



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 01 Month April Year 2020 To Day 31 Month March Year 2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Alton Climate Action & Network

Other names charity is known by

ACAN

Registered charity number (if any)

1189431

Charity's principal address

9 Divers Close

Alton

Hants

Postcode

GU34 2LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jennifer Griffiths	Chair		
2	Eleanor Hill	Treasurer		
3	Philippa Brealey	Secretary		
4	Lesley Willis			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 25 February 2020
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees (Charity Commission Model Constitution)
Trustee selection methods	Trustees to be appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of ACAN is open to anyone resident or working within a 15-mile radius of Alton Town Hall. Membership fees will not be levied. Donations of money and time will be welcomed.

ACAN is an umbrella organisation which has partnered with several existing organisations including ALFI (Alton Local Food Initiative) and Energy Alton. These groups are financially independent of ACAN.

It has launched several groups including:
 AVLAN (Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature)
 Alton Community Cupboard
 Alton Community Share
 Cycle Alton
 Alton Repair Café
 Action on Plastics

These groups use our connections, as necessary, for grant applications and share our bank account

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To increase awareness, within our community of the climate and environmental crisis.

To encourage, and help facilitate, local projects aimed at mitigating our impact on the local environment and improving social cohesion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our committee meetings.

ACAN's focus has been on

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions,
- reducing waste
- restoring our natural environment for the benefit of wildlife as well as the wellbeing of local people
- building community by encouraging sharing
- building awareness of the climate and environmental crisis and encouraging people to change their own habits while also demanding our local and national government improve their behaviours to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

These activities will benefit local people by reducing their bills for domestic heating, transport and food as well as by building community and helping us all to prepare better for an uncertain future.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

ACAN had been ready to launch Alton's Eco Hub in April 2020 but had to abandon this due to the lockdown. Grants received to support this have been diverted to other projects with donor's consent.

None of our achievements would be possible without the hours of work put in by our volunteers at all levels.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main activities are as follows:

1. The lobbying and campaigning group have lobbied our MP and all 3 layers of local government with mixed success and sent regular articles and letters to the local press while maintaining a strong online presence. They also maintained links with local groups such as Hampshire Climate Action Network and our neighbouring Petersfield Climate Action Network.
2. AVLAN has adopted a grass verge and continues to develop it as a wildflower meadow.
3. Work on improving the water quality of the River Wey was started with training for volunteers.
4. Cycle Alton was launched in May 2020 to campaign for improvements to Alton's cycling infrastructure.
5. Alton Community Cupboard worked together with Alton Mutual Aid to distribute surplus food and supplies to those in need.
6. Alton Community Share was launched in June to provide a library of activities, toys, books, jigsaws etc to provide entertainment to local people during lockdown and to reduce waste.
7. ACAN canvassed opinion amongst members on how they would like to build back better after the pandemic – these views and ideas were summarised in its 2020 Vision report which was widely shared with local government and on social media.
8. ALFI launched their Local Food Directory listing outlets for local produce to reduce food miles.
9. Action on Plastics was launched in September with regular litter patrols and working on a Green Directory listing local recycling points plus sources of eco products and refills. They are working towards gaining "Plastic Free Town" status for Alton.
10. Energy Alton launched their Clean Heat Alton Project to provide guidance on retrofitting for local home owners. They also launched a Community Renewables Group to promote solar power take up.
11. ACAN attended about a dozen local events with stalls and display boards to engage local people and increase understanding of the climate and environmental crises and how they can do their bit to help.
12. The Gumbi Education Fund (Malawi) was adopted as ACAN's charity and they ran a fund-raising event to collect money to send young people for training in permaculture techniques so that they can help their villages to increase their food security despite the ravages of climate change.
13. Preparations were made for our Eco Fair that had been deferred to 2021 due to the pandemic.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our cash in the bank was higher than expected at the end of this financial year due to the knock-on effects of the pandemic making it harder for us to get out and about and spend the funds.

Our eco hub was eventually abandoned after several deferrals as it became clear that social distancing was going to continue much longer than initially thought. Some of the grants we had received to support the hub have been transferred to other projects, mainly our anticipated ACAN Local project which will need a part time employee to co-ordinate work at a much smaller scale within individual wards of the town.

Our Eco Fair had to be deferred to July 2021 due to the lockdown. We were able to get donor permission to defer the grants already received.

Alton Repair Café came under our umbrella during this financial year. It had been operating separately until the organiser moved on and a new volunteer within ACAN took it over. They brought with them £1905.

At the end of the financial year we still had £1745 in our account waiting to be paid out to the Gumbi Education Fund following our fund raiser.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional Information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been councillor grants and donations.

Section F

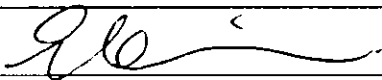
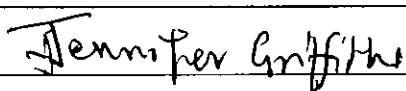
Other optional information

We have been advised that Alton Community Cupboard have plans to go independent once they can get a bank account set up.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Eleanor Hill	Jennifer Griffiths
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair of Trustees

Date

29	11	21
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Alton Climate Action & Network

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants for website & leaflets	-	-	-	-	1,757
Grants & donations for Eco Hub	48	129	-	177	3,207
Grants for AVLAN	-	-	-	-	847
Grant for film screening	-	198	-	198	500
Grants & Donations for Community Cupboard	1,327	5,914	-	7,241	-
Grants & Donations for Community Share	504	1,703	-	2,207	-
Grant for Cycle Alton	-	200	-	200	-
Grants for Action on Plastics	-	462	-	462	-
Grants & Donations for Eco Fair	-	-	-	-	724
Funds transfer for Repair Café	-	1,915	-	1,915	-
Grant to be transferred to Energy Alton	-	80	-	80	-
Donations	366	-	-	366	3,472
Gumbi Fundraiser	-	3,335	-	3,335	-
Grant for printer	-	599	-	599	-
Grants & Donations for ACAN Local	-	257	-	257	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,245	14,792	-	17,037	10,507
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,245	14,792	-	17,037	10,507
A3 Payments					
ACAN website & publicity	-	620	-	620	2,892
Room Hire & Zoom licence	236	-	-	236	250
ECO Fair leaflets	-	-	-	-	43
AVLAN leaflets & plants	-	583	-	583	48
ECO hub kit & publicity	-	98	-	98	519
Community Cupboard	-	3,941	-	3,941	75
Community Share	-	1,218	-	1,218	-
Repair Café publicity	-	75	-	75	-
Cycle Alton publicity	-	111	-	111	-
Film screening	-	180	-	180	-
Gumbi Appeal	-	1,745	-	1,745	-
Action on Plastic litter picking kit	-	462	-	462	-
Insurance	436	-	-	436	-
Donation	109	-	-	109	50
Sub total	781	9,033	-	9,814	3,877
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Printer	-	599	-	599	-
Sub total	-	599	-	599	-
Total payments	781	9,632	-	10,413	3,877
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,464	5,160	-	6,624	6,630
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,630	-	-	6,630	-
Cash funds this year end	8,094	5,160	-	13,254	6,630

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in bank	7,495	5,759	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	7,495	5,759	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Grant to be paid over to Energy Alton	Restricted	80	
Funds raised for Gumbi Education Fund	Restricted	1,745	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Jennifer Griffiths

JENNIFER GRIFFITHS
ELEANOR HILL

29-11-21
21/11/21