

Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Our sub-groups for Home Insulation, Local Food & Plastic Bag Reduction are all active – see below. ➔ Our Local Food Group, the Alton Local Food Initiative, or ALFI, is still seeking a new plot or scheme. ➔ Our Home Insulation team of assessors has carried out several successful assessments. ➔ Our Plastic Bag Reduction team's exhibition at M&S on 10th to 12th September went very well. ➔ Our next full committee meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November in the Crown Hotel's cellar bar.
Local Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🕒 Following the owner of the land at Cloisters withdrawing his offer of the plot, ALFI is now seeking a new piece of land. Does anyone know of such a local plot? 🕒 Penney Hames, formerly the leader of this sub-group, is having to step aside for a while, as much greater work commitments will prevent her taking an active role for the time being. 🕒 Public awareness and engagement will be developed via attendance at various forthcoming events.
Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Leaflets on cavity wall and loft insulation, plus a 'Warm Front' leaflet on grants, are now available – ask if you would like a copy. 📄 Volunteer assessors Gill Jackson, Penney Hames, Neil Philips and Chris Chappell are still carrying out practice Household Energy Surveys before rolling out the scheme to the public. The surveys completed so far have been positively received. Ask if you would like one! 📄 Funding for further training is being sought, and carbon footprint calculators are being tested. Chris Chappell is leading this sub-group, and can be contacted on 01420 544422.
Plastic bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 The display outside M&S on Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th September, to raise awareness of plastic bags' damage to wildlife and suggest alternative solutions, went very well indeed. We hope a press release will be published soon. 📄 It has been suggested that 'exit polls' outside other major stores in town could be very informative. 📄 Bill Jabelman is also maintaining list of local shops' policies about handing out plastic bags. If you have concerns about any shops' attitudes, or wish to see the latest version of Bill's list, please contact him via the GAHC website.
Other news	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ We attended St Lawrence Church's 'Green Day' on 26th September. On a very pleasant sunny day, many people visited our stalls and talked to several of us. Thank you to everyone who helped with this, and well done to Tim Woolman for organising the whole event. ➔ The Home Insulation group will have a stall at Alton's weekly market on 20th October to support Warmer Homes day. ➔ On Tuesday 27th October, Terena Plowright and our own Gill Marsden will attend and speak at the EHDC Forum at the Alton Maltings Centre. This forums are worth attending, and start at 1830. ➔ We have booked a stand at the Yuletide Festival on 6th December. ➔ Russell Jakubowski has designed some excellent small GAHC cards, to help communicate what we're about and that we're alive and kicking! ➔ We still think that a talk on 'low carbon living' for normal mortals is a good idea, but that it should go on hold for the time being, as there's lots going on and everyone is very busy. ➔ We're concerned about the eco-friendliness of current building regulations and standards of development, and are seeking to engage with EHDC to see what can be done about this. ➔ We're planning our AGM – what should be included and what format should it take? Please pass your ideas for Jerry Cullum, Les Jackson or Chris Chappell.

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