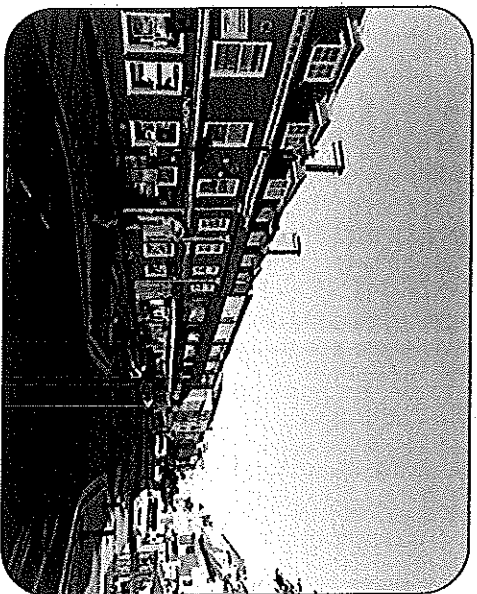
Alton Town council will seek to promote schemes to reducing energy consumption and emissions from existing homes and businesses in the town by promoting energy efficiency measures, renewable energy sources and behaviour change.

	Action	Purpose	Actioned by	Budget	Evaluation	Status
5.1	Provide start up assistance for environmentally sustainable retail or social enterprise initiatives in the High Street. Support for existing shops who wish to more sustainable.	To reduce the number of vacant units on the High Street, encourage behaviour change, embracing shop local, rather than driving out of town and increasing footfall in the centre of town.	ATC	£20,000 per annum	Number of vacant units decreases; new initiatives take shape.	Support already given to the launch of the Repair Café, Community Cupboard & Refill Alton in 2019
5.2	Encourage residents to make better use of existing local sustainable community initiatives such as the Toy Library, Furniture recycling.	To help reduce social isolation through participation, maintain and develop and a sustainable local community committed to reducing the production of unnecessary waste.	ATC Officers/local groups and organisations, EHDC Communities Department	Officer Hours	Increase in the use of these initiatives.	ATC using local media outlets and social media platforms to promote these initiatives.



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	dementia friendly café,					
5.3	Encourage public schemes which reduce waste, increase recycling and improve energy efficiency.	To help improve the sustainability of our local Community promoting the town as a destination which proactively is seeking to reduce its impact on the environment.	ATC / EHDC / Alton Matters? / Chamber? Drawing on examples of best practice	Officer Hours, promotional materials	Increased use of "environmentally friendly" initiatives and schemes through the Town	We have already joined the "ReFill Campaign" to promote re-use of bottles for water. Consideration to be given to the installation of additional public drinking fountains in the town centre.
5.4	Promotion of the work undertaken by Energy Alton	To help residents in the retrofitting of existing homes across the town to help reduce energy consumption,	ATC Officers, local businesses, local retail representatives & Energy Alton	Officer Hours, promotional materials	Increased take-up of	
5.5	Promotion of electric car use	To lower emissions of our roads for those who are unable to access public transport.	ATC/ EHDC/ ACAN	Officer Hours	Increased number of electric cars and decreasing numbers of diesel cars on the local road network	Promotion of Electric cars at Eco-Fair, Classic Car Rally and other high footfall local events.



Place-Making Alton Strategy Group

- Membership: EHDC Portfolio Holder, Town Councillor, District Councillor(s), County Councillor, Alton Town Clerk, EHDC Regeneration, HOS, HCC Rep. Can be flexible if others are needed at certain stages of work
- Chair: EHDC Portfolio Holder
- Emphasis on giving strategic direction to Task & Finish (Operational) strand. Resolving blockages as needed to enable the Task & Finish (Operational) strand to advance their work. Meets every six months.
- Links / co-ordination with priorities in other key plans and policies such as Neighbourhood Plan. Steering and influencing, recommendations to decision-makers. Can escalate issues to Executives respectively
- Agrees the Alton Place-Making action plan arising from the Place-Making Strategy and receives reports on deliverables to actions, agrees the Place-Making Alton communication plan.
- Links to external partners e.g. LEP, MPs - via this strand
- Review the group on an annual basis.

Place-Making Alton Task & Finish (Operational) Group

- Membership: Town Council Officers, District Council Officers (Communities, Property & Regeneration Teams), County Council Officers. *Membership may flex depending on stages of programme*
- Chair: HCC? May depend on key and relevant matters
- Emphasis on ensuring co-ordination and facilitation of work as and where needed across partner organisations and timely delivery. Meets every three months.
- Work plan priorities shaped by the Place-Making Alton action plan, report back on progress to Strategy strand.
- Carry out work by developing projects, seeking funding, tenders and contract monitoring.
- Form a communications plan and communication protocol for information dissemination and public engagement.
- Informed by Stakeholder Group. There may be a series of sub-groups that report into the operational strand.
- Review the group on an annual basis.

Place-Making Alton Stakeholder Focus Group

- Membership: Town Council Officers, Town Councillors, Alton Society, Curtis Museum / Allen Gallery / Tourism reps, EHDC Officer, HCC Officer, Residents Group - e.g. ADRA, Alton Matters, Alton Community Association, Business Input / Retail Community, SWR? School rep? / Parent Groups? / HCC School Travel Plan Officer? Voluntary Group? Potential for core group plus other members drawn in as required on specific projects.
- Chair: May depend on key and relevant matters
- Primarily the group is a disseminator and sharer of information on Alton Place-Making projects. Meets every three months.
- Potential for the working group to be able to forge links needed for taking forward funding bids and contributing to the drafting of funding bids – could therefore have a consultee and consulting role
- Membership of the group could change subject to the projects being taken forward, project stages etc.
- Informs the Task & Finish (Operational) strand. Link to Strategy strand TBC
- Potential for the group to undertake some pieces of work, such as Let's Talk events and public engagement, developing funding prospectus?
- Review the group on an annual basis.

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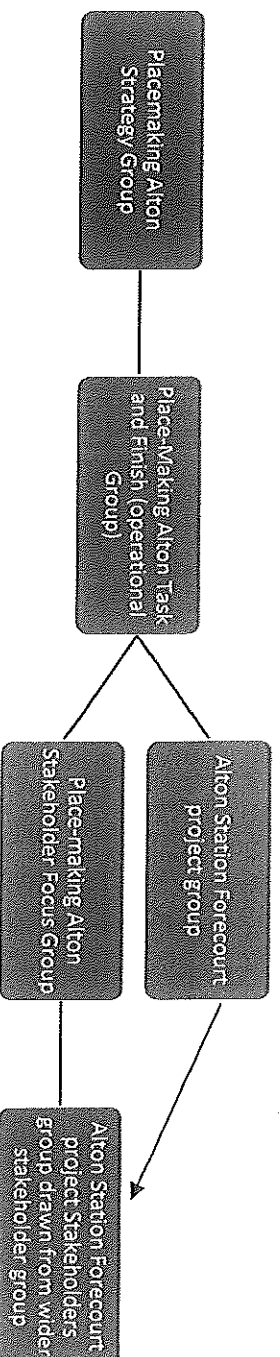
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Purpose and explanatory note:

- For oversight of the place-making strategy programme for Alton.
- Subgroups can report to and feed into the respective strands on project progress – should be captured through the right membership and agreed communication and information sharing.
- Terms of reference would need to be drafted and agreed by all strands of the governance structure.
- Corporate project management protocols (e.g. project budget, delivery programme) for projects within the programme remains for the agreed partner organisation project leads to manage within their respective organisation.

Worked example:

- Alton Station Forecourt Project



Alton Station Forecourt project group membership:

Chair: Sarah Hobbs – EHDC, Community Infrastructure

Mark Youngman – South Western Railway

Andy Shaw – Hampshire County Council

Paul Richmond - Network Rail

Jaime Rockhill – Network Rail

Gino Johnson – South Western Railway

Leah Coney – Alton Town Council

Anthony Cailes - HBC, Engineering designs

Stuart Wood – HBC, engineering designs

Kate Hillerby – EHDC, Funding

Charlotte Curtis – South Western Railway

Meeting Notes

Place-Making Alton – Officer Group Meeting

Date	Wednesday 15 th January 2020
Time	15.30am – 16.30am
Venue	Conference Room 1, Penns Place
Attendees	EHDC - Danielle Friedman-Brown (<i>Chair</i>) EHDC – Kate Hillerby EHDC – Julie McLatch EHDC – Sarah Hobbs EHDC – John Geoghehan EHDC – Lewis Ford (<i>Minute-taker</i>) HCC – Andy Shaw ATC – Leah Coney

Ref.	Item
1.	Introductions and apologies Danielle welcomed the group and introductions were made.
2.	Purpose of the meeting - The “Enhance East Hampshire Place-Making Strategy” was approved by Full Council on Thursday 19th September 2019. The Strategy can be found here: https://www.easthants.gov.uk/enhance-east-hampshire - Danielle outlined that: - The Strategy focuses on the four key hubs of the district. These are: - Alton; - Petersfield; - Southern Parishes (comprising Clanfield, Horndean & Rowlands Castle); and - Whitehill & Bordon. - The Strategy provides: - A framework for EHDC to work with public, private and voluntary partners; and - A mandate for EHDC officers to commence working with respective town and parish councils on developing governance and place-making action plans for each of the four key hubs. - The purpose of <u>this</u> meeting is to: - Discuss and shape the proposed “Alton Place-Making Governance”; and - Agree a way forward to work together for place-making in Alton.

Ref.	Item
3.	Place-Making Alton – Proposed governance structure • Danielle outlined that the proposed governance structure would be flexible (especially around membership) to accommodate projects and their changing nature. <u>ACTION:</u> Danielle to amend the proposed governance and re-circulate to officers. <u>Alton Place Strategy Group (APSG)</u> • All in agreement that: ◦ Cllr Robert Mocatta should chair the APSG; ◦ Cllr Andrew Joy should be the county council representative; ◦ ATC membership would comprise the town clerk and one town councillor from each of the political parties; ◦ Senior officers from each organisation would only attend to support members and provide a secretariat role; and ◦ The group would provide a steering and influencing role, not decision-making. • Proposed frequency of meetings – once every 6 months. <u>Alton Place “Task & Finish” Operational Group (APOG)</u> • All in agreement that: ◦ This group comprises the “do-ers”; ◦ Network Rail and South Western Railway are not required for APOG. ◦ <u>Alton Station Forecourt Project Group:</u> ▪ Required as part of governance to support funding bid; ▪ To be a sub-set of APOG; and ▪ To include Network Rail and South Western Railway. • Andy requested that strategy and operational meetings across Alton, Petersfield and the Southern Parishes are arranged for the same day to ensure HCC officers can attend. • Proposed frequency of meetings – once every 3 months. <u>Alton Place Stakeholders Group (APShG)</u> • All agreed that engagement needed with Alton Society, museums etc. • ATC Community Committee is a good example of bringing residents and stakeholders together. • Proposed frequency of meetings – once every 3 months. • To be arranged once Alton Station Forecourt funding secured and the first APSG and APOG meetings have taken place.

Ref.	Item
4.	Place-Making Alton: • Enhance East Hampshire Strategy implementation; and • Updates to share amongst the group. a) Enhance East Hampshire Strategy implementation: • <u>"Let's Talk"</u> ○ EHDC are using "Let's Talk" as vehicle for public consultation regarding input into, implementation of, and progress of the Enhance East Hampshire Place-Making Strategy, and the bespoke action plans for each of the four areas. ○ John confirmed that "Let's Talk" had stalled due to purdah but is now gaining momentum again. Through "Let's Talk", John and colleagues will join existing / scheduled events to engage with residents, including: ▪ Alton Community Fayre (June 2020); and ▪ Alton College. • <u>Alton Place-Making Action Plan</u> ○ Danielle confirmed that; ▪ The development of action plan will commence in 2020 once governance agreed; ▪ The action plan will be finalised by Spring 2021; ▪ The action plan will take forward aspirations of the neighbourhood plan; and ▪ The action plan will scope out potential projects to be explored and delivered. ○ Leah requested member engagement and stakeholder engagement workshop (similar to the community facilities workshop) to help develop the action plan. ○ Leah highlighted that the key issue is communication and that through "Let's Talk" and workshops, residents need to be "taken on a journey" to help develop the action plan.
5.	Next steps and way forward <u>ACTION:</u> Leah to take Alton Place-Making Governance to ATC Full Council on Tuesday 4th February 2020 to approve, support and/or note. <u>ACTION:</u> Lewis to arrange APSG and APOG meetings for March 2020. <u>ACTION:</u> Lewis to circulate "Enhance East Hampshire" logo for officer use at "Let's Talk" and for the LCWIP.
6.	AOB • None raised.

Action Log:

Action	Who	Red, Amber or Green
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Report to Alton Full Town Council Meeting

We are very pleased to report on recent developments following our report dated 22nd October 2019. Our key strategies and approaches include: sustainability, young-person centred, locally supported, and safe and fun.

Venue

Priority: To continue readying The Tannery as our permanent base for Alton Youth work.

Actions: Following completion and signing of the fifteen-year lease, we took possession of The Tannery on 1st November. We immediately began work on the building.

The initial "demolition" phase included:

- Removal of all interior, nonloadbearing partition walls
- Removal of all plumbing, estimated to be 60-70 years old
- Removal of all old electrical wiring and lighting fixtures. We were advised that the electrical systems were not currently sufficient for community use and needed to be replaced. They were also inadequate for youth centre needs with flickering fluorescent bulbs that are problematic for some individuals with autism, epilepsy and other conditions.

Two four-foot skips were needed to remove the bulk of this waste. Chambers Waste Removal gave us a half-price charity rate on the first skip.

Teams of volunteers assisted with the demolition process throughout November and into early December.

This process allowed us to assess accurately the condition of the building. Of note, we discovered considerable damage as a result of damp along the southern wall that runs along the River Wey, where the downstairs floor sits below the level of the exterior soil. We also discovered numerous leaks in the single-storey roof. We also found that the floor had two different levels and was uneven in the centre. Four single-pane windows, with cracks and damaged frames, are being replaced. The level of damage, and the work necessary to remedy these conditions, exceeded what was contemplated during the lease-negotiation phase. This has had some impact on fundraising and the planned opening.

Assessment and planning also continued with regard to moving the main entrance, compliance with fire-safety regulations, configuring and installing plumbing and electrics, etc., in collaboration with Architect Mark Penfold. We put out calls for volunteer tradespeople to donate their time and talent to assist with this project. The response has been humbling and inspiring. Our volunteer plumber is donating all of his time, as well as virtually all of the plumbing supplies and equipment.

The most challenging area, however, proved to be finding an electrician because of the amount of work. Toward the end of December, a team approach provided a solution wherein a local electrician is supervising the work of a skilled volunteer who is carcassing the building. He is working early mornings and weekends in addition to his normal day job. Two other electricians have offered a day each and will be used to help when the lighting goes in.

Our lead builder has over thirty years of experience, and even helped build the Petersfield Skate Park years ago. We have also received donations or commitments of time to help with window installation, telephone

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systems, fire alarm wiring, stonemasonry for the new entrance, and landscaping the exterior around the new entrance.

When we ask these tradespeople why they are offering their time and talent, their response is consistently: "I needed some place like this when I was growing up and I want to make sure my children and other young people have a place to go".

Town Clerk Leah Coney's extensive efforts with EHDC successfully secured right of access across the semi-circle of EHDC-owned land toward the Bank Car Park, on the western side of the building. This is an important improvement that offers the safest point of entry and exit for young people, away from the immediately adjacent neighbour. This has been an area of concern for us and for members of the Amery Hill Residents Association.

We continue our fundraising efforts to pay for the materials that we cannot source for free, and we do try very hard indeed to procure everything possible for free. These costs are significant. Travis Perkins and Wickes in Alton have both donated hundreds of pounds of materials. A crowdfunding appeal raised the £442 need for the four new windows. We are also deeply grateful for other grants to fund essential building and supplies:

- EDHC Councillor Grants toward skips and ceilings and lighting
- £6000 from Resurrection Furniture
- £1500 from the Alton Lions
- £600 from the Alton Co-op for their 2019 local charity grant; King's Arms Alton have been named their Charity Partner for the coming year
- £200 from a group of friends

We have submitted grant applications to:

- Radian
- ScrewFix
- HIWCF

We continue to receive donations of goods and furniture, for which we are also very grateful. Significant donations came from Community First in Petersfield, which closed its location on Tilmore Road, and from the youth centre that closed at Mill Chase. Resurrection Furniture trustees have assisted on various occasions to use the shop's transit van to collect donated items, where they are being stored at a private residence until we can move them into The Tannery. We believe that we now have sufficient large items of furniture, including game tables such as snooker and table tennis.

At the request of the King's Arms Trustees, we compiled the volunteer hours donated toward The Tannery. As of 19th January, we were the beneficiaries of 72 hours of time from tradespeople. The value of this time is significant indeed if we had to pay for it. We have also received 155.5 hours of donated time from over a dozen other volunteers. Finally, volunteers have donated 30 hours of time in collecting numerous donations of furniture and goods. Many of these volunteers do not want to be identified by name. These totals also do not reflect any existing KA staff time.

The extensive work involved in readying the building for use continues, and we want to open as soon as possible. We have adjusted our expected open-for-use date toward the end of April, with plans for a grand opening event in September. Reliance on donated time from tradespeople, along with the funding challenges we face as a youth charity, have impacted our timeline. We are grateful for the understanding and support of many in the community who understand these challenges. We are aware, however, of a sense of impatience among those in the community who fear that this project has lost momentum. Assistance in managing this

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message, therefore, is greatly appreciated. The King's Arms youth project is more than just a building. As outlined and updated below, our Alton-area projects (established nine years ago) continue to grow and expand.

Personnel

Priority: Continue to train staff and volunteers.

Actions: With a strong team of staff following the addition of new members last autumn, we are investing in training:

- Working with young people who have autism (staff and volunteers)
- First Aid at Work (staff); trainer is donating his time
- Food and hygiene level 2
- Basic mentoring skills
- In-house training re individual and family mentoring

We continue to recruit and train volunteers to work with young people and have potential for an individual with experience of young people with special needs as well as a potential intern. We also have arrangements to train over the coming months an Alton-based admin team in existing procedures and processes..

Work with young people

Priority: To continue building relationships with local young people.

Actions: Following two information evenings for parents and young people in December, we are now up and running with our Wednesday evening SuperSonics programme for young people with autism and other special needs. Charlie Cranston, our lead youth worker in Alton, runs this programme every Wednesday at the Alton Community Centre, assisted by Larisa Mendresse-Elder and Martha Lloyd. Recruiting volunteers with a specific interest in supporting this programme has proven challenging, but a prospective experienced volunteer was interviewed just last week.

We continue to offer after school sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Community Centre. This "targeted work"—as opposed to "open" sessions where any young person may drop in—continues to support and benefit the participants, many of whom report increased confidence, stronger social bonds and improved family dynamics. Thanks to the generosity of the Alton Lions, an anonymous donor and Pizza Express, all of the participants of these after school programmes attended a Christmas pizza party at Pizza Express on 17th December. Many of these young people do not have the opportunity to go out to a restaurant. One took a photo of her pizza because she "wanted her friends to think she is posh because she ate at Pizza Express".

On Thursdays, we continue to include two Amery and two Eggar's students in our Petersfield-based Aspire programme, which focuses on young people at risk of exclusion from school.

On 11th February, Mandy May Martin and Andy Kennedy from Family Support Service, with support from the entire King's Arms team, are leading a youth conference at Alton College, hosted by college students, for secondary-age delegates from ten secondary schools/academies from all around East Hampshire. The topic, selected by young people, is "Mental Health - Stress".

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Connecting with existing youth providers

Priority: To continue building relationships with existing providers.

Actions: We continue to build and nurture relationships with existing youth providers and with individuals and organisations that offer youth-related opportunities. The Alton Health and Wellbeing Partnership remains an extremely useful means of establishing and growing such contacts; the most recent meeting was on 13th January.

Jen Hammersley continues to expand the connections and effectiveness of Youthlink, and now is also developing a resource network/forum specifically for youth workers.

We continue to work with the Parish of the Resurrection in Alton with plans to collaborate formally when a new parish youth minister/worker is appointed, probably in September.

Our Operations Manager continues to meet every half term with the CEO of Community First to ensure a joined-up approach to local Youth Work. A meeting is set for next week to explore working together.

Community Connections

Priority: To raise awareness and build appropriate relationships.

Actions: We continue cultivating and developing connections with Alton College, the Alton Health and Well-Being Partnership, Alton Head Teachers, Alton-area clergy, and local service organisations including Rotary, Lions and Masons.

Over recent months, we have been privileged to make formal presentations to the following groups and organisations:

- The Alton Lions
- Alton Rotary
- Four Marks & Medstead Rotary
- Resurrection Furniture

On 11th January in Petersfield, we held our Annual General Meeting of The King's Arms, combined with an Open Morning with information stalls about all of our programmes, the progress of both youth centre buildings (in Alton and in Petersfield), and our annual reports. We are grateful to everyone who attended; 70 people either stopped by briefly or stayed for the AGM. The King's Arms will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in November of this year, when we will hold an event to commemorate this milestone.

Publicity and Awareness Raising

Priority: To raise awareness of KA Alton's youth work provision.

Actions: Jen Hammersley now authors a Youthlink newsletter each half term. The most recent one came out on 21st January. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving these emailed newsletters, please email Jen@thekingsarms.org.uk.

We have continued promoting our efforts and activities in and around Alton. Recently, Lisa Hillan was a guest on the Wey Valley Radio's Sunday Evening programme and Mandy May Martin was a guest during Val and Jess's Friday afternoon programme.

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A comprehensive Alton *Herald* article about our progress with the new building and our programmes is in development with Moira Howells.

Fundraising

Priority: To secure funding to run After School/Lunch youth clubs during 2019-20 and to secure funding for improvements to The Tannery.

Actions: We continue to pursue grants and donations through private individuals, trusts, and community groups to include financial support and items useful to a youth centre. In addition to our last report, and the building-specific grants outlined in the first section of this report, we are grateful to have received:

- £1200 from Four Marks & Medstead Rotary
- Proceeds from the Mayor's Auction of Promises on 23rd November
- £100 from Medstead PCC
- £150 Alpha Trampoline

Current Priorities

Our current priorities for February through May are to:

1. Complete the building work for the Alton King's Arms.
2. Increase numbers at our Wednesday After School.
3. To ensure the youth club for young people with additional needs continues to run successfully.
4. Continue fundraising for building work and ongoing youth provision.
5. Train volunteers.

