



ALTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

SCHOOLS' NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2021

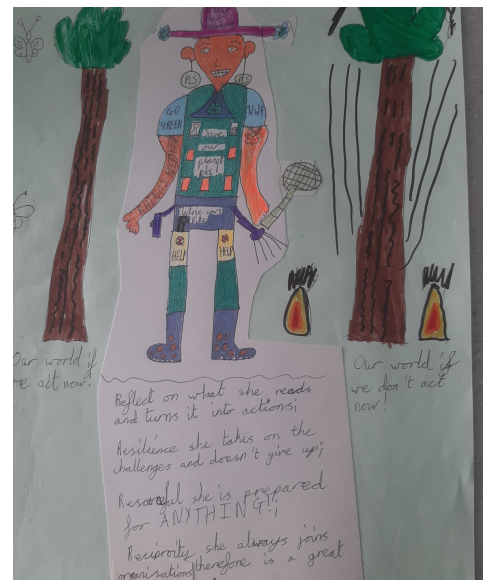
PLASTIC FREE —ALTON— SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE ALTON GOES FOR PLASTIC-FREE STATUS

If you watched Blue Planet II, you will undoubtedly be very aware of the terrible impact which our plastic addiction has on the ocean, particularly our over-reliance of single-use plastic. The documentary undoubtedly raised awareness of the issue and led to a surge in people reducing or even eliminating single-use plastic from their lives.

A few weeks ago, ACAN's Plastic group signed up for the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic-Free Communities award and thus Plastic-Free Alton was born! The award has five key objectives which seek to encourage the local community to reduce its over-reliance of single-use plastics. Over the coming months, Plastic-Free Alton will collaborate with the council, local businesses, schools and groups to support their journey to reduce the amount of single-use plastic from their organisations.

If you would like to be involved, please email us on:
plasticfreealton@gmail.com

Design an Eco-Hero Competition



Eco-Eve by Maddison

Last January a competition was launched by ACAN to design an Eco-Hero. Children from several schools in the Alton area were invited to design their Eco-Hero & litter was the overwhelming theme of the designs. Due to Covid, judging of the entries was delayed but in April the judges were delighted to be able to finally announce the winning entries:

KS1 Winner - Sebastian
KS1 Runner-Up - Arthur
KS2 Winner - Year 4 pupil
KS2 Runner-Up - Maddison

Congratulations to our four winners. We look forward to awarding your prizes at the Eco-Fair on July 11th.

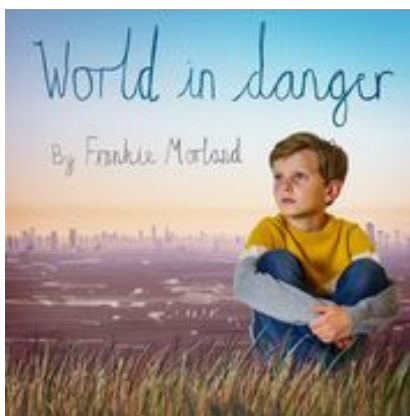
ALTON ECO-FAIR - THE COUNTDOWN IS ON...

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EARTH-FRIENDLY LIVING?


WHY NOT BRING ALONG YOUR PICNIC RUG & COME ALONG TO THE ALTON ECO-FAIR TO FIND OUT MORE?

Never before in the history of our planet has it been more important to be living sustainably. But what does that mean for you and your family? Why not come along to the Alton Eco-Fair to find out more?

The event takes place on July 11th in the Public Gardens in Alton from 10am-4pm. Apart from eco-friendly stalls, refreshments and an art exhibition, featuring exhibits from local schools, there is also a packed programme of talks and music. This programme includes performances from a range of local musicians between midday and 2pm, including the inspirational BGT semi-finalists SOS from the Kids and Frankie Morland performing his beautiful 'World in Danger'.



In addition, to music there will be a range of talks from local 'environmentalists' including students from Amery and Eggars as well as the writer Lucy Jones whose inspirational book 'Losing Eden' promotes the importance of nature connectivity. For more details, see our social media feeds.



Alton Town Council and
Alton Climate Action Network

ALTON ECO-FAIR

Celebrating Earth
Friendly Living

**SUNDAY 11TH JULY
10AM - 4PM**

**PUBLIC GARDENS
ALTON, GU34 1EN**

FREE ADMISSION



LIVE MUSIC
TALKS ON SUSTAINABLE
LIVING
RE-USE AREA
COMMUNITY AND WILDLIFE
GROUPS
ART AND IDEAS TENT
SCULPTURE FROM WASTE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
ELECTRIC CARS AND BIKES
ECO-FRIENDLY
REFRESHMENTS

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TALKS AND MUSIC

Programme subject to change. All times are approximate.

MORNING TALKS

10.15 Town Mayor Pam Jones opens the Eco-Fair

10.20 Cllr Ginny Boxall (Alton Town Council) and Eleanor Hill (ACAN) talk about their work and vision for a sustainable Alton

10.35 Cllr Rob Mocatta on EHDC's climate and environment strategy

10.50 Valentina Lewis (6 years old) talks about her poster "Save our Planet"

11.00 Eggars School students talk about their deep

concern for the future of our planet

11.20 Lucy Jones, author of "Losing Eden – Why our Minds Need the Wild" talks with Emma Jones

MUSIC at 12.00 noon

12.0 - 12.40 The Lürxx - voice, guitar, recorder, from Alton

12.40 - 13.00 SOS from the Kids, Semi Finalists in Britain's Got Talent

13.00 - 13.45 The Band with No Name – from Froxfield

13.45 – 14.00 Frankie Morland sings about "The World in Danger – Tomorrow will be a different day".

Frankie to present signed copies of his book to prize-winners of the Eco-Hero poster competition.

Presentation of prizes to the winners of the children's trail competition

AFTERNOON TALKS

14.15 Amery Hill School students talk about the climate crisis and their Eco-Union

14.30 Gilbert White's contribution to ecology and climate science. Talk by a speaker from the Gilbert White Museum

15.00 Alton Fringe Theatre perform 'Zigzag', a short dramatisation celebrating the life of Gilbert White

15.30 approx. talks finish