

Thank you to each and everyone of you!



Dear All - You Are Special

This week is National Volunteering Week - hooray! Which gives us the perfect excuse to celebrate the amazing things you do for Share and Repair.

Like you, I give my time for something I feel makes a difference to our community and environment and together we make a massive difference in so many ways. Please pat yourself on the back and recognise how special you are for the time, energy and commitment you give to make a significant impact to Share and Repair and in turn to both the climate emergency, financial crisis and the people in our community.

I hear so many stories from the volunteers that support us of how customers feel empowered after watching a repair, so they in turn feel confidence enough in the future to try replacing the miss part themselves. The joy that customers express when items that have historical or personal significance are restored back to life; the person moving house who couldn't get their bed apart and borrowed the tool to do so; the family whose first accommodation now has a kettle, tv and toaster thanks to HomeKIT and finally the group of

women who have now formed themselves into a support group for each other after our HOW TO Use Power tools Workshop. This is just a few of many stories and maybe you have some for us to share?

I am proud that each and every day we are making a difference to someone's life in a social and environmental way and we could not do this without you. We've said it before and will continue to say it because it's true, **YOU ARE SPECIAL!!**

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Share and Repair family

From Lorna

THE KING'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



Four Share and Repair volunteers enjoyed a cream tea hosted by The Lord Lieutenant Mr Mohammed Saddiq for The King's Award for Voluntary Service held at the Royal Bath & West of England Show 2023 on June 1st 2023.

Share and Repair was nominated and has been short-listed for a King's Award for Voluntary Service (previously the Queen's Award), the outcome will not be known until November. This reception was held to mark the valuable service of all Share and Repair volunteers to the community. It was

a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all and the Lord Lieutenant said he would like to visit the shop!

VOLUNTEER EVENING

On Tuesday 6th of June the shop will be opening it's doors from 5-8pm to host a Volunteer Open Evening, this will be an evening where potential volunteers can pop in for a refreshment and learn more about the wonderful volunteering opportunities we offer across the charity. We would welcome you, as our amazing volunteers to join us as well to offer your insight and experience to the evening. It would be wonderful to know if you are planning to come along, if you are please email louise@shareandrepair.org.uk. Please forward this to friends and family.

Refreshments will be served.



The poster features a central graphic of a hand pointing to the right, enclosed in a circular arrow, set against a sunburst background. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout with orange and blue color accents.

SHARE AND REPAIR

NEEDS YOU

VOLUNTEER OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 6th June, 5-8 PM (Drop in)
Refreshments provided

There are volunteering opportunities across all of our projects including :

- The Shop - Front of House
- Library of Things
- Repairers
- Cargo Bike Riders
- HomeKIT
- HOW TO
- workshops
- School Projects

Repair Cafes - The welcome team
- Repairers

Where: Share and Repair shop, 3 York Buildings, George Street, Bath, BA1 2EB
Contact: 07486518197 hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

BORROW DON'T BUY - MEND IT DON'T END IT

SHARE AND REPAIR

Further reading in this newsletter includes:

Share and Repair on BBC Points West

[New Branding](#) for Share and Repair

[Bath](#) Library of Things - Up date from the Shop

[In the Community](#) - Repair Cafes

[HOW TO Workshops](#) - dates

HomeKIT please click the link to find out which items we would love for you to donate: [HOMEKIT](#)



Share and Repair Branding

We are excited to announce that the Share and Repair branding is getting a new look thanks to an Enterprise Development Program Grant. We have been busy tweaking the logo, colours and marketing materials to give us a clear uniformed approach and allow us to build our charity recognition from the bottom up! The new branding won't seem hugely different but it will be consistent and help to build awareness.

Message From George - The Shop Manager:

Summer is most certainly here with all the gardening and camping items flying out of the door! We have been overwhelmed with people borrowing and reserving , May has been our busiest month ever with over 300 loans and we currently have 146 reservations!

We are looking about obtaining telescopic loppers, a large electric camping cool box and a Multi Tool, do you have any other suggestions? We don't know we are missing it until we are told! If you do have a suggestion please email hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

Phase 2 of cataloguing the Library of Things is well underway, with items being allocated to a specific unit and shelf location. A big thank you to Gill V who has been helping with this to date. There is still much to do as it is a

big job so if you have time to help with the continuation of this please do let me know george@shareandrepair.org.uk

The large TV monitor is now up in the shop and our thanks to Moss of Bath for donating this. It's a fantastic way to keep all shop visitors informed about all that we do.

Repairs are busy and thank you to the Repairers, who have been stepping in to help with holiday cover. Also the ongoing repair shelves are looking much clearer! And we are busy collecting the tools for tool and knife sharpening - is this a good idea?

As always a big thank you to all of you for giving your time and skills, it is much appreciated.

In the Community - From Toni

Now we have a grand total of 10 repair cafes!! Wonderful news. Corsham is running well and Bear Flat had their first market on the 20th May. Saltford had their initial meeting last week and have volunteers signed up ready for the first repair cafe on the 17th June. If you would like to come along to help show them the ropes please feel free to get in touch at hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

Testimonials for the Repair Cafes include:

“Brilliant chaps, fantastic cafe”

“Helpful welcoming and enjoyable”

“Very happy! Delighted - I could not buy a new one. This has been so useful”

HOW TO Workshops:

Another great session on Wednesday evening for the ‘How To Use Power Tools Workshop’, full house and everyone left inspired, with new found confidence and with smiles on their faces! Testimonials for the workshops include:

"Excellent! Very useful & very well explained by both - thank you!"

"Great session, thank you!"

"Guys were very clear and helpful. Excellent 2 hours!"

I think it's important that you see the wonderful feedback you get. We couldn't do what we do without you all, volunteers are truly the heart of Share and Repair. We are hoping to fill a few more volunteer roles to help across the repair cafes; meet and greet and data inputting in particular. Please get in touch if you're interested, or if you know someone who might want to get involved.

Thank you so much for all of your time and effort, you are all amazing!



A lawnmower being mended at Bear Flat - Repair Cafe

For a reminder of our Repair Cafes dates please head to: <https://shareandrepair.org.uk/repairs/>

Dates and tickets for HOW TO Workshops can be found at <https://shareandrepair.org.uk/how-to-workshops/>

HOW TO Reduce Energy

Our first event of this kind, (thanks to BWCE for funding this series). This was a hugely successful event where guests were able to learn about making their homes more energy efficient.

HOW TO Reduce Waste - School's Project

Our School's Project continues to go from strength to strength, if you missed us on BBC Points West then [click](#) here to see us!

HomeKIT

We would like to welcome Tanya to the HomeKIT team who is working alongside Alison to continue to work with our partner charities and their clients. We are always looking for donations (working items) for HomeKIT including:

TVs

TV stands

TV Remotes

Microwaves

Lamps including desk, table, floor, and bedside lamps

Kettles

Toasters

Toasted sandwich makers

And so much more, a full list can be found on our website.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Hello' to our new shop volunteers; In the Front of House Team we have the wonderful Sourav and Chris, whilst Dan is helping behind the scene and jumping on the Cargo Bike!

We always welcome new volunteers, if you know anyone that is keen to know more then invite them to email louise@shareandrepair.org.uk Plans are a foot for our first Sharing of Skills evening where Pat will be teaching his knowledge of Coffee Machines to other repairers. The date is yet to be confirmed but will be towards the end of June, more details to follow.

ReStart

Repairers don't forget you are encouraged to sign-up on the restarters.net forum to share expertise and find out more from others. Take a look [here](#)



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