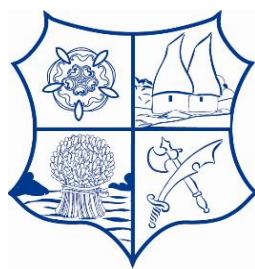


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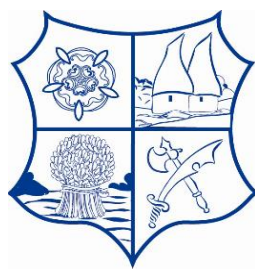
Strategy Action Plan – Alton Town Council will reduce its own carbon footprint to aim to achieve carbon neutral by 2030.

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1.1 DH	Regular green audit of the entirety of the Town Council's land, buildings and assets.	To measure ATC's progress towards the carbon neutral target.	Calculate annual consumption to compare with previous years	DH	Annually – by 31/12	Officer hours	The calculation will be based on the Report produced by Expert Energy.	Ongoing	The Assistant Clerk is logging all fuel and energy consumption every month so year on year comparisons can be made. Data to be collated every year and presented to Climate Change meeting in January.
1.2 DH	Reducing fuel emissions from ATC estate and operations	To reduce the council's carbon footprint toward the carbon neutral target of 2030	Consider replacement of diesel vehicles with electric. Test replacement of petrol engine tools with electric	DH MW	Annually – by 31/12 31/12/25	Officer hours Electric tools	Annual year on year comparison of energy consumption. Consumption of petrol for tools	Ongoing Tools to be selected	The Assistant Clerk is logging all fuel consumption every month so year on year comparisons can be made. Annual Data collated and circulated for Climate Change Meeting in January. Grounds Team has been evaluating efficiencies through rationalising cutting regimes.
1.3 KR	Reducing energy consumption in ATC properties.	To reduce the council's carbon footprint toward the carbon neutral target of 2030	Encourage energy-saving behaviours	KR JH	Annually – by 31/12		Annual year on year comparison of energy consumption.	Ongoing	Installation of solar lighting where appropriate. Reduce temperatures in public buildings. Install behaviour change signage on light switches & heating dials. Reduction of office paper use.
1.4 BT	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	Install of secondary glazing & thermal blinds to Town Hall. Challenge statement to find innovative heating solution for Town Hall. Negotiate a contract with Energise South Downs to install solar panels Feasibility survey for solar panels on Finnimore Pavilion	DH BT DH BT DH BT KR	31/12/25 24/7/25 31/12/25 31/12/25	£75,000 In 2026/27 budget Officer hours & Energise South Downs Energy Alton hours	EPC certificates. Presentation to Climate Change Committee Agreement with tenant and Energise South Downs Energy survey for Finnimore Pavilion to assess the suitability for solar panels	Secondary glazing to be fitted July/August. In progress In progress In Progress	Secondary glazing booked for fitting in July/August 2025 to coincide with exterior decorating and roof/gutter repairs. Thermal blinds to keep heat in Town Hall during winter and shade the sun in summer to be ordered once secondary glazing fitted. A Challenge Statement has been written by Innovate UK was launched on 28 th April to find innovative solution to the replacement of the gas fired boiler at the Town Hall. All solutions will be presented on 24 th July and costed to be presented to Budget Workshop for consideration in the budget for 2026/27. Greater Southeast Net Zero Hub have offered support with procurement and funding. A contract is being negotiated to supply solar panels for the roof at Energique and allow the tenant to purchase the energy produced at a keen unit cost. A lease to be agreed with the Town Council for use of the roof. Confirmation of the structural ability for the roof to support the panels. Energy Alton to carry out an Energy survey to assess how many solar panels could be accommodated on the roof at Finnimore Pavilion. Survey to include any other energy saving advise for the building



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			Improved insulation at Jubilee bungalow	DH BT	30/06/25	£2,700	Reduced heating costs/oil use	In progress	Contractor to visit on 28 th May to assess both loft spaces and confirm costs for loft insulation and part decking or loft for tenants storage.
			Solar panels for Rugby Club	DH BT	31/12/25	Self-funded	Reduce energy costs	In progress	The Rugby Club are looking to install solar panels on the club house.
			Solar panels at Kings Arms	DH BT	31/12/25	Self-funded	Reduce energy costs	In progress	The Kings Arms Committee are applying for funding to install solar panels at the Kings Arms
			Solar Panels for Alton Social Bowls	DH BT	31/12/25	Self-funded	Reduce energy costs	In progress	The Social Bowls Club are looking to install solar panels to increase the use of the facility to its members and external organisations.
			Solar panels to charge tools at Allotments	DH BT	30/09/25	Self-funded	Use of power supply at Allotments	In progress	The Allotment Association are piloting a solar panel at Wooteys allotments to generate electricity for allotment holders to charge their tools. If successful, this will be extended to all sites.
1.5 DH HC	Promoting optimum energy efficiency in refurbished Jubilee Fields pavilions.	To reduce the council's carbon footprint and provide a model for similar projects.	Investigate: - Heat pumps - Solar panels - Tap for drinking water - Bike racks	DH HC	31/12/25 (Harry Baker)	£288,000 in budget	Certification from the Carbon Trust (or sector equivalent) of carbon neutrality		Solar panels, rainwater harvesting and possibly heat pumps had been included in the plans, as well as better insulation through the recladding and lining of the walls.
1.6 KR	Explore the renewable energy sources which could operate within ATC's premises; considering the community energy scheme	To reduce the carbon footprint of the Council's estate, through use of solar, wind etc..	Introduce other options for the Town Council buildings	KR	31/12/25	Officer hours	As 1.3	Ongoing	Feasibility study required for suitable locations, ascertain costs – longer term objective.
1.7 JT	Continue to 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	Tree and hedge planting Wild meadow planting	JT	31/12/25	Officer Hours	Increased trees and hedgerows in open spaces and more wildflower planting	1,300 hedging plants and 56 trees planted in 2024. 300m2 of wildflower meadow planted	Trees, hedging plants and wildflower seeds supplied by Woodland Trust and Hampshire Tree Partnership in 2024. Look to apply for additional stock in 2025.
1.8 BT	Increase number of EV charging points in Alton	To encourage the take up of electric vehicles (residents, visitor and staff).	Lobby EHDC Parking for increased discount for season ticket permits for electric vehicles.	BT	Ongoing		Take up/usage	In progress with EHDC	Lobby EHDC Parking for increased discount for season ticket permits for electric vehicles.
1.9	Improving accessibility to walking and	To encourage a wider demographic to walk into town as well as	Provide comment on LCWIP	CC BT	17/11/24	Officer hours	Increased number of participants in the organised walks;	Comments returned,	Walking and Cycling Technical document for priority improvements to the network commissioned by EHDC reviewed by Steering Group prior to public consultation



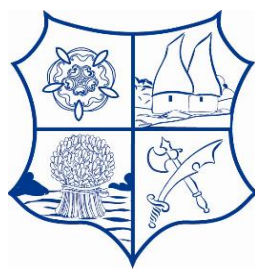
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CC & BT	Cycling routes, through clear mapping, signage, and publicity.	providing safe, increased permeability on routes for those with mobility issues, wheelchairs, push chairs and buggies, particularly to enable easy access to public transport, including additional seating on routes.					uptake of self-guided walking tours leaflets/web stats.	continue to monitor	
1.10 CC & BT	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	Additional cycle parking in Town Centre	CC BT	31/12/25	£6,478	Increased use of bicycles in and around town, through surveys and anecdotal evidence	Additional cycle storage	Grant to update the cycle Alton map and create more cycle storage in the Town Centre. The funding is also paying for signage from new estates into the Town Centre.
1.12 CC & BT	Promotion of electric car use	To lower emissions of our roads for those who are unable to access public transport.	Engage with local events such as Car Show	CC BT	Ongoing	Officer Hours	Increased number of electric cars and decreasing numbers of diesel cars on the local road network	Ongoing	Promotion of Electric cars at Eco-Fair, Classic Car Rally and other high footfall local events.
1.13 WS	Provide e-bike hire available at Alton town hall and bookable through ATC.	To enable residents to try out e-bikes for active travel.	Loan two e-bikes to residents to try before they buy	WS	Ongoing	Officer hours.	Number of residents hiring the e-bike and feedback. Number who subsequently purchase an e-bike	Ongoing	A second e-bike has been donated to the scheme, this is a larger bike and there have been a number of couples who have taken both e-bikes so they can both experience the technology. It is believed 20 electric bikes have been purchased following loaning one from ATC.

Strategy Action Plan – AIM 2 Updated by Jenny Griffiths ACAN 28.6.24

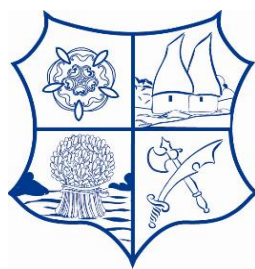
Alton Town Council will continue to work alongside community groups such as ACAN, Energy Alton, to provide opportunities for residents, schools and businesses to take action to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions.

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2.1	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 S106 to pay for 75% of the survey cost with the remainder being met by ATC approved tourism budget.



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2.2	Promotion and support of community led creative solutions to reduce waste, promote an exchange economy, and buy less new “stuff”	To support behaviour change, encourage residents to “buy less stuff” and heighten awareness about recycling, repurposing and upcycling	ACAN and ATC to continue to promote the Repair Cafe, Community Share, and Community Cupboard, and use of charity shops	Ongoing		£10,000	Numbers of people using “green” community schemes, estimation of reduction of CO2 emissions as a result		Promotion of the Repair Café, Community Share and Community Cupboard by all. Rod Painell ACAN asked Repair Cafe, Community Share and Community Cupboard for CO2 and usage stats. June 2024. Discuss possible funding options for ACAN Eco-Streets (community outreach) project when it finishes at the end of October 2024. .
2.3	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.	Emily Messenger officer lead. 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. Polytunnel facility created to allow plants to be grown from seed and cutting taken each year.
2.4	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.		ATC-ACAN Eco-Fairs held in 2021 and 2023. Decision to be taken on whether Eco-Fair feasible in 2025 - ACAN needs organisational capacity. Energy Alton Green Homes Fair held on 29 June 2024. Bio Blitzes continues to form part of the events calendar in Alton. ACAN to continue to have stalls at ATC and other community events if possible.
2.5	Creation of a sustainability centre / hub for climate change projects and information	To give local people a fixed location as well as on-line methods of engaging to become more informed and find resources to help them on the their own journey to live more sustainably.	ACAN/EA working with ATC to secure venue			£10,000	Creation of Hub, number of visitors/ footfall. Subsequent behaviour change.		Energy Advice Cafe and subsequent Eco-Cafe in 16 Market Square from autumn 2022 to March 2024. Closed due to poor footfall - wrong location. Continue to investigate opportunities for a High Street location.
2.6	Reduce the purchase of water in disposable plastic water bottles and ensure the availability of tap water especially in heatwaves	To reduce plastic waste	New action: improve signage at existing water fountains						Action has previously been taken (joining the Refill Campaign and drinking tap at Jubilee Fields). Improved signage to be discussed
2.7	“NEW”	It is <i>their</i> future! Young people are very concerned	Young ACAN and ATC.				Feedback from schools and Alton		Ask Climate Committee member Erdogan for his ideas. ACAN lead is Emma Jones.



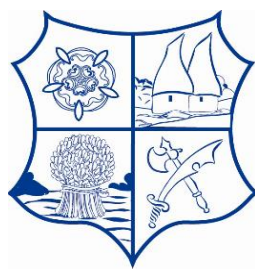
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	Support climate and nature action by young people	about climate change and the need to restore nature	Young ACAN works with most local schools in a Partnership. Also a group of Young ACAN Ambassadors				College, and Young ACAN Ambassadors.		Schools Eco-conference held on 1 July 2024 - 100 children, focused on plastic waste "From Me to the Sea". ACAN funding from Transition Network will support recycling and reuse initiatives in schools in autumn 2024.
2.8	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 home energy surveys and renewable energy schemes, e.g. solar panels		Support was given to Energy Alton through the Energy Advice Café in 2022/23. ATC stall at Energy Alton's Green Homes Fair on 29 June 2024. Discuss future initiatives.

Strategy Action Plan – AIM 3

Alton Town Council will lobby decision makers and seek to influence 3rd parties in the adoption of policies providing sustainable alternatives to traditional construction, infrastructure, and transport models.

	Action	Purpose	Detailed Actions			Budget	Evaluation Method	Status	Actions
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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		Additional cycle lanes have been added around Anstey Park to encourage children to cycle to school. The Pump Track provides an opportunity for children to develop their cycling skills.
3.2	Lobbying for 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	Lobbying for 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.
3.4	A review of 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.

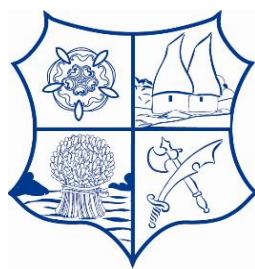


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3.5	Lobbying for residential and commercial developers to adhere to Passivhaus / AECB (Association for Environment Conscious Building) standards.	To develop more carbon neutral properties, which eliminate energy waste, through the fabric of the build 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 Neighbourhood Plan being updated in 2023 - 25
3.6	Contribute towards and assist in delivery of the EHDC LWCIP (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)
3.7	Encouraging local walking and cycling infrastructure network, with considered start/finish locations which feed in to the local transport network.	To promote tourism which minimises carbon footprint	Cycle Alton and LCWIP			Officer Hours plus publicity	Take up of events and surveys of local accommodation to ascertain reasons for staying locally and if this is increasing for walking and cycling.		Review of walking publications underway. Promotional strategy required. The Active Alton Directory has been created to encourage residents to take part in various clubs and groups who promote physical activity. This has been posted on the ATC website and hard copies distributed where needed. An update on the printed version is being produced - printing to take place in February 2025.

Completed and Archived

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1.1	Green audit	To measure ATC's progress towards the carbon neutral target.	Check and recalculate the Baseline	DH	24/7/24	Officers Hours	The calculation will be based on the Report produced by Expert Energy.	Complete
1.1	Green audit	To measure ATC's progress towards the carbon neutral target.	Obtain energy consumption figures from tenants in baseline properties	DH	24/7/24	Officers Hours	The calculation will be based on the Report produced by Expert Energy.	Complete
1.3	Reduce energy consumption in ATC properties	To reduce the Council's carbon footprint towards carbon neutral target of 2030	Upgrade all bulbs to LED	DH	31/12/24		Reduced electricity use	Completed
1.4	Retrofit public buildings	Reduce energy consumption	Replace single glazed windows	BT	31/12/24		All large windows in three retail units at the Town Hall have	Completed



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			with double glazed units				been replaced with double glazed units	
1.4	Retrofit public buildings	Reduce energy consumption	Install secondary glazing at Assembly Rooms	BT	31/12/24		Secondary glazing installed at Assembly Rooms	Completed
1.8	EV charging points put on Town Council buildings	To allow residents to charge their vehicles or phones in case of emergency	Get external sockets fitted to Town Hall and pavilions	DH	31/12/24		Sockets on Town Hall and Finnimore Pavilion in place	Completed
1.9	Improve accessibility to walking & cycling	To encourage people to walk & cycle to station to use public transport	Station forecourt project	BT	31/12/23		Restructure of Alton Station to provide cycle racks, paths and EV charging points.	Completed
1.11	Provide start up space for local businesses in the High Street	Decrease the number of vacant units on the High Street	The Craft Emporium launched in 2020 enabled potential shop owners to have space on the Market Square.	BT	31/12/23		Two retailers have since taken units in the town.	Completed