

ALTON, June 2023, CORONATION YEAR CONVOY

Event Opportunity

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In June 2019, the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, a convoy of over 60 military vehicles and 30 motorcycle outriders travelled from Southwick House, Hampshire (D-Day HQ in 1943/44) to the former Greenham Common RAF/USAAF airfield near Newbury, Berkshire – a journey of 50 miles – as a re-creation of and tribute to, General Eisenhower's journey during the late afternoon of 5th June 1944. Ike wanted to meet the men who were soon to parachute into enemy occupied territory. He knew that many would not survive.

The convoy was flagged off by D-Day WRNS veteran Marion Loveland, the last surviving member of the communications team that messaged the invasion armada to sail on Eisenhower's orders.

At Greenham, as part of this **Anniversary Drive to Remember** military parachutists dropped on to the common with a 48-star US flag – an act of returning the spirit of those who perished, to the base they called 'home' in England. A service was led by local clergy, and a memorial tree was planted by a representative of the American Embassy.

This historic event was kindly supported by organisations including JEEP UK, Marston's Inns, the Historic Army Flight, Poppy Parachute Team, Newbury College, Southwick House, Southern Coop, Greenham Trust, St Barts School Newbury, Hampshire Police and Thames Valley Police.

Over three hundred people were involved in helping to deliver the event and the public gave tremendous support along the route, cheering the convoy as it travelled through communities including Wickham, the Meon Valley, Alton, Basingstoke and Kingsclere.

The Royal British Legion Riders Branch were the beneficiaries of fundraising on the day.

Based on the success of the above event, plans were made for a convoy run in either 2020 or 2021 however, this had to be rescheduled to Armed Forces Day 2022.

The **Armed Forces Day Convoy** salute to the Veterans was successfully delivered on the 25 June 2022 travelling the shorter route of thirty-seven miles from Southwick House to Basingstoke. Over sixty vehicles joined the convoy with support again from motorcycle outriders. Our special guests, the veterans, comprised a contingent of Royal Navy Falklands veterans riding vintage

motorcycles, and infirm veterans travelling in a specially hired period coach. The convoy was blessed for the journey by Bishop Paul Miles - Knight and flagged off by Admiral Iain Henderson CB, CBE, DL.

This event attracted considerable support from the public and from businesses including Think Ford, Southern Coop, Lasham Gliding Society, Hampshire Police, Milestones Living History Museum, Southern Aero Services, Hampshire Highways and all the town and parish councils along the convoy route. Salutes were given by the Royal British Legion, Mayors and other Dignitaries at Wickham, West Meon, and Alton.

Church bells rang in Wickham and Alton as the convoy passed and flags and bunting adorned buildings, hedgerows, and fences in many communities.

Air Cadets, RBL Standard Bearers and a Pipe and Drum Band welcomed the veterans on arrival in Basingstoke.

The Royal British Legion and other charities were the fundraising beneficiaries.

The convoy in 2023 provides a unique opportunity to build further on the experiences and knowledge previously gained and it will be a pre cursor to the commemorative convoy planned for D-Day 80 Anniversary in 2024.

We would welcome the opportunity for the convoy next year to arrive and display in Alton, a town linked with Armed Services history, particularly in two world wars. We envisage an event, jointly organised with the town, of sufficient merit to reflect the significance of the Coronation Year Armed Forces Day.

Our suggestion,

Military vehicle convoy arrives in Alton, approximately 11 – 11.30 am supported by the Royal British Legion Riders Branch. (Our contribution)

Living history re-enactors (Our contribution)

Local groups display – Guides/Scouts/charities/car clubs/etc – with complementary trade stands promoting the town, local business, and the community. (ATC)

1940s dance displays and music (Our contribution).

Historic lookalikes /soundalikes for example General Eisenhower (Our contribution).

Short Service. (All)

Veterans/VIP guests Military (All).

Professional Photographers (free photographs for credits) (Our contribution)

Possible Fly Over by historic aircraft from Middle Wallop (Our contribution)

We use social media extensively for the purposes of promoting events and we have good relationships with TV, Radio, and the Press. We are assisted by the Warner Media Group. The company provides free publicity across its extensive online network and in its Family Tree history/ancestry magazine. Photographers, Javaid Akhtar, and Lee Sainsbury provide additional support, successfully capturing and recording the atmosphere and purpose of our events.

We endeavour to secure both practical and financial support to meet our costs.

We would welcome the opportunity to embrace and liaise with local business and community groups as well as providing the town with our full support to ensure a memorable, historic, and successful Coronation Year event.

We are -

John (Leete) I am the (voluntary) joint organiser of the convoys and the owner of Home Front History an established resource and provider of historical services to schools, venues, events, Film and TV. I was a member of the production team for Greenham 100 Years of War and Peace, and a member of the production team for Dame Vera Lynn's 100th Birthday Celebration at the London Palladium. I have also contributed to major events, including CarFest, Heroes at Highclere, Armed Forces Charity Race Days at Ascot Racecourse, The Home Front at Fulham Palace, and VE Day at Horse Guards Parade. We support Services and children's charities.

<https://www.homefronthistory.com> a not for profit, UK Social Enterprise

Michael (Burne) is a Vice President of the Military Vehicle Trust. He has organised several vehicle tours to Normandy and other invasion sites and has been the (voluntary) joint organiser of the D-Day 75 Anniversary Convoy and the Armed Forces Day Convoy in 2022. Michael made a significant contribution to Greenham 100 Years of War and Peace (2017), and he has supported commemorative events for the Royal British Legion and other services organisations for many years. The MVT supports the Royal British Legion.

<https://mvt.org.uk/>

Graeme (Ritchie) Cunningham is the rider captain for the Royal British Legion Riders Branch A veteran of the Falklands, Ritchie has been an essential member of our team, organising motorcycle outriders, helping to plan the route, and contributing to the traffic management and arranging RBL Standards, veterans and serving military personnel to support the convoys.

<https://www.rblr.org.uk>

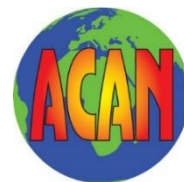
Maxine (Knott) provides crucial administrative and planning support on a voluntary basis, drawing on her skills as a management professional with a global company and her extensive experience, including film work, as a living history re-enactor.

Links to footage of the 2022 convoy travelling on the A32 and Drone/Go-Pro footage of the convoy at various locations are given below

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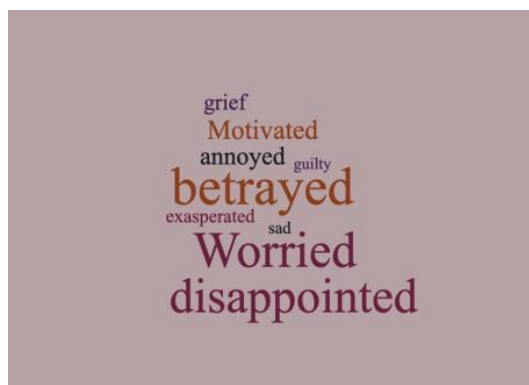
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It's *their* future!

CLIMATE ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALTON (HAMPSHIRE) AND THEIR VIEWS ON CLIMATE ACTION Report of a survey



Word cloud from the survey (335 responses)

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1. Introduction

This is the report of a survey undertaken in the summer of 2022 to help Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN), decision-makers including local government, and the wider public, understand more fully children's and young people's concerns about the climate crisis.¹ The survey was commissioned by Young Alton Climate Action Network (Young ACAN) which was set up in October 2021. Young ACAN is a youth movement based in the market town of Alton, Hampshire aiming to empower young people to reclaim their future through local climate activism.

The survey was funded from a grant from the Community Lottery "Together for our Planet" fund. The aim was to obtain 250 responses to an online survey aimed at those aged 10 - 19+ years; 335 responses were received. The researcher also held qualitative group discussion sessions in five schools.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

About half of respondents reported negative emotions towards their future because of the climate crisis, reporting feelings of sadness, fear, and powerlessness, all of which are linked to climate anxiety. One participant said, "You can easily fall into a dark hole in which you feel there's nothing you can do." Over 80% of respondents felt that they 'were being failed as young people' by the Government in the fight against climate change. 67% of participants disagreed that the Government could be 'trusted on the fight against climate change'. One participant suggested the government should, "Put more pressure on mass corporations to limit their impact on the environment and stop blaming the public."

However, 69% said that they felt the local community and council of Alton and surrounding areas, 'Cared about climate change in the same way I do.'

Respondents' focus was on action with 91% saying that they would like to see more action on climate change locally. 86% had not previously heard of ACAN and 81% were not involved in any climate-related initiatives, offering a massive opportunity for the growth and development of ACAN and Young ACAN. Of those that were involved in local initiatives, a majority took part in litter picks and recycling or were involved in school eco-groups. Of those that were not currently involved in any initiatives, 67% were keen to get involved in the future.

The top three areas of action that respondents wanted to see were: protecting biodiversity (76%); reducing waste and litter and increasing recycling (67%); followed by food and agriculture: growing more food locally, eating less meat and reducing food waste.

The survey suggests that climate anxiety is widespread among children and young people living in and around Alton. They feel they are being failed by adults at all levels of authority, who are simply not doing enough to address their concerns. Further support should be put in place to give children and young people a platform to talk about their concerns, and to manage their climate anxiety.

¹ ACAN was established in 2019 and brings people together to tackle the climate crisis in Alton and the surrounding villages, mainly through 12 different groups and projects, including Young ACAN. See www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk

The children and young people of Alton need more opportunities to be involved in practical initiatives, including lobbying government who are perceived as not taking sufficient action. Taking action will help to mitigate their distress and sense of powerlessness over their future. We need always to remember that it is *their* future.

As a new group, Young ACAN needs to continue to raise its profile, as far as is possible given the limited resources of a voluntary community group. ACAN are very grateful for the co-operation of schools – this partnership is a vitally important way of engaging with young people.

A separate ACAN survey in June 2022 in one primary school of 115 children aged mainly 8 – 11 years, found that climate change was very or quite important to 94% of respondents. Most of the children were fairly worried or worried and 26% were very worried. About half said they were frightened.

The findings of ACAN's surveys are similar to those from other UK and international surveys.

3. METHODOLOGY

An online survey comprising 11 questions (reproduced in the Annex) was made available to children and young people aged 10-19+ years, mainly through schools in Alton. The survey questions were developed with considerable input from young people.

The survey was given to two state secondary schools (academies), one private school and one state primary school, and Treloar College (a college for young people with disabilities). Young people were also invited to complete the survey via social media. The aim was to achieve as balanced a sample regarding age and background as possible.

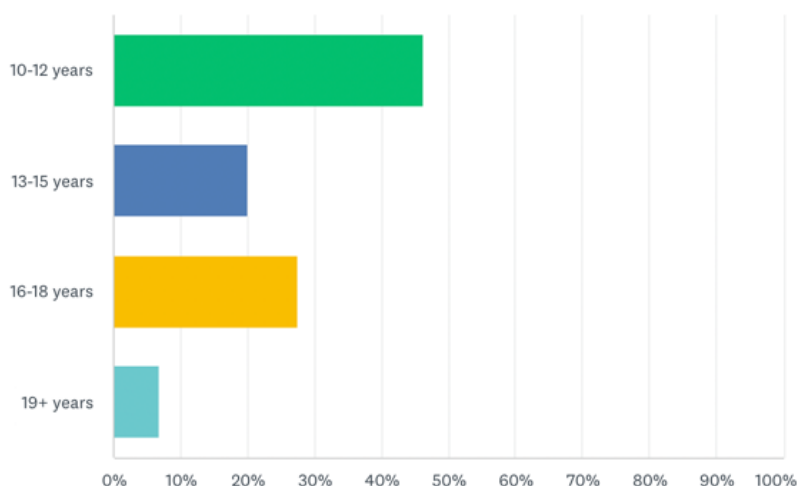


Figure 1: age of participants

335 responses were received, exceeding the target of 250.

We received a cross section of responses from those aged 10 -19 +, with those aged 10-12 years being 46% of the total (Figure 1).

The researcher also conducted focus groups across five schools in Alton, during which five question areas were discussed in person with young people. (The questions can be found in the Annex).

ACAN would like to thank local schools for their active co-operation in the administration of the survey – this research would not have been possible without their support.

4. FINDINGS

4.1 Feelings about the climate crisis

About half of the young people surveyed expressed feelings associated with climate anxiety: sadness, fear and powerlessness (Figure 2 below).

One focus group member said, *“We can see the differences in the climate and environment locally, It’s no longer just elsewhere in the world. There are overwhelming climate-related posts on Instagram, e.g. pics of the planet burning.”*

Another said *“You can easily fall into a dark hole in which you feel there’s nothing you can do.”*

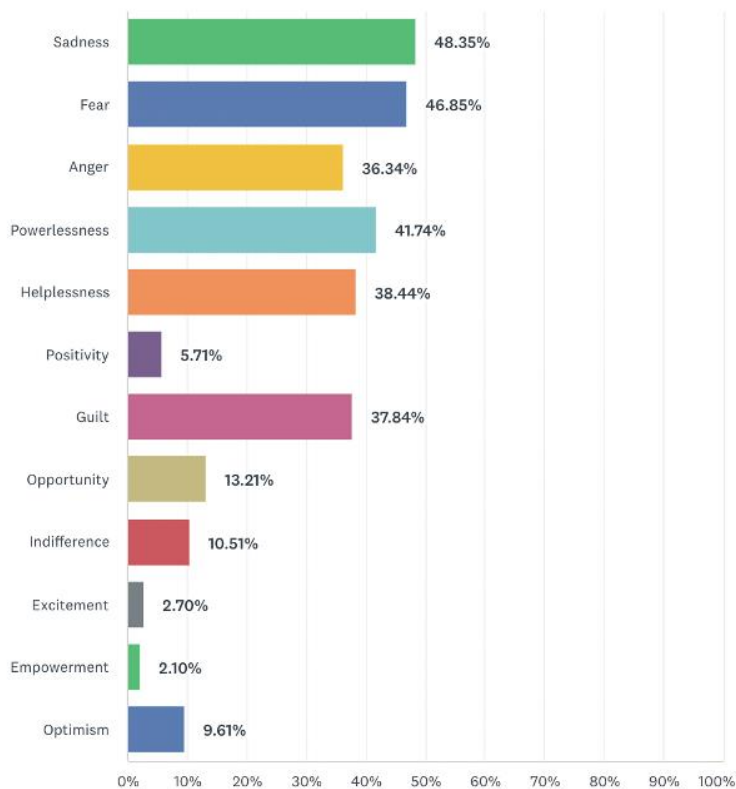


Figure 2: Emotions felt when thinking about the climate crisis and the future

Because of small sample sizes, the findings are presented in this report for all respondents, and not by age group. However, the data may suggest that more 13-18-year-olds (up to 60%) compared with 10-12-year-olds are scared for their future, and experience feelings of sadness, fear, powerlessness, and helplessness.

	SADNESS	FEAR	ANGER	POWERLESSNESS	HELPLESSNESS
Q1: 10-12 years	41.94% 65	40.00% 62	27.74% 43	30.97% 48	27.10% 42
Q1: 13-15 years	53.73% 36	58.21% 39	40.30% 27	47.76% 32	56.72% 38
Q1: 16-18 years	63.33% 57	52.22% 47	47.78% 43	60.00% 54	47.78% 43
Q1: 19+ years	20.00% 5	40.00% 10	36.00% 9	32.00% 8	28.00% 7
Total Respondents	162	157	122	141	130

Table 1: Emotions felt when thinking about the climate crisis – by age group of respondents

4.2 Views on action by others on climate change

60% of participants wanted ‘to see action in light of the climate crisis.’ Over half (51%) felt the planet was being neglected and 39% were ‘scared for their future.’ Responses were mainly negative in regard to feelings about the future generally (Table 2).

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I don't feel like enough is being done	60.60% 203
▼ Our planet has been neglected	51.64% 173
▼ I am scared for my future	39.40% 132
▼ I won't have the same opportunities as my parents	28.36% 95
▼ I am not worried about my future	17.61% 59
▼ Humanity is doomed	14.93% 50
▼ We will adapt to the changing weather	12.24% 41
▼ Technology will solve the climate crisis	11.64% 39
▼ I think the Climate Crisis is exaggerated	4.78% 16
Total Respondents: 335	

Table 2: Feelings about participants' future, in light of the climate crisis

4.2.1 Views on action by government

When asked about the Government's action on climate change, 67% of respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed that the Government could be trusted in the fight on climate change. Over 80% somewhat or strongly agreed that 'young people have been failed' by the government's response to climate change (Table 3).

One focus group respondent said, “*They just need to seem more urgent, they're saying they'll do something but it always gets delayed.*”

	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
Government can be trusted in the fight on climate change	5.45% 18	26.67% 88	43.94% 145	23.94% 79	330
The Government are doing what they can to tackle the crisis	7.51% 25	26.73% 89	39.94% 133	25.83% 86	333
I am reassured that the Government is taking action	7.21% 24	27.33% 91	39.34% 131	26.13% 87	333
Feel I am being lied to	19.34% 64	46.83% 155	29.91% 99	3.93% 13	331
I feel I am ignored	22.49% 74	46.81% 154	26.44% 87	4.26% 14	329
I am unaware of what the Government is doing to tackle climate change	21.69% 72	48.49% 161	21.99% 73	7.83% 26	332
Young people have been failed	30.21% 100	50.76% 168	15.41% 51	3.63% 12	331

Table 3: Views on the national government's action on climate change

The data suggests (Figure 3) that more 13-18-year-olds compared with 10-12-year-olds may feel that the government cannot be trusted in the fight on climate change. (The sample for 19+ years is very small.)

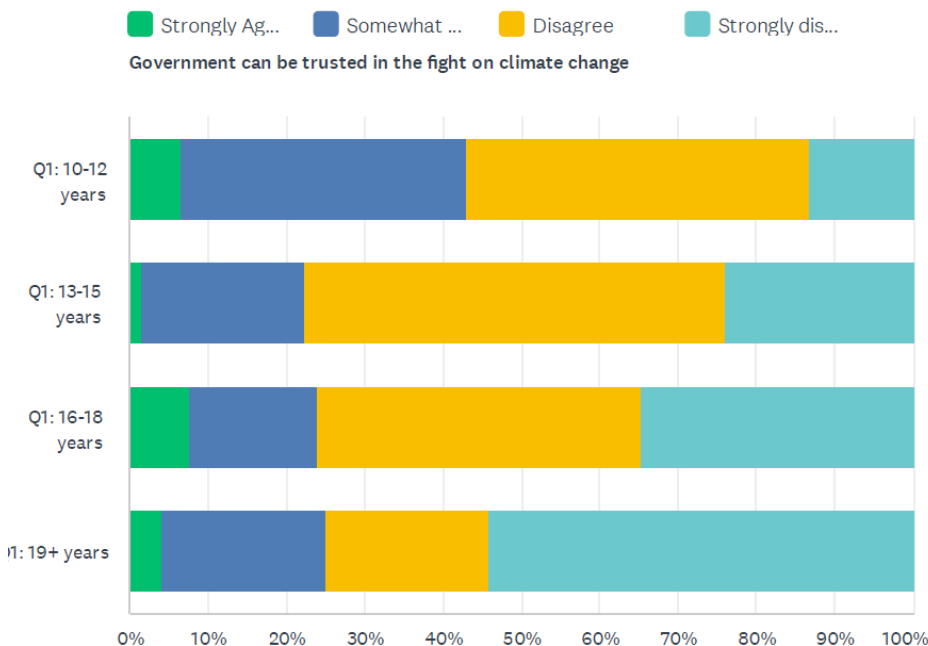


Figure 3: Response to question whether the government can be trusted in the fight on climate change, by age group

4.2.2 Views on action by the local community and being able to talk about their worries

When asked about the local community's response to the climate crisis, 69% somewhat agreed or strongly agreed that the community and council of Alton cared about the climate crisis in the same way that they did. However, 91% agreed that more action needed to be seen in the local community (Table 4).

A focus group respondent said, *“People are reluctant to accept that they’ll need to change their behaviour.”* Another said, *“The problem is that it’s a lot easier not to do anything than to change.”*

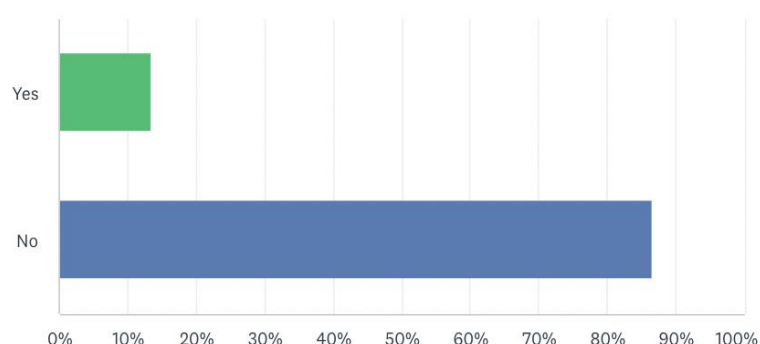
	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
I can see the local community and council is taking action on Climate Change	10.27% 34	52.57% 174	28.40% 94	8.76% 29	331
I feel like my local community and council cares about Climate change in the same way I do	11.48% 38	57.40% 190	23.56% 78	7.55% 25	331
I would like to see more action on the climate crisis in my local community	54.52% 181	36.75% 122	5.72% 19	3.01% 10	332
I would like to talk more about my worries and future concerns surrounding Climate change	18.18% 60	40.91% 135	28.18% 93	12.73% 42	330

Table 4: Views on action being taken in the local community of Alton and surrounding areas

59% wanted to be able to talk more about their worries and concerns (Table 4). *“I am concerned that people don’t want to talk about it”*, said one focus group respondent.

4.2.3 Views on action by young people themselves

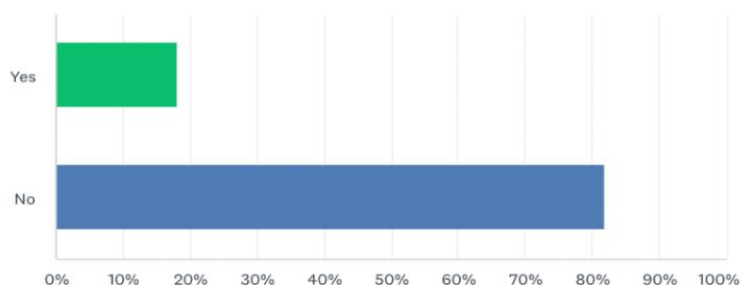
87% of participants had not yet heard of ACAN or Young ACAN (Figure 4). (Eggars and Alton Schools and Treloar College do have catchment areas extending well beyond Alton).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	13.43% 45
No	86.57% 290
TOTAL	335

Figure 4: Response to question on whether participants had previously heard of ACAN or Young ACAN

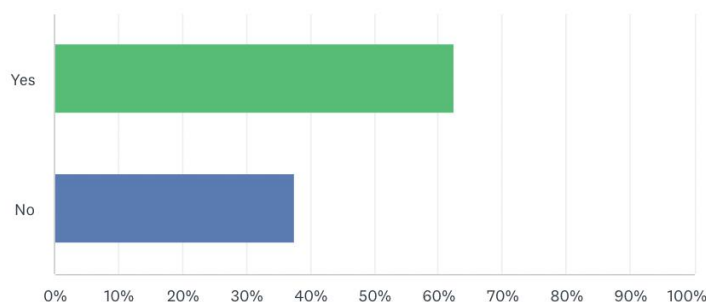
82% of participants said they were not currently involved in any activities around climate change (Figure 5). Of the 18% that were active, their involvement was mainly in litter picking, recycling, and with eco-groups in their schools.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.21%	61
No	81.79%	274
TOTAL		335

Figure 5: Response to question about involvement in any activities around climate change

Of the 274 participants who said they were not involved in any activities around climate change 63% were keen to be involved in local initiatives (Figure 6).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.58%	199
No	37.42%	119
TOTAL		318

Figure 6: Desire of those not already involved in any initiatives to get involved

The top four topics of interest were: Biodiversity: nature, woodland and protecting biodiversity; Reducing Waste: plastics, recycling; Food and Agriculture: growing more food locally, reducing food waste, eating less meat; and Greener Transport: public transport, cycling (Table 5).

	VERY PASSIONATE	PASSIONATE	SOME INTEREST	NOT INTERESTED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
▼ Sustainable fashion: Fast Fashion and up-cycling	21.91% 71	24.07% 78	32.10% 104	21.91% 71	324	2.54
▼ Reducing waste: Plastics, recycling	32.52% 106	35.58% 116	21.78% 71	10.12% 33	326	2.10
▼ Food and agriculture: Growing more food locally, reducing food waste, eating less meat etc	31.19% 102	34.25% 112	20.18% 66	14.37% 47	327	2.18
▼ Energy use: raising awareness	24.77% 80	32.82% 106	27.24% 88	15.17% 49	323	2.33
▼ Greenhouse gas emissions from large companies: Factories, industry (and the impacts of pollution on health)	26.07% 85	32.52% 106	23.31% 76	18.10% 59	326	2.33
▼ Sustainable and ethical consumption: E.g fair trade,	28.66% 92	31.78% 102	26.79% 86	12.77% 41	321	2.24
▼ Greener Transport: Public transport, cycling	30.56% 99	35.19% 114	21.91% 71	12.35% 40	324	2.16
▼ Biodiversity: Nature, woodland and protecting biodiversity	46.01% 150	30.06% 98	15.03% 49	8.90% 29	326	1.87
▼ Understanding of government policies and political activism	18.63% 60	29.81% 96	31.37% 101	20.19% 65	322	2.53

Table 5: Top topics of interest to young people in tackling climate change

When asked what ‘experiences and activities make you feel worse about climate change’ the following were most frequently mentioned:

- Reading the news
- Social media
- That people don’t want to talk about it
- Documentaries e.g. David Attenborough
- Seeing animal suffering e.g. polar bears and turtles

When asked about activities that could ‘make you feel better in the fight on climate change’ the most popular responses were:

- Litter picking.
- Being in nature.
- Talking to people about climate change.
- Seeking positive posts on social media about what people are doing to tackle climate change.
- Spreading the word.

4.3 Findings from a separate Alton primary school ACAN survey

A survey undertaken by ACAN in June 2022 in one primary school in Alton, of 115 children aged mainly 8 – 11 years, as part of a different project, found that climate change was very important to 52% of respondents and quite important to 42%. Most of the children were fairly worried or worried and 26% were very worried (Figure 7). About half said they were frightened (Figure 8).

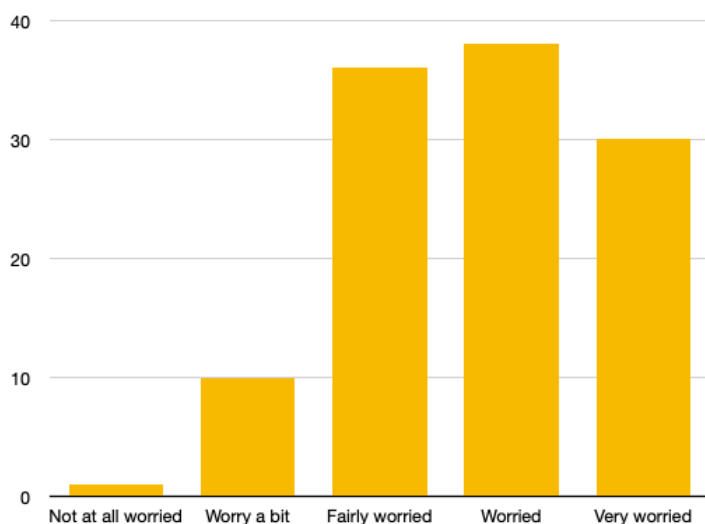


Figure 7 – Level of worry among primary school children in one school

Most of the children agreed that “we can all do our bit”, “together we can make a positive impact” and that “radical changes are needed”. A majority said that “grown-ups are not doing enough” (Figure 8).

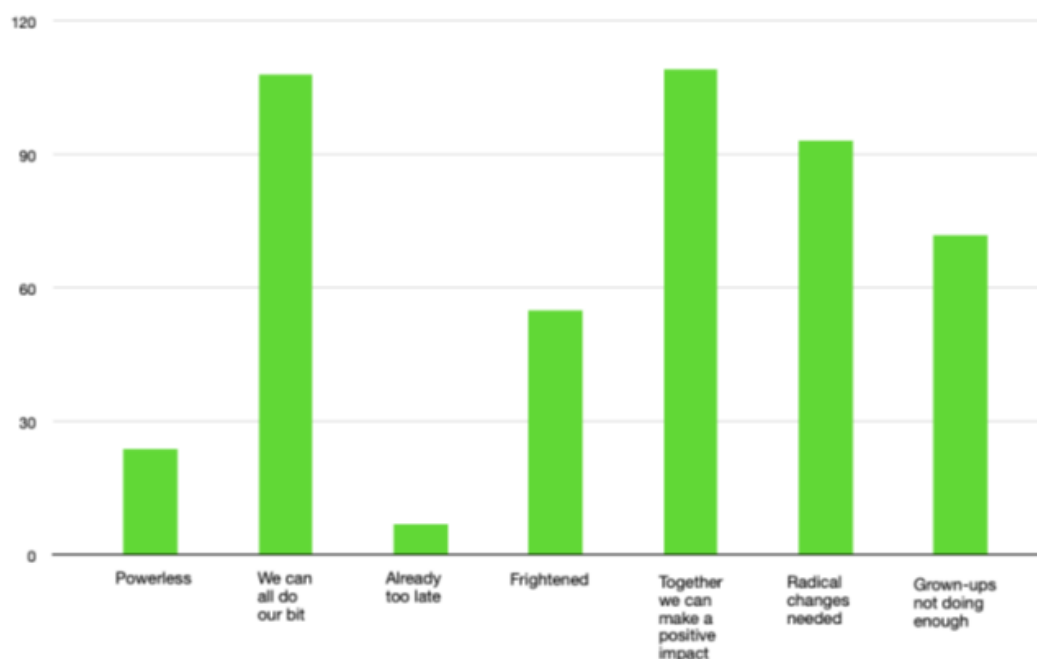


Figure 8 – Opinions of primary school children in one school

37% of these children said they follow a plant-based diet and 20% of them stated that they participate in protests.

A survey of the views of adults has been undertaken within ACAN's Eco-Streets project; the findings will be published in a separate report.

4.4 Relevant findings from other surveys

The findings of this small local survey are similar to the findings of Hickman et al's (2021) international survey of 10,000 children and young people aged 16-25 in 10 countries including 1,000 participants in the UK. Forty-nine percent of UK respondents were extremely or very worried, and 80% were at least moderately worried. Hickman et al. found that 75% of young people said that they think the future is frightening and 83% said that they think people have failed to take care of the planet; they rated governmental responses to climate change negatively; and climate anxiety and distress were correlated with perceived inadequate government response and associated feelings of betrayal.

Lawrence et al. (2022) surveyed a diverse sample of 518 UK 16-24-year-olds between August and October 2020, and found that "Although UK youth reported more life disruption and concern for their future due to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change was associated with significantly greater distress overall, particularly for individuals with low levels of generalised anxiety ... The greater distress attributed to climate change overall was due, in particular, to higher levels of guilt, sense of personal responsibility, and greater distress triggered by upsetting media coverage."

5. CONCLUSIONS

The results from this survey suggest that climate anxiety and dissatisfaction with the government's action on climate change are widespread amongst children and young people in and around Alton, with a perceived failure and major distrust of the Government on tackling the challenges. Children and young people want to see tangible action.

Though it was felt that the local community in and around Alton were aligned with their concerns and 'care' for the planet, there was still a strong view that more needs to be done.

The survey results strongly suggest that to address children's and young people's anxiety about their future, ACAN and other local stakeholders, including all three levels of local government (Alton Town Council, East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council), need to involve young people further in their action plans. Other research shows that even those who perceive the threat from climate change as severe show reduced distress and depressive symptoms when they are involved in behaviour to mitigate the problem (Bradley et al, 2014).

To address their climate anxiety, children and young people need support to talk about climate change and their worries; a sounding board, a way of addressing the issues of climate anxiety head on, including information and discussion about what can trigger it and how to manage it.

Alongside this, it is vital to foster optimism and hope. A wide range of research suggests that people who are able to reframe the issue and find something positive in their circumstances, tend to do better than people

who are less able to regulate their thinking, emotions, and actions (Iacoviello & Charney, 2014; Prince-Embury, 2013; Bonanno & Diminich, 2013; Hanbury & Indart, 2013; Petrusek Macdonald et al., 2013; Harper & Pergament, 2015).

Action can be seen as the antidote to both climate anxiety and the climate crisis itself, through being involved and being part of the solution.

82% of respondents were not involved in any action on climate in the local area. Of those participants that were not already involved, 67% were keen to get involved, showing an appetite to be part of the action and offering Young ACAN scope for considerable development. As Young ACAN is a youth eco-group launched only a few months before the survey was carried out, it is unsurprising that 86% had not yet heard of it.

Our relationship with nature – how much we notice, think about, and appreciate our natural surroundings – is also a critical factor in supporting good mental health and preventing distress. (Mental Health Foundation, 2021.) The survey finding that children's and young people's first preference as an area for action is biodiversity (protecting nature and woodland) is an important priority for Young ACAN, schools and other stakeholders. Young people's engagement with biodiversity will improve both their mental health and nature itself.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The impact of climate change is clearly being felt most profoundly by our younger population, many of whom are experiencing emotional distress. Young ACAN, schools and the local community need to develop a programme of **support for children and young people to talk about climate change** and how to manage their anxiety

2. **Involvement in action** will mitigate children's and young people's feelings of sadness and powerlessness and foster optimism and hope. The survey shows that the majority are keen to take action. The following topics emerge from the survey as priorities for maximum engagement and take-up by young people:

- **Biodiversity:** Nature, woodland and protecting biodiversity.
- **Reducing Waste:** Plastics, recycling, litter picking.
- **Food and Agriculture:** Growing more food locally, reducing food waste, eating less meat.
- **Greener Transport:** Public transport, cycling.

3. **Local decision makers** (including the Town Council, District Council and County Council) and other stakeholders need to gain and **protect the trust of children and young people by involving them in climate action planning and delivery.** and be seen to be taking 'meaningful' action whilst moving swiftly. This includes making a visible commitment, with **tangible measures** for progress, for example for each initiative to consider how it can be more concrete in its contribution. i.e., improved butterfly population by x, saved x carbon by reusing clothes, planted x trees with an aim to save x carbon.

3. It is essential for any activity that there is a **strong communications plan** to clarify what is being done and focus on measurable action along with follow up on how well each initiative is communicated across

social media, in schools and the wider community using posters etc. This will in turn improve awareness and trust.

This research is a snapshot of an ever-growing challenge. It provides a warning and wake-up call to adults, especially those in government and other leadership roles, of the need for urgent action on the climate crisis which strongly engages and involves children and young people, and offers a robust framework to tackle their climate anxiety. It is *their* future. We need to work together to ensure it is a future in which children and young people can thrive.

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The Young ACAN Online Questionnaire



Young ACAN Survey

Impact of the climate crisis and young people

Young ACAN is a youth movement which is a branch of Alton Climate Action Network, an environmental action charity. We are interested in the thoughts and ideas of young people locally to help shape our next steps.

1. Which age bracket do you fall into

- ☐ 10-12 years
- ☐ 13-15 years
- ☐ 16-18 years
- ☐ 19+ years

2. How do you feel about your future, in light of the climate crisis?

(Tick the statements that are relevant to you)

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| ☐ I am scared for my future | ☐ Technology will solve the climate crisis |
| ☐ I think the Climate Crisis is exaggerated | ☐ I won't have the same opportunities as my parents |
| ☐ Our planet has been neglected | ☐ We will adapt to the changing weather |
| ☐ I am not worried about my future | ☐ I don't feel like enough is being done |
| ☐ Humanity is doomed | |

3. When you think about the climate crisis and your future what sort of emotions does it conjure up?

(Tick the boxes of the ones that are relevant to you)

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| ☐ Sadness | ☐ Guilt |
| ☐ Fear | ☐ Opportunity |
| ☐ Anger | ☐ Indifference |
| ☐ Powerlessness | ☐ Excitement |
| ☐ Helplessness | ☐ Empowerment |
| ☐ Positivity | ☐ Optimism |

4. In regards to the national Government's action on climate change how do you feel about the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Young people have been failed	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feel I am being lied to	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel I am ignored	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Government are doing what they can to tackle the crisis	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am reassured that the Government is taking action	☐	☐	☐	☐
Government can be trusted in the fight on climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am unaware of what the Government is doing to tackle climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐

What action do you think the Government should be taking or be doing more of?

5. In terms of your local community of Alton and the surrounding areas, how do you feel about the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I can see the local community and council is taking action on Climate Change	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel like my local community and council cares about Climate change in the same way I do	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would like to see more action on the climate crisis in my local community	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would like to talk more about my worries and future concerns surrounding Climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Before this survey, had you heard of ACAN or Young ACAN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Are you currently involved in any activities around Climate change?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. If answer to question 6 is Yes. Which activities do you partake in?

9. If answer to question 7 is 'No' would you be interested in being involved in local initiatives to help with the Climate Crisis?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Out of this list of topics which ones might you be interested in?

	Very Passionate	Passionate	Some interest	Not interested
Sustainable fashion: Fast Fashion and up-cycling	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reducing waste: Plastics, recycling	☐	☐	☐	☐
Food and agriculture: Growing more food locally, reducing food waste, eating less meat etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Energy use: raising awareness	☐	☐	☐	☐
Greenhouse gas emissions from large companies: Factories, industry (and the impacts of pollution on health)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sustainable and ethical consumption: E.g. fair trade,	☐	☐	☐	☐
Greener Transport: Public transport, cycling	☐	☐	☐	☐
Biodiversity: Nature, woodland and protecting biodiversity	☐	☐	☐	☐
Understanding of government policies and political activism	☐	☐	☐	☐

11. In addition, are there any specific initiatives or ideas you have to tackle the climate crisis locally?

We understand that matters around the climate crisis can be challenging for you in lots of ways. If you would like to talk about the issues that are covered in the survey or just find out how to get involved please email us:

young.altoncan@gmail.com

Also you can follow us on Instagram @youngacan

In addition to this survey we will be running some focus groups to understand more about your needs and ideas. Should you want to get involved in these please either ask a teacher or email on the email above.

Focus groups – script used

Introduction to the Session

Thank you for taking the time today to talk to us. Some of you may have already filled out the online survey and may have already heard of Young ACAN.

For those of you that haven't, Young ACAN is a youth movement which is a branch of Alton Climate Action Network, an environmental action charity. We are interested in the thoughts and ideas of young people, like yourselves around how we can do more to support your Climate and environmental concerns.

If you have not had a chance to do the online survey, please do ask your teacher about it as we would love your input.

Today is a discussion group where we have a few questions we would love your help with!

1) When you think about climate change and the environment, what emotions do you feel?

Looking for descriptors: Sad, indifferent, concerned.

2) What experiences or activities can make you feel worse about climate change?

Listening to Politicians, social media, the news.

3) What can you do so that you feel better about climate change?

Prompts: Talking about it, finding positive news, Spending time in nature, finding ways to make a difference

4) In your local community what are the most important actions you want to see, that you think can make a real difference?

Prompts/ ideas:

- *Local politicians making it a priority in their policies and lobbying the government*
- *Support to talk about it*
- *Recycling, reusing etc*

5) In the future what do you hope ACAN can do in the future regarding climate change?

- *Help me voice my feelings and concerns*
- *Support with lobbying the local council*

Wrap up:

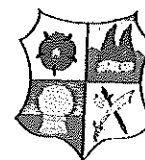
The session is now finished. Are there any other ideas or thoughts you would like to voice?

Thank you! All your input will be extremely valuable in shaping local action on Climate Change. We understand this can be a difficult topic for you all, so please do speak to an adult if you want to discuss any aspects further, or contact Young ACAN.

Also be sure to find out more about Young ACAN or get involved by looking us up on IG or emailing us.

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation: Alton Lions Club (CIO) Reg No:1174502

Applicant's name and address:

Mike Baker
1 Archery Rise
Alton GU34 1PG

Telephone number: 01420 89218 / 07817 756127

Location of organisation: Alton

Nature of activity of organisation:

The Objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & Wales, including in particular:

1. Promoting the Voluntary Sector
2. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need
3. The advancement of citizenship.
4. Promoting volunteering.
5. Promoting the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
6. The advancement of health or the saving of lives.
7. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

Number of members and age range (if appropriate):

27 members / 50 -85

Purpose for which grant will be used:

To support Alton Classic Car Show activities, specifically the entertainment on the day.

Amount of grant requested: £500.00

Total cost of project: £2500

Name

Amount requested

Amount received

Other sponsors have not been approached yet. For the 2022 event the sponsors included local automotive and town centre retail outlets & EHDC

Any other information which would help the Town Council in considering the application (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary, and please do not send thick glossy brochures):

The purpose of the event is to stage a town centre activity that raises the profile of Alton, attracts exhibitors and visitors to the town and assists Alton Lions Club (CIO) to meet some of its charitable objects specifically objects 1, 3, 4.

The 2023 event will be the third event since the withdrawal of The Herald local office and details of the 2021 event were well publicised in the local press (The Alton Herald and local social media). The event encourages participation by local groups including CJ Sounds with four local Bands, The Rock Choir, Minden Rose, Knickerbocker Glory Appalachian Dancers, local crafters, face painters and specialist outlets.

Beneficiaries include local retail and hospitality outlets.

Do you have public liability insurance?	Yes ☒	No ☐
Do any of your members wish to address the Committee before your application is considered?	Yes ☒	No ☐
A copy of the full and detailed up-to-date accounts must accompany this application. They must be signed by an officer of the group and countersigned (certified) by a competent person not associated with the group.		
Name: Mr M J Baker	Signature: 	
Position held: Treasurer	Date: 14.10.2022	

*Please return completed form to:-
Mrs Samantha Brown, Grants Officer
Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square
ALTON, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
Telephone - 01420 83986 Email - info@alton.gov.uk*

ACCOUNTS FOR ALTON CLASSIC CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 2022

RECIEPTS

Sponsors

Detail	Budget	Actual
AJLR	500	500
Andrews Auto-source	100	100
EHDC	250	250
Honey Lettings	200	200
Specsavers	500	500
Little Grey Cells	In kind	
Total	1550	1550

Vehicles

BP/CHQ	945
Sumup	68.81
Noddy Car	40
Cash	365
Total	1000 1418.81

Lions Activities

Collection	200	363.12
Ice Cream Man	120	165
Lions	652	651.73
Market Stalls	200	270
Total	1171.73	1449.85

Total	3921.73	4418.66
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Margin

2194.26

Dispersion

ATC	500 1. For ACAN
YLAC	700 2. £100 for YLAVC in name of Blue Eyed Soul
Lions	500 3 Repayment of seed funds
Investment	494.26 4. For Next Year (1 invoice yet to be received)
Total	2194.26

PAYMENTS

Marketing

Detail	Budget	Actual
Website	320	320
Pop Up Banner	45	44.4
Roadside Banner	50	49.2
HCC Licence	40	40
Posters	120	60.76
Adverts	130	130
Total	705	644.36

Admin

Collingwood Services Ltd	385	387
Trophies	300	250
Road Signs	100	68.04
Sundries	20	0
Total	805	705.04

Entertainment

CJ Systems & Bands	500	300
Rock Choir	75	75
Total	575	375

Other

Lions	500	500
Guides		
Ambassadors		
Total	500	500

Total	2585	2224.4
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Signatures
Name

Signature

M J Baker

D-P Phillips

Date:

14.10.2022

Alton's Welcoming Warm Hubs

Alton Library

Monday 9.30am - 1.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am-5.00pm (Wednesday & Sunday closed)
at Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT

Alton Library offers a warm welcome to all members of the local community. Inside you will find a warm and vibrant space to read, work, relax and socialise. There is more than just books to read, you can also find free to use Wi-Fi and public computers, printing and photocopying (for a small charge), national newspapers and magazines, boardgames and jigsaw puzzles. You are very welcome to bring along your own cold food and drinks.

For more information visit www.hants.gov.uk/library or telephone 0845 6035631

Alton Community Centre

Open Monday - Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm and Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm (closed Sundays)
at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN

No need to book, everyone is welcome to just pop in whether you are on your own, with friends or family and enjoy our dedicated warm hub space in the Community Centre this winter. There are comfy chairs, free Wi-Fi, you can charge your mobile phone or laptop, there activities like board games and books available and complimentary refreshments too!

For more information visit www.altoncomcen.org.uk or telephone 01420 85057

What's On Guide to FREE to attend local clubs, groups and activities in Alton

Please Note: the list was correct at time of publishing but may be subject to changes

When	What	Where	Description	Who is this for?	Website
Monday					
9.30am -10.30am	St Lawrence Teddies Toddler Group	St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW	Join the Parish of the Resurrection for children's activities, songs and stories, plus free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	Babies / toddlers / pre-school children and their carers	www.potr-alton.co.uk
Morning session 10.00am - 11.30am (Term time only)	You and your Baby	Bushy Leaze and families support centre, Eastbrooke Road, Alton, GU34 2DR	This fun and lively group is open to any parents with babies from 0-12 months. Activities include messy play, story time and song time. The group provides a great opportunity to chat and meet with other new parents and babies, and can help to reduce isolation among first time families. No need to book.	Parents and carers with babies 0 to 12 months	www.bushyleaze.co.uk
3.00pm-4.30pm (term time only)	The King's Arms Youth Project	King's Arms, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Free After School Club for young people aged 11 – 18 years. Offering a warm, safe, fun environment to chill out with your mates. Perhaps over a game of pool, table tennis or air hockey. They also have an Xbox and the Youth Workers are never short on game, craft or activity ideas. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	young people aged 11 – 18 years	www.the kings arms.org.uk

Tuesday

10.00am - 12.00pm	Church of the Holy Rood Coffee Morning	Church of the Holy Rood, Church Lane, Holybourne, GU34 4HD	All welcome for coffee, tea and cake on a Tuesday morning with lots of friendly faces, plus free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	Open to all	www.potr-alton.co.uk
10.00am - 12.00pm	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	Alton Methodist Church, Drayman's Way, Alton, GU34 1LG	Teams from Alton Methodist Church and the Parish of the Resurrection serving delicious coffee, tea and hot chocolate and providing good fellowship , plus free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	Open to all	www.altonmethodist.org.uk
10.30am -11.00am	Children's Storytime	Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Come along for stories, rhymes and colouring.	Babies / toddlers / children and their carers	www.hants.gov.uk/library
1.15pm - 2.45pm	Baby Massage	Bushy Leaze and families support centre, Eastbrooke Road, Alton, GU34 2DR	This nurturing group encourages bonding and increases parents' confidence in handling their baby. This group also helps to reduce isolation for new mums. The five week course must be booked. If you would like more information or to book please email a.rowland@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk	Parents and carers with babies	www.bushyleaze.co.uk
3.00pm-4.30pm (term time only)	The King's Arms Youth Project	King's Arms, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Free After School Club for young people aged 11 – 18 years. Offering a warm, safe, fun environment to chill out with your mates. Perhaps over a game of pool, table tennis or air hockey. They also have an Xbox and the Youth Workers are never short on game, craft or activity ideas. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	young people aged 11 – 18 years	www.thekingsarms.org.uk

Wednesday

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 9.15am - 10.30am (term time only)	Friends of Bushy Leaze Coffee Morning	Bushy Leaze and families support centre, Eastbrooke Road, Alton, GU34 2DR	All families welcome for complimentary refreshments and children's activities on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.	All families welcome	www.bushyleaze.co.uk
9.30am -10.30am (term time only)	Holybourne Teddies Toddler Group	Church of the Holy Rood, Church Lane, Holybourne, GU34 4HD	Join the Parish of the Resurrection for children's activities, songs and stories. Free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	Babies / toddlers / pre-school children and their carers	www.potr-alton.co.uk
10.00am - 11.30am	Communion, Coffee & Conversation	All Saints Church, Butts Road, Alton, GU34 1HU	Midweek Communion followed by Coffee and Conversation – a time to reflect and chat with complimentary refreshments. Free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	Suitable for adults	www.potr-alton.co.uk
10.00am - 3.00pm	The Harvest Church One Way	Alton Maltings, Maltings Close, Alton, GU34 1DT	With activities that include... Art, Board Games, Puzzles, Craft, Refreshments and Chat. No need to book, just pop in and if life isn't going the way you hoped or planned, maybe we can help.	Suitable for adults	www.harvestchurch.uk
11.00am - 4.00pm	Memory Lane Cafe	Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN	An opportunity for those with Dementia or memory loss and their carers to meet with others for support, reminiscence and relaxation. With games, craft activities, music, quizzes, free WIFI, free charging points for a mobile phone or laptop, as well as tea and cake. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	People with Dementia or memory loss and their carers	www.altoncomcen.org.uk
3.00pm-4.30pm (term time only)	The King's Arms Youth Project (Years 7 and 8 only)	King's Arms, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Free After School Club for young people in years 7 & 8. Offering a warm, safe, fun environment to chill out with your mates. Perhaps over a game of pool, table tennis or air hockey. They also have an Xbox and the Youth Workers are never short on game, craft or activity ideas. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	Secondary School Years 7 and 8 only	www.thekingsarms.org.uk

Thursday

9.30am - 11.00am (Term time only)	You and Your Toddler	Bushy Leaze and families support centre, Eastbrooke Road, Alton, GU34 2DR	This is a fun session for families with babies and children under 4. Come along and have some fun, share activities and songs. Get support from their staff and meet new people. Term time only. No need to book.	Babies / toddlers / pre-school children and their carers	www.bushyleaze.co.uk
10.30am-11.00am	Children's Rhyme time	Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Action songs and rhymes suitable for babies, toddlers and their parent/carers.	Babies and toddlers and their parents / carers	www.hants.gov.uk/library
1.00pm -2.30pm (Term time only)	You and your Baby	Bushy Leaze and families support centre, Eastbrooke Road, Alton, GU34 2DR	This fun and lively group is open to any parents with babies from 0-12 months. Activities include messy play, story time and song time. The group provides a great opportunity to chat and meet with other new parents and babies and can help to reduce isolation among first time families. No need to book.	Parents and carers with babies 0 to 12 months	www.bushyleaze.co.uk
3rd Thursday of the month 2.00pm-4.00pm	Yarn & Knatter	Alton Maltings, Maltings Close, Alton, GU34 1DT	An opportunity to get together with like-minded people, have a good chat, eat cake, and do some knitting or crochet at the same time. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Sarah, candsparis@aol.com	Suitable for adults	www.harvestchurch.uk
3.00pm-4.30pm (term time only)	The King's Arms Youth Project	King's Arms, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Free After School Club for young people aged 11 – 18 years. Offering a warm, safe, fun environment to chill out with your mates. Perhaps over a game of pool, table tennis or air hockey. They also have an Xbox and the Youth Workers are never short on game, craft or activity ideas. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	young people aged 11 – 18 years	www.the kings arms.org.uk

Friday

11.00am - 12.15pm	Memory Lane Music Cafe	Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN	Join Paul Tickner and friends for singalong fun and percussion playing as we enjoy our favourite tunes. A Coffee Morning when we catch up with friends and sing along to the music with one of our fantastic visiting musicians. Singing together is an opportunity for people who have memory challenges and their carers to meet with others for support, reminiscence and relaxation through music. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or.	People who have memory challenges and their carers	www.dementia-friendly-alton.org.uk
10.30am - 12.00pm	St Lawrence Church Coffee Morning	St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW	All welcome for coffee, tea and cake with lots of friendly faces. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	Open to all	www.potr-alton.co.uk
3.00pm-4.30pm (term time only)	The King's Arms Youth Project	King's Arms, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Free After School Club for young people aged 11 – 18 years. Offering a warm, safe, fun environment to chill out with your mates. Perhaps over a game of pool, table tennis or air hockey. They also have an Xbox and the Youth Workers are never short on game, craft or activity ideas. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop.	young people aged 11 – 18 years	www.the kings arms.org.uk

Saturday

1st Saturday of the month 9.00am - 12.30pm	St Lawrence Church Monthly Markets	The Parish Centre, Vicarage Hill, Alton GU34 2BW	A friendly group of volunteers provide complimentary refreshments, alongside stalls selling low priced bric a brac, puzzles, books, plants and home-made produce. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available. If you have any donations that we can sell please email office@potr-alton.co.uk .	Open to all	www.potr-alton.co.uk
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 10.00am - 12.30pm	Alton Community Share (Alton Climate Action Network)	The Parish Centre, Vicarage Hill, Alton GU34 2BW	Banish the boredom with free activities for all ages with games, toys, books and jigsaw puzzles to borrow for free. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	Open to all	www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Games Afternoon	The Parish Centre, Vicarage Hill, Alton GU34 2BW	A warm, welcoming place to share a game with friends and make new friends. With cards and board games as well as complimentary cake and refreshments. Free Wi-Fi and charging points for a mobile phone or laptop also available.	Open to all	www.potr-alton.co.uk