



## Welcome to the December Newsletter

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year! What a year we have had spreading the word about how to reduce waste (accounting for 27% of carbon emissions) across all our community repair cafés, in our George Street shop and all our other projects. To cap that off we even won the lottery! This has allowed us to welcome our new CEO Ruth to the team and to start to plan for our Founder Lorna to step back and plan her travels!

We are immensely grateful to you all for your support this year and look forward to developing our relationships with you further in 2025.

Best wishes, Lorna, George, Jessie, Hila, Ruth and Sarah.



There are many ways you can support us:

1. Share your skills with us. You can pledge your time by volunteering with us. We have many different roles available, click on the link below for more information.
2. Donate to us. You can pledge money by making a donation to support our current fundraiser, our team of 7 runners preparing for the Bath Half Marathon.
3. Spread the word. You can help raise awareness of our mission by sharing this newsletter with 3 of your friends!

Share your  
skills

Donate to Bath  
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## Message from our new CEO

I'm delighted to have joined Share and Repair. What a fantastic organisation! If you'd like to find out more about how to get involved with what we do in the B&NES area or how you could partner with us for an event or activity I'd be happy to have a chat. Just drop me an email at [ruth@shareandrepair.org.uk](mailto:ruth@shareandrepair.org.uk)



Ruth with volunteers  
Rob and Lewis.

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## Winter Social

We celebrated all our wonderful volunteers at our Winter Social in November, kindly hosted for us by Newark Works. We have around 260 volunteers who help us in lots of different ways. Over 3,000 loans of items went out last year and this summer saw 500 loans in August as festival goers borrowed tents, bunting and camping tables. The shop regularly sees 58 volunteers across the week, with the remaining 200 volunteers supporting the repair cafes, school's programme and PAT testing items at the Keynsham Reuse Shop so they can be sold, not dumped and much more. 75% of broken items that come to us are successfully repaired

allowing locals to keep their treasured items for longer and saving the expense of purchasing replacements.



We'd also like to thank Anja from Bath Mind for the wonderful catering, Hilton Doubletree for our cookie dessert, and Canned Wine for their support for our event. If you might be able to help thank our volunteers in the future please do get in touch at [hello@shareandrepair.org.uk](mailto:hello@shareandrepair.org.uk).



## Our Gift Vouchers

### The gift that keeps on giving!

Have you got your Christmas gifts sorted? If not then why not buy one of our gift vouchers. These can be used for membership of the Library of Things, or attending one of our workshops.



Check out our

They come in a variety of different amounts and make perfect gifts for family, friends and even your team at work. Click the button on the right to view our vouchers, or drop us an email at [hello@shareandrepair.org.uk](mailto:hello@shareandrepair.org.uk) to find out more.

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## Share your skills with us!

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Volunteering is a two way process. We have the benefit of so many talented and useful people, and our volunteers feel part of a happy, purposeful community, who value each other and the role they deliver. We need so many different skills - many more than you would imagine across Repair Cafés and the Shop, in schools, external events, at your home doing data crunching or 'filing', graphic design, marketing or writing. Don't be shy, help us to do more!

If you don't see what you are looking for, get in touch and tell us about your skills and how you could support us! Email [volunteering@shareandrepair.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@shareandrepair.org.uk).

## Current Vacancies



**GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Posters
- Media posts
- Banner design
- Leaflet design

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Share & Repair

The card features a circular image of a man and a woman looking at a laptop screen. The background is white with orange accents.



**ROVING REPORTER**

- Photos and short videos
- Short interviews and copy for social media

**CAN YOU HELP?**

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**Graphic designer:** we need help with various design projects, large and small!

Click to  
find out  
more



**Roving reporter:** to support our social media accounts with interesting photos and short videos of all our activities!

Other roles are also available so if you would like to find out more click the button to register your interest.

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## Shop and Library News

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### Party Time!

It's party season! Check out the Library of Things as we have lots of great new items to help you throw a fabulous party. Neon bar sign, champagne, martini, cocktail and wine glasses galore, disco balls gold or silver? Tea light holders, serving platters, large slow cookers, and many, many party lights!



Click the image to visit our Library of Things.

## Competition time!

### What Should Santa Bring for the Library of Things??

Make a suggestion of an item we don't have in our library but would be useful for people to borrow!

The lucky entry drawn from the hat will receive a £10 voucher. Entries should be submitted here by 3pm December 16th. Click the picture to enter!



## Item of the month



This has been in the making for a while and several of our volunteers have a hand in its creation. It is our party photo booth frame! A gorgeous gold sparkling frame with a stand. It comes with a box of assorted props - wigs, hats, feather boas and more! Hire for just £10 a week or 3 days.

[CLICK TO VIEW OUR LIBRARY](#)

## Christmas Shop Opening Times

**Last open day for returns: Saturday 21st Dec 10-1pm**

Sunday 22nd: closed / Monday 23rd: closed / Tuesday 24th: closed

Wednesday 25th: closed / Thursday 26th: closed / Friday 27th: closed

Saturday 28th closed / Sunday 29th: closed /Monday 30th: closed

Tuesday 31st: closed / Wednesday 1st: closed

**Reopening: Thursday 2nd: open 1-4pm**

## Christmas Gifts

If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas then browse our EBay shop for a pre-loved/ second hand gift or treat someone to one of our gift cards.



## New Saturday sewing slots!

We are delighted to have Kiera, a new volunteer who has recently graduated from costume design. She will be offering sewing repairs in our George Street shop each Saturday beginning December 7th - book yourself in now!

[BOOK A SEWING REPAIR](#)



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## New Battery Welder in the Shop

The shop is now equipped with a battery welder. If you are wondering what this is and why it's great thing to have, please keep reading; (hint: it's not like a conventional welder!)

More and more appliances are now powered by rechargeable battery packs, including power tools but also garden equipment like trimmers, hedge trimmers, lawnmowers, as well as torches, radios, power banks and of course vacuum cleaners. These battery packs tend not to last very long, and most repairers will have seen appliances not working and battery packs not charging because the batteries need replacing. This spot welder will allow us to rebuild battery packs with new batteries so the appliance can continue to be used!

[BOOK A REPAIR](#)





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## Socials news

Everyone has been loving Abigail's Monstera on Instagram! She borrowed our sack truck to carry her giant Monstera through town, and donated her plant to Daisy and Bean Bakeshop. If you have an unusual task and you don't want to buy something you'll only use once for it, think of us and our Library of Things!



P.s. Did you know that we are on TikTok as @sharerepairbath?

[INSTAGRAM](#)

[TikTok](#)

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## Sharpening

Here's our lovely volunteer Fred showing off his skills with the knife sharpener.

Did you know that you can get your knives and tools sharpened in our shop on Tuesdays?

Just click below to book a session, or on our website (in the 'Repairs' section) and come and see Fred's skills in action for yourself!



[BOOK SHARPENING](#)

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## Donate to HomeKit

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We are particularly welcoming, heaters, compact vacuum cleaners, slow cookers, toasters, dvd players, kettles, toastie makers, table lamps, digital radios, irons and small food blenders. Donations should be good-quality, clean working order. You can drop items into the shop or you can request donations to be collected by our electric cargo bike for a fee of £2.

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## HOW TO Workshops - book on now!

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In December, we're excited to host two fantastic workshops to help you build your skills! On Saturday, the 7th of December, join us at South Down Repair Café for our How to Use Your Sewing Machine workshop. Then, on Saturday, the 14th of December, come along to How to Use Power Tools in the shop. For both workshops, you'll need to book in advance.

Spread the word to your friends, family, and anyone in your community who might be interested! Full details are available here:

<https://shareandrepair.org.uk/how-to-workshops/>



### **HOW TO Use Hand and Power Tools - December 14th 2pm**

**Share and Repair Shop, 3 York Buildings, George Street.**

An introduction to using a variety of small hand and power tools . This may be a cordless drill, sander or hammer, screwdriver, hacksaw etc.

### **HOW TO Use Your Sewing Machine - December 7th 10.30am Southdown Methodist Church Hall**

This hands-on workshop is for beginners and those who haven't used their machine in a while. It will guide you through setting up and help show you how to get the most from your sewing machine.

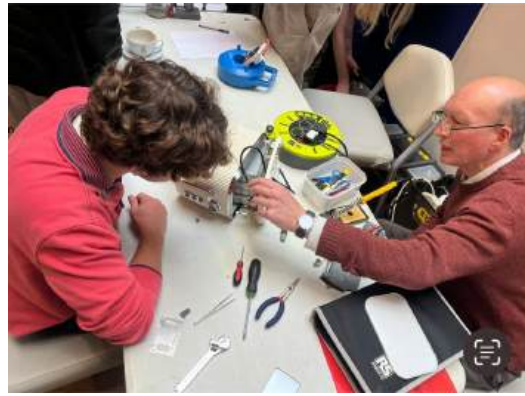
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## **University Repair Café Update**

We recently held our second Repair Café session of the academic year, and it's been fantastic to see how much the students value this service! Our amazing sewing repair volunteers—Jacky, Karen, Sally, and Sue—mended shirts, trousers, coats, pillows, and even a duvet! Meanwhile, our talented repair team—Alihan, Steven, Nigel, and Graham—brought new life to a toaster, speaker, blender, milk frother, and an old record player.

These repairs not only save items from ending up in the bin and landfill but also help students save money on replacements. A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers for their hard work, to our great partners at the University of Bath, and to the students who joined us on the day to help out. Together, we're making a real difference!



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## Last Repair Cafés of the year

Repair Cafés are running throughout December. They occur monthly on Saturday in the same pattern e.g. Southdown on the first Saturday of the month, Weston on the second Saturday of the month, Larkhall on the third Saturday etc Drop in before 12.30pm to ensure a repairer can check your item!

[Click through to see all dates.](#)

Please send us any interesting photos or stories about your repairs using items from the Library, or relevant events you want us to publicise.

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### Share and Repair

3 York Buildings, George Street, Bath  
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