



Welcome to the March Newsletter

Oh what a night!

In November we were awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service, we're absolutely thrilled and so proud of every single one of our volunteers. To say well done to our volunteers and celebrate their achievements, we threw a big party for them all last week! The King's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest Award given to local voluntary groups in the UK and is awarded for life, we are so proud that our incredible volunteers are getting the recognition they deserve! The night included speeches by our Founder Lorna, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, and the Deputy Lieutenant. We also celebrated the commitment all of our longest-serving volunteers have given 5 years to Share and Repair. Thank you to every single person who volunteers with us, we wouldn't have achieved this without you, and hope you enjoyed the party!



Thanks

We have some amazing organisations to thank, without their generosity we would not have been able to throw such a fantastic party.

Firstly we say thank you to [The Hilton](#) and [Apex](#) hotels who donated all the cutlery, crockery, linen, glasses - the list goes on and on! Both hotels are dedicated to running socially responsible hotels, placing sustainability at the forefront of their practices.

Next, thanks go to [The Flower Shop at Bath College](#) who created our beautiful centrepieces. They run a flower shop within Bath College, with flowers grown, arranged and curated by their Floristry Students, under the supervision of the Floristry tutors. All their designs are made to the highest standard, and are available to purchase - pay them a visit!

All our volunteers were able to take home a goody bag at the end of the evening and included were beautiful seeds donated by [Prior Park Garden centre](#).

And the lions share of the beer for the evening was donated by [Lost and Grounded Brewery](#) - thank you so much!



We had some extra treats for some lucky volunteers in the form of our raffle prizes.

[Good Day cafe](#) donated 14 boxes of delicious chocolate brownies - one for a lucky winner on each table! The Hilton donated a 2 night stay, [Hybrid Health Physiotherapy](#) a massage voucher, and [Electric Bear](#) donated a gift pack of beer.



Part of what made the night so special was the wonderful catering provided by [Bath Community Kitchen](#). As well as offering excellent event catering, BCK uses communal meals and cookery workshops to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing in Bath and surrounding areas.



Lastly thanks to our generous sponsors Buro Happold, Bath Spa University, University of Bath, Mitchell & Dickinson, BWCE. Your generosity meant we could truly give our volunteers the event that they deserved!



Bath Life Award Winners!

We're so thrilled to announce that we won the Bath Life Award for Sustainability!!

Thank you [Bath Life Awards](#) for awarding the work that we do and will continue to work hard on, and to our team of brilliant volunteers and staff and everyone who supports us, without you this would not have been possible!



Other exciting news to read below on:

- **Volunteering Vacancies** - we can not operate without our amazing volunteers, would you like to part of the Share and Repair journey?
- **Repairs** at The Shop
- **Our Library of Things** has a huge range of items you may not have seen!
- **HomeKIT** - check out our wishlist of items required.
- Share and Repair **HOW TO Workshops**
- **Repair Cafes: Larkhall focus**
- **External Events**

Best wishes from,

Jo, Eleanor, George, Jessie and Lorna

Volunteer with us!



GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Posters
- Media posts
- Banner design
- Leaflet design

CAN YOU HELP?

Share & Repair

The poster features a circular inset image of a man and a woman looking at a computer screen together.



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DATA ENTRY

- Based at home
- Simple digital forms

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The poster features a circular inset image of hands typing on a laptop keyboard with a digital network overlay.

Current Vacancies

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

[CLICK TO ENQUIRE](#)

At home data entry: to support some of our repair cafes we are looking for people who would like to do some digital form filling in.

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

Shop and Library News

Mend of the Month - Wooden Cat

We had an unusual item brought in to a repair cafe which required the fashioning of new wooden cat feet! The cat was passed from the cafe on to the wonderful Kerri who volunteers in our George St shop, who hand carved, painted and attached the new feet.



[BOOK A REPAIR](#)

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



Spring is here in the library!

Get ready for spring gardening, all our shears and loppers have been checked and sharpened (by Fred!), [strimmers and lawn mowers](#) have been serviced and are ready to go! We also have a new cordless Bosch multi-sander..

And dare we say it, it's not long until we get some warmer weather - it could be time to plan that outdoor BBQ or party!? We have [bunting, tables, chairs](#) and new gazebos on their way.



Item of the month

Item of The Month!

Pushchair



Share@Repair

In March our favourite item in our Library of Things is our Silver Cross Pushchair.

If you've got family coming to stay with a young child, would like to try before you buy, or your pushchair has broken and you need one whilst yours is being repaired, you can borrow ours!

For just £8 a week our trusty pushchair will get you anywhere you want to go! You can find it in our Library of Things here:

[CLICK TO VIEW OUR LIBRARY](#)



Our wish list

We are always on the lookout for items for our Library and our wish list is online, [check to see](#) if you have items that we need, or make suggestions for what you would like to borrow?



Donate to HomeKit



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.

HOW TO Workshops - book on now!



HOW TO Use Hand and Power Tools

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.

Saturday 20 April 2pm / Wednesday 22 May 7pm / Saturday 22 June 2pm

HOW TO Use Your Sewing Machine

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.

April 6th 10.30am / May 4th 10.30am / June 1st 10.30am

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS

Repair Cafés 2024 - Saturdays

Photo focus on Larkhall Cafe

It was a hive of activity at our repair cafe in Larkhall cafe, with skillful repairs of a wide variety of objects even including a gramophone and rocking horse!

We are seeking some extra volunteer help for our Larkhall cafe, once a month. Please email jessie@shareandrepair.org.uk if you could help!

Share Repair

LARKHALL REPAIR CAFE

- Meeting and greeting
- Running the cafe

CAN YOU HELP?

EMAIL JESSIE@SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK




Repair Cafés Dates

Southdown	High Littleton	Weston	Farnborough	Saltford
6th Jan 3rd Feb 2nd March 6th April 4th May 1st June	6th Jan 3rd Feb 2nd March 6th April 4th May 1st June	13th Jan 10th Feb 9th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	13th Jan 10th Feb 9th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	20th Jan 17th Feb 16th March 20th April 18th May 15th June
Southdown Methodist Church Centre, BA2 1NJ	Holy Trinity Church Hall, BS39 6HG	Weston Hub, BA1 4EH	Memorial Hall, Little Lane, BA2 0AH	Saltford Hall, Wedmore Road, BS31 3BY
Larkhall	Peasedown St John	Bradford-On-Avon	Corsham	Bear Flat
20th Jan 17th Feb 16th March 20th April 18th May 15th June	27th Jan 24th Feb 23rd March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	20th Jan 17th Feb 16th March 20th April 18th May 15th June	27th Jan 24th Feb 23rd March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	20th Jan 17th Feb 16th March 20th April 18th May 15th June
New Oriel Hall BA1 6RA	Peasedown Methodist, Church, BA2 8DL	Wallington Hall, BA15 1LN	The Pounds Art Centre, SN13 9HX	Community Hall, Bruton Avenue, BA2 4QJ

Most Repair Cafes run on Saturdays, 10am-1pm, (Corsham 10.45 - 12.45) - drop in before 12.30pm to ensure a repairer can check your item! 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.

Upcoming events of interest

Weston Gardening Club talks - The Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road BA1 4EH

[11 April: "Gardens of Madeira" and unusual plants for sale - Jonny Hartnell](#)

Eco Groups near Bath

[A map of the Eco groups around Bath can be found here on the Transition Bath website.](#)

Funeral for Nature

[20th April: Take part in a mock-funeral for nature procession through the streets of Bath](#)

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