



Rugby EcoHub

Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 23rd December 2024

Dear Eco Hub friends and followers, as we approach the end of 2024 and look forward to a winter break, I want to take a minute of your time not only to reflect on how far we've come in the last 12 months, but also to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful people who have contributed.

This time last year we were just a small group of people with the seed of what felt like a good idea, and the simple aim of helping Rugby on the difficult path to facing up to the urgent challenges of climate change and nature loss. Our idea was straightforward; to create an inspiring and helpful place where people could spend some time, and leave feeling that, perhaps after all it is possible to make a difference in the face of this era-defining challenge.

Fast forward one short year and the little group has expanded to an ever-growing community of incredible people from all kinds of backgrounds; the council liked our idea and granted us funds, allowing us to find a home at the Claremont Centre, where we opened our doors in October; we set up a website, a Library of Things running every Saturday, and the monthly Repair Cafe goes from strength to strength; we are (almost!) a charity, found our first part-time worker and hope to have a second in post next month. The list goes on!

Sadly, it was also a busy year for climate change. This year is almost certain to break new ground in terms of global temperatures, with the breaching of the 1.5 degree temperature rise 'limit' imposed by the Paris Agreement. The seriousness of this cannot be overstated, and the effects on our home here in Rugby were highlighted at the council's recent Climate Adaptation event, where their recently commissioned study revealed changes by the 2070s that could have huge impacts on local agriculture, wildlife and flood risk.

That is why in 2025 we're committed to doing all we can to lead the charge in our town: our plastic-free friends Rugby Unwrapped will be trading in the Hub Tues, Thurs, Fri and Saturdays; we will be doing loads more to help you learn and understand climate change and nature loss, and showing you how you can live more sustainably and help nature in your area; and we'll get the kitchen and cafe up and running so that you can make a morning of a visit to see us. So much to do and so little time... so if you are able to contribute some of your own time we will have lots of opportunities!

In fact, from what I have seen this last year, I am so excited by the potential of the Eco Hub, so long as we can continue to grow and bring new people and energy into our community. That's why in the New Year I would ask you to do two things: get involved in at least one of our activities, and bring a new friend or family member! By spreading awareness of what we're doing throughout our communities, and showing people what is possible rather than telling them - that is how ordinary people can make a difference, and that is where I believe we can put our hope.



Take part in a Climate Fresk workshop

Saturday January 11th 11am till 3pm

In just 3 hours, the collaborative Climate Fresk workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action.



Sewing Classes starting in the new year

If you always wanted to make your own clothes but didn't know where to start, this course might be for you. Starting on Tuesday the 7th January from 7pm till 9pm or Wednesday 8th January from 1pm till 3pm. Find out more details [here](#).

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](#).



Repair Cafe Rugby

The next repair cafe will be on January the 18th from 10am till 12pm at the Eco hub.

The [library of things](#) will be open again on Saturday the 4th January from 10am till 1pm

From everyone at the Eco hub Merry Christmas to you all and see you in the New Year.

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