

# Share Repair

## Welcome to the February Newsletter

At Share and Repair we have some exciting plans for 2025 so do keep reading this newsletter in the coming year to find out more. We do hope that you will join us this year for more borrowing and repairing to help our community to protect the environment and our pockets! After our AGM in January we published our Annual report for the last financial year. Do have a read about all the great stuff you helped us to achieve so far.

[Annual Report](#)

Recently we were very proud to have our Founder, Lorna Montgomery, featured by the Big Issue as one of their top 100 Changemakers for 2025.

It was wonderful to see what she has achieved over the last 7 years recognised so publicly and to have our charity mentioned amongst so many inspiring organisations across the UK.



Click picture to read more!

## Pat tester gift

This month we had a visit from the team at Coombe Castle International, a local business which exports dairy products from the UK and Ireland. Their Eco-Warrior Group kindly decided to buy us a new PAT tester and here you can see MD Darren, Environmental lead Chloe and Eco-Warrior Dee-Ann visiting the shop to hand it over. The PAT tester will help our repairers to test more repairs and items for HomeKIT in the shop so we are very grateful.



## Partner with us

We are keen to partner with our local business community to increase the social value being created in B&NES. Why not provide your team with memberships to our Library of Things, vouchers to attend a workshop, volunteering opportunities, or support for our school or HomeKIT project? If you run a local business and would like to discuss how we can work with you and your team do get in touch with our CEO Ruth at [ruth@shareandrepair.org.uk](mailto:ruth@shareandrepair.org.uk).

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## Support our runners!

Not long now until the Bath Half on 16th March. We have an amazing team of 7 running it on our behalf. You can support them via our [Localgiving page](#) and do give them a huge cheer on the day! Read more about their training journeys [here!](#)

[Support our runners!](#)

Alternatively we have created a fundraising link via the Easyfundraising website. If you add this extension to your browser every time you buy something with one of the over 8,000 brands that work with this scheme a proportion of the sale will go to us. You can help support sharing and repairing with every purchase at no additional expense to you..

[Set up Easyfundraising](#)





Joe and Peter are two of our volunteers who are running, along with Jessie our Volunteer Coordinator. Click the picture for more details!

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## Borrow from our Library of Things for free!

**15, 18-22 March 2025**

We are pleased to be supporting the National Lottery Open Week from 15th to 22nd March by offering anyone who joins our Library of Things a £10 credit on their first loan.



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LOTTERY™**

[Find out more here](#)

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## Volunteer with us!

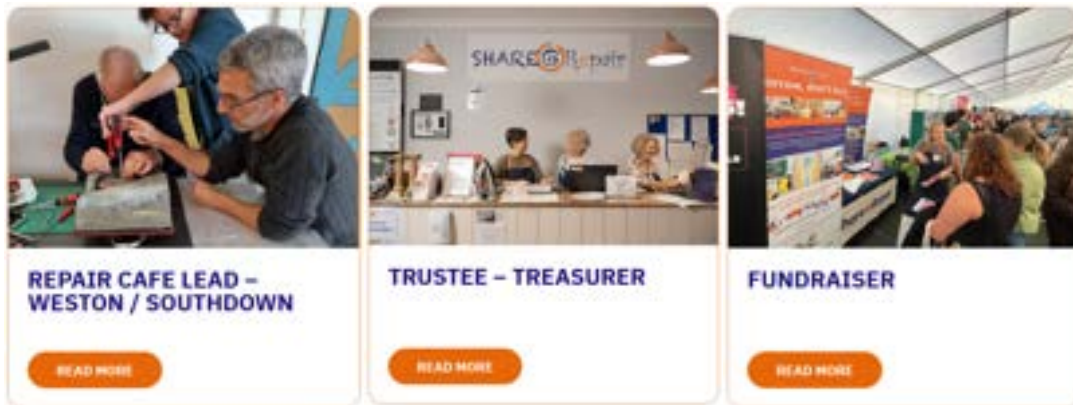
We have three roles which we are actively recruiting to at the moment.

**Café Lead:** Are you passionate about sustainability and community engagement?

As a Repair Café you'll play a vital role in organising and overseeing these impactful events.

**Trustee:** We're looking for a Treasurer to oversee the financial aspects of Share and Repair, reporting to the Board of Trustees.

**Fundraiser:** Join our fundraising project group to identify likely funding opportunities and help to complete applications and keep track of their progress.



Click on the pictures for more information on each role.

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## Shop and Library News

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### A reminder for collecting items from our Library of Things

You must have ID with you for collecting all items booked in your name, or you must have the Reservation confirmation email sent by our Library system to the account holder.



### Items we need!

We are looking for some new items for our Library of Things, firstly a metal detector as our current one is very popular! Another Kubb outdoor game and rounders set for the approaching spring/summer fun, and a night time wildlife camera to replace our broken one! Click on the picture to view it in action .



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## Mend of the Month - Pizza the dog

This month at the Weston Repair Café, a little girl arrived with her small dog, Pizza, who was meant to respond to noises with super cool motions. Unfortunately, Pizza wasn't quite doing his job. Our amazing volunteer, Nigel, stepped in and worked his magic, bringing Pizza back to life and restoring that sweet smile to the little girl's face.



Click to see Pizza repaired and in action!

It was a heartwarming moment that truly captures the spirit of the Repair Café—restoring more than just broken items, but also bringing joy and comfort to those in need.

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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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## Item of the Month

This great for star gazing and nature watching, it's a compact telescope that you can carry easily. It even comes in a handy padded carry case that our Friday sewing volunteer Sue made out of a coat she got from a charity shop!



This is available to borrow from our Library of Things for only £8 a week, please handle it with care. So why not make the most of the dark nights to look at the stars, maybe you'll even spot a planet or two! You can find this on our website, or follow the link to view our telescope directly:

Telescope

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## Donate to HomeKit



**We have had excellent performance this year with 294 items donated so far 100 up on last year with 2 months to go!**

We are particularly welcoming , heaters, microwaves, 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

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### Gift a HOW TO Workshop

If you love our HOW TO Workshops as much as we do, why not buy someone a ticket to one of our workshops? For just £10, you can gift someone a ticket to any of our upcoming workshops! Including HOW TO Use Your Sewing Machine, HOW TO Maintain Your Bicycle, HOW TO Use Power Tools and Hand Tools and more!

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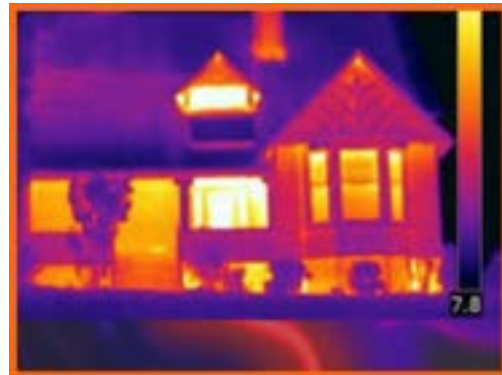
### HOW TO: Thermal Imaging

In February, we ran our *How to Use a Thermal Imaging Camera* workshop for the first time!

It was fantastic to see the attendees eager to learn how to identify energy leaks and cold spots in their homes.

Throughout the workshop, we covered how to operate the camera, interpret the images, and take practical steps to improve home energy efficiency. This session was held in collaboration with GoGreen Widcombe and supported by funding from Retrofit West.

Whether you're borrowing a camera from our Library of Things or using your own, we hope that after the workshop, you feel confident to put your new skills into practice.





Come and join us for the next workshop on **10th March 19:00 - 20:30**, or feel free to recommend it to any friends who may be interested.

[Book workshop](#)

[Book camera from Library](#)

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## HOW TO: Sewing Machine

**Southdown Methodist Church  
Hall 1st March**

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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## HOW TO: Power Tools and Hand Tools

**3 York Buildings, George Street**

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



22nd February 14:00 - 16:00

[FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS](#)

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## Repair Cafés Dates

Repair Cafés run on Saturdays mornings. They occur monthly on 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.

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

<b>Community Repair Cafés</b>				
<b>Southdown</b> 1st Saturday 11am – 1pm	<b>High Littleton</b> 1st Saturday 10am – 1pm	<b>Weston</b> 2nd Saturday 10am – 1pm	<b>Farnborough</b> 2nd Saturday 10am – 1pm	<b>Salford</b> 3rd Saturday 11am-1pm
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Southdown Methodist Church Centre, BA2 1AQ	The Scout Hall High Street, BS29 4UD	Weston Hub BA1 4EH	Memorial Hall Little Lane, BA2 0AH	Salford Hall Waldmore Road, BS2 3JY
<b>Larkhall</b> 3rd Saturday 10am-1pm	<b>Bear Flat</b> 3rd Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Bradford-On-Avon</b> 3rd Saturday 10am-12.30pm	<b>Corsham</b> 4th Saturday 10.45am-1pm	<b>Peasedown St John</b> 4th Saturday 10am-1pm
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New Chisel Hall BA1 6AA	Bruton Community Hall Bear Flat BA2 4QD	Willingan Hall BA15 1LN	The Roundels Art Centre SN13 9HX	Peasedown Methodist Church BA2 8DL
<b>Share  Repair</b>				

## Upcoming events of interest

[Saturday 22 Feb, 7.30pm - 10.30pm Ceilidh in aid of Genesis Trust](#)

St Mark's Community Centre, Widcombe, Bath, Somerset BA2 4PA

Join us for a night of traditional dancing at a Ceilidh in aid of Genesis Trust. Music provided by Pibley, a traditional barn dance and ceilidh band based in Bath.

[Thurs 27th Feb, 6.00pm - 9.00pm GET YOUR FRESK ON!](#)

Gasworks Studio, 27 Narrowways Rd, St Werburghs, BS2 9XB

Created by an NGO in France, the Climate Fresk is a collaborative workshop where a group of 4-14 people play a 3-hour game with cards for a

mind-mapping exercise, followed by a guided time to reflect on what can be done and how to get there.

[An interesting new vacuum glazing product for listed buildings from BWCE](#)

**Share and Repair**

3 York Buildings, George Street, Bath  
United Kingdom



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