



Rugby EcoHub

Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 20th February 2025

Dear Eco Hub friends and followers,

Some exciting news!

We are very pleased to announce that Rugby Eco Hub is now officially a **registered charity** 🇬🇧. This is very exciting news as it means we can apply to more funders and it enables us to register for gift aid, which will make everyone's donations go that little bit further!

We have 6 fantastic trustees who will take responsibility for ensuring that Rugby Eco Hub meets its charitable aims and objectives safely and effectively. Please join us in officially welcoming Alex Becker (Chair), Martin Bryant (Vice Chair), Patrick Mulvany (Treasurer), Ally Williams-Clayson (Secretary), Maggie O'Rourke (Trustee) and Neil Sandison (Trustee). Getting to this stage has taken a huge amount of effort, so on behalf of the Rugby Eco Hub community, let's put our hands together 🙌 to thank everyone who has been involved.

This month's edition

In this month's edition, you will find:

- Repair Cafe news
 - Library of Things news
 - Seed Swap update - share your photos!
 - Planning your growing space - workshop
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 - Growing/Garden Volunteers needed!
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News and updates

Repair Cafe news



On Saturday 15th February, **another record was broken!** "But I thought we were all about repairing things, not breaking things" I hear you say. And you are right, of course! However, this weekend we had 45 items registered for repair, which is the most we've had registered in a single session. It seems awareness of the Repair Cafe is increasing day by day.

Don't forget, from March we will be delivering the Repair Cafe twice a month!

Saturday 1st March and **Saturday 15th March**.

Library of Things news

Please, please, please consider browsing the Library of Things catalogue. You'll be amazed at the variety of items you can borrow. For example, this bread maker for just £2 a week, or this long reach hedge trimmer for just £6 a week.

Breadmaker



Fee: £ 2.00 per week

Available

Condition: A - As new
Brand: Russell Hobbs
Code: 125 [c4]
Serial: 23620

Kitchen

Breadmaker

Log in to borrow or reserve

50cm Cordless Long Reach Hedge Trimmer



Fee: £ 6.00 per week

Available

Condition: A - As new
Brand: Ryobi
Code: 144[C1]
Serial: OHT1850X

Tools Gardening

The 18V ONE+™ Cordless 50cm Extended Reach Hedge Trimmer extended reach

Simply head to [our website](#), browse the catalogue and register to borrow. Items can be collected and returned at Rugby Eco Hub on Saturday's, 10am - 1pm.

[Library of Things - volunteer rota](#)

We are in need of volunteers to help run the Library of Things in the next few weeks. If you are already a volunteer, please let us know if there are any Saturday's you could do. If you're not already signed up as a volunteer but would be interested in helping out, please register your interest [here](#).

Seed Swap update - please share your photos!



We would like to thank Transition Town Rugby for organising a very successful seed swap at Rugby Eco Hub on Saturday 15th February. For anyone that attended, please do **send us some pictures** as your new seeds begin to grow!

"Planning your growing space" free workshop

This Saturday 22nd February, 2 - 4pm, Garden Organic will be hosting a "Planning your growing space" workshop at Rugby Eco Hub. A chance for you to learn about crop rotation, seed sowing and much more.

To reserve a spot, please visit the eventbrite page [here](#).

Plan your growing space; Free workshop

Saturday 22nd February

Rugby Eco Hub

2-4pm (arrival from 1:45pm)

Free workshop on how to plan your growing space.

Get ready for your growing year with our interactive workshop.

Learn about crop rotation, seed sowing and much more.



garden.
organic

Scan here to book your
space:



Composting workshop

Warwickshire Waste Partnership are running a free composting workshop on **Saturday 1st March, 10:30am - 11:30am**. Whether you are just starting out on your composting journey, or you have been composting for years but are having a few problems with your compost bin, this workshop is for you! To book, click [here](#).

**HOME
COMPOSTING
WORKSHOP**

Rugby Eco Hub
43 Clifton Road
Rugby
CV21 3QE

Saturday 1st March 2025
at 10.30am

Attendees will be eligible to receive an extra £10 discount off selected compost bins. One per household. Warwickshire residents only. Terms & conditions apply.

To book your free place please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting or scan the QR code.

Warwickshire recycles

Growing and Gardening volunteers needed

Are you interested in growing and gardening? If so, we need your help! On **Saturday 8th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm**, we will be getting some jobs done in the garden, including:

- Organising/cleaning the back area and sheds;
- Trimming bushes (again!);
- Preparing planters for demonstration of container growing;
- Sign-posting including compost area; and
- Seed sowing.

It would be great to see you on the day. And of course, a cuppa or two will be on offer.

Feedback Survey results

Many thanks to everyone who completed our first feedback survey. We are encouraged by the results, which show that Rugby Eco Hub is already making a difference to the lives of people within our local community.

- *"Living sustainably is a process and networking helps me gain knowledge and make sustainable choices."*
- *"I gain knowledge and skills to live sustainably... It's good for social connections too which prevents loneliness..."*
- *"Attending Thinking Thursdays has given me greater understanding of issues such as permaculture, which in turn has influenced my choices regarding food."*

Upcoming events at Rugby Eco Hub

Planning your growing space - free workshop by Garden Organic

Saturday 22nd February, 2 - 4pm (doors open from 1:45pm). Book [here](#).

Library of Things

Open every Saturday, 10am - 1pm

Sewing Classes

The next set of sewing classes start on Tuesday 25th February from 7pm till 9pm or Wednesday 26th February from 1pm till 3pm. Find out more details [here](#).

Repair Cafe

Saturday 1st March, 10am - 1pm

Saturday 15th March, 10am - 1pm

Composting Workshop

Saturday 1st March, 10:30am - 12:30pm. Book [here](#).

Growing/Garden Volunteer event

Saturday 8th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Thinking Thursday - Rugby Borough Council and Recycling

Thursday 13th March, 7pm - 9:30pm. Book [here](#).

Other events

Green Drinks

Friday 7th March, The Seven Stars, 40 Albert Square, Rugby, CV21 2SH, 7:30pm

Assemble Online - Transition Town event

Saturday 8th March, 2pm - 5pm. At the Eco Hub. More information [here](#).

In other news

Room Hire Available at the Eco Hub

We are keen for the Eco hub to be used by the community. You can rent the hall or side room for events or meetings. Find more information [here](#).

Volunteer opportunities

If you would like to be kept up to date with upcoming volunteer opportunities, please register your interest via our [volunteering form on the website](#).

Reminder of key dates over the next two weeks!

- **Sat 22nd Feb:** [Planning Your Growing Space](#), 2 - 4pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Every Sat:** Library of Things, 10am - 1pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Tue 25th Feb:** [Lou's Sewing Class](#), 7 - 9pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Wed 26th Feb:** [Lou's Sewing Class](#), 1 - 3pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Sat 1st Mar:** Repair Cafe, 10am - 1pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Sat 1st Mar:** [Composting Workshop](#), 10:30am - 11:30am, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Fri 7th Mar:** Green Drinks, 7:30pm, The Seven Stars pub, CV21 2SH
- **Sat 8th Mar:** Garden/Growing event, 10:30am - 12:30pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Sat 8th Mar:** [Assemble Online](#), Transition Town Event, 2 - 5pm
- **Thurs 13th Mar:** [Thinking Thursday](#), 7 - 9:30pm, Rugby Eco Hub
- **Sat 15th Mar:** Repair Cafe, 10am - 1pm, Rugby Eco Hub

Keep an eye on our upcoming events via our [Events page](#).

If you would like to submit content to future editions of the newsletter please email info@rugbyecohub.org

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