



# Rugby EcoHub

## Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 6th March 2025

Dear Eco Hub friends and followers,

### Progress update

Recently, we have been working hard on preparing Rugby Eco Hub's first progress report, which was submitted earlier this week. The document summarises our achievements to date, including the twice monthly Repair Café, securing charitable status and making dozens of tools and appliances available for borrowing at very low costs through the Library of Things. If interested, you can read the report [here](#).

*"Our first progress report shows how far we have come in a short space of time, and we owe all of this to the **incredible community spirit of our volunteers and partners**. Rugby Eco Hub is showing that there is a clear desire from the people of Rugby for meaningful action to fight against climate change and nature loss, and that doing so can save us money, as well as improve our health and mental wellbeing. We are **deeply grateful to Rugby Borough Council** for the support they have given us so far and look forward to strengthening our partnership."*

(Alex Becker, Chair of Trustees)

### This month's edition

In this month's edition, you will find:

- Repair Cafe news
- Library of Things news
- Opportunity within the operations team
- Volunteering news

Upcoming events at Rugby Eco Hub

Other relevant events

Recent events

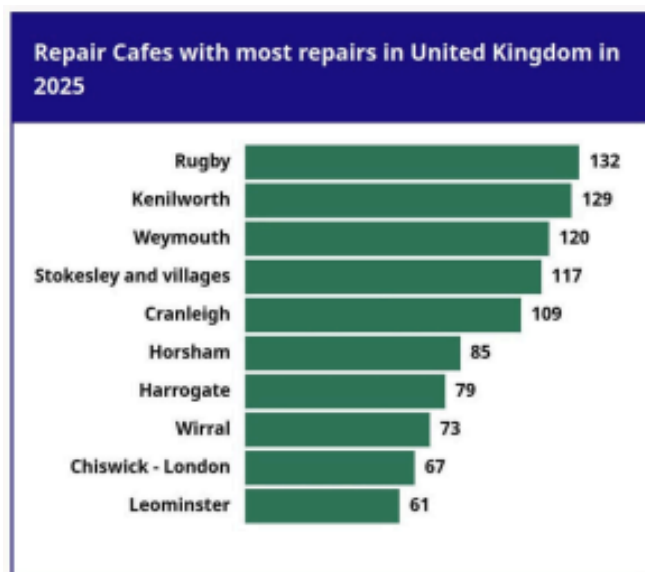
Reminder of key dates

## News and updates

### Repair Cafe news



Saturday 1st March saw the first of our bi-monthly Repair Cafe's. It was another busy morning, with 49 items brought in for repair. As the graph below shows, we're the **best performing** Repair Cafe in the country so far this year!



We are also celebrating the **significant environmental impact** that the Repair Cafe is contributing to since the start of 2025.



Don't forget, the next Repair Cafe is on **Saturday 15th March, 10am - 1pm.**

## Library of Things news


### Our opening hours are increasing!

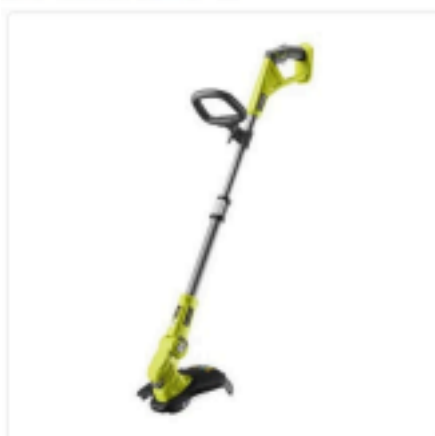
Thanks to support from Rugby Unwrapped, we are pleased to announce that items from the Library of Things can now be collected and returned on **Tuesday's** (10am - 4pm), **Thursday's** (10am - 7pm) and **Friday's** (10am - 4pm), as well as **Saturday's** (10am - 1pm). This is great news as it will help us to increase its use. To date, the Library of Things catalogue has 105 items listed and 27 items have been hired.

### Browse the catalogue!

Are you planning to do any grass cutting soon? Or maybe a bit of DIY? If so, you may be interested in hiring this **Cordless Grass Strimmer** for £3 a week, or this **Wallpaper Stripper** for £3.50 a week. To reserve an item, simply head to our [website](#).

#### 25-30cm Cordless Grass Strimmer

 2 similar items. [See all.](#)



**Fee:** £ 3.00 per week

**Available**

Condition: A - As new  
Brand: Ryobi  
Code: 150[C1]  
Serial: OLT1832

**Gardening**

Adjustable cutting width of 25 or 30cm for great versatility when grass and weed cutting

EasyEdge™ for quick transitions between edging and trimming modes

Telescoping boom and adjustable handle provide comfort for any user height

Three-position pivoting string head for more versatile trimming

[Log in to borrow or reserve](#)

## Wallpaper stripper



Fee: £ 3.50 per week

Available

Condition: A - As new  
Brand: Mac Allister  
Code: 179 c9

240V 2000W 4L

Log in to borrow or reserve

## Help the Eco Hub grow and thrive!

We are looking for a third person to **support our operational needs**. The right person will be happy to work on a self-employed basis and will be able to contribute 7 hours a week, including two Saturday mornings a month. They will have experience managing volunteers and have good links with the community of Rugby.

To find out more click [here](#).

## Calling all volunteers!

### Gardening/Growing Volunteers - Saturday 8th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Come along this Saturday to volunteer in the garden. We will be preparing the patio behind Betts Hall for a demonstration area for food growing in raised beds, window boxes, potato sacks etc. Whether you are a keen gardener, or you simply want to help out and learn, it would be great to see you. And remember - **bring strong gloves!**



## **Volunteering Event - Wednesday 26th March, 7:30pm**

On Wednesday 26th March, we will be hosting an event for volunteers. It will be a chance for you to **hear about the range of ways you can volunteer** at Rugby Eco Hub, from: gardening; organising and supporting activities, events and workshops; to researching and developing public information content.

### About the evening

Following a presentation, you will have the chance to register your interest for one or more of our volunteering opportunities and start identifying some priority tasks.

The event will be a **hybrid event** - taking place at Rugby Eco Hub as well as being streamed online. To help us get a sense of numbers, please sign up via one or the following eventbrite links.

To attend in-person register [here](#). To attend online register [here](#).

## **Upcoming events**

### **What next for Rugby as a Transition Town?**

Thursday 6th March, 7:30pm



Rugby Transition Town will be meeting at Rugby Eco Hub tonight (Thursday 6th March) at 7:30pm to discuss how to take forward a range of new ideas that were discussed at the most recent Thinking Thursday event. If you'd like to contribute and discuss how to make the ideas a reality, we'd love to see you.

For more information on Transition Town Rugby, visit <https://www.transitiontownrugby.org/home>.

### **Climate Fresk Workshop, Saturday 8th March, 11am - 2:30pm**

An interactive workshop exploring the science behind climate change and empowering you to take action. To book, click [here](#).

### **Library of Things**

Open every Saturday, 10am - 1pm. Also available for collecting and returning items on Tuesday's, Thursday's & Friday's (reflects Rugby Unwrapped opening hours).

### **Thinking Thursday - Rugby Borough Council and Recycling**

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

## **Repair Cafe**

Saturday 15th March, 10am - 1pm

Saturday 5th April, 10am - 1pm

## **Eco Anxiety Support Group**

Thursday 20th March, 7pm

## **Volunteering Event (in-person and online)**

Wednesday 26th March, 7:30 - 9pm.

To attend in-person, click [here](#). To attend online, click [here](#).

## **Sewing Classes**

The next set of sewing class dates have been released. The next will start on Tuesday 22nd April from 7pm till 9pm or Wednesday 23rd April from 1pm till 3pm.

Find out more details [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. More information [here](#).

## Recent events

### Garden Organic - "Planning your growing space" workshop

On 22nd February, Garden Organic expertly led a workshop all about "planning your growing space." Over **20 people attended and learnt lots** about what to plant and when; the huge range of seeds suitable to this area; and what to consider when planting vegetables from the same plant family in the same location for consecutive years. We also had a go at sowing broad and faba beans in organic compost pots.



### Composting workshop

We were very pleased to welcome the **Waste Management Services team from Warwickshire County Council** on Saturday 1st March, to deliver a workshop on composting. It was an informative session and we will look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

For those of you who were unable to make it, did you know that you can purchase a **Green Johanna** (hot composter) **at a significantly reduced price** from Warwickshire County Council [website](#). Normally priced at £144.99, you can obtain one from just £40!





### **Communities Networking Event**

This week Warwickshire County Council hosted their quarterly networking lunch at Rugby Eco Hub. We welcomed over **50 community sector representatives** who had the chance to hear about the amazing things going on at the hub and it enabled us to explore some new working relationships.

Michelle Gravatt, Community Development Worker at Warwickshire County Council gave the following feedback:

*"We had a lovely morning at the Eco Hub, which we booked for our community networking event. **Plenty of space for everyone, and great facilities.** Becky was a lovely host, who couldn't do enough for us! She also gave a great introduction to the attendees about what the Hub offers. Everyone enjoyed the morning. Thank you, Eco hub!"*



## 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 few weeks!

**Thurs 6th March**, What next for Transition Town, 7:30pm, Rugby Eco Hub

**Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat**: Library of Things, Rugby Eco Hub

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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](mailto:info@rugbyecohub.org)

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