



Welcome to the October Newsletter

Hello, and welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We have been super busy over the last couple of months across all our community repair cafés, in our George Street shop and across all our other projects spreading the word about how to reduce waste (accounting for 27% of carbon emissions). We are passionate about how through sharing and repairing, reusing and re-purposing everyday items we can support a more environmentally friendly community.

There are many ways you can support us with this mission:

- 1. Volunteer 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!

[Volunteer with us](#)

[Donate for Bath Half](#)

[Newsletter Sign Up](#)

Best wishes,

Repairing in Schools

Thanks to a small grant from 'Community Matters for STEM Education, and another from BWCE, we have been back in Bath Primary Schools and the rural schools attached to our Repair Cafes to deliver workshops where 10/11 year olds learn to be repairers, the importance of reuse and the circular economy.

“I loved how we didn't just listen to people but it was very practical which I really liked”.




Volunteer opportunity

Schools workshop leader: Could you help with delivering our lesson plans to year 5/6 in local schools, or with a Primary School assembly. These hands on workshops are great fun and well received! If you are interested to learn more or get

SCHOOL WORKSHOP LEADER

- Confident with children and familiar with schools.
- Work alongside repairers.
- Flexible time commitment.

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involved as a volunteer, click below to register your interest.

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Keynsham Reuse Shop

It's been almost 9 months since we started supporting the new Reuse shop at the [Keynsham Recycling facility](#)

to test their electricals, so far we have tested lots of items that have been sold making £1172 for Share and Repair. If you haven't been there yet take a trip and visit, there is now an array of good quality second hand furniture and other items waiting for a new home!



Tech donations needed!

Do you have any good quality phones or laptops at home that are no longer needed?

We are looking to improve our staff's technology, if you can help please contact

hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

Many thanks!



Shop and Library News

Library of Things news

A big thank you to all our members for borrowing instead of buying over the summer period. We had a record amount of loans of well over 1100 items between June and August and a record amount of new members join the Library of things. We have packed away the tents and the outdoor games and are getting ready for autumn.

Autumn gardening

Autumn is a fine balance between keeping your garden as beautiful as possible, and preparing it for the coming spring next year. A well-maintained outdoor space through Autumn and Winter is the foundation for beautiful displays, and bountiful produce in the year to come.



Essential tools

Spade and forks: two great multi-purpose tools for preparing soil, weeding and splitting plants among a myriad of other jobs!

Loppers: For when heavy-duty pruning is necessary to tidy up your shrubs and larger plants.

Leaf blowers and collector: Don't let fallen leaves go to waste, round them up and create leaf mulch.

Wheelbarrow: make light work of collecting garden waste without needing the space to store a large item like this!

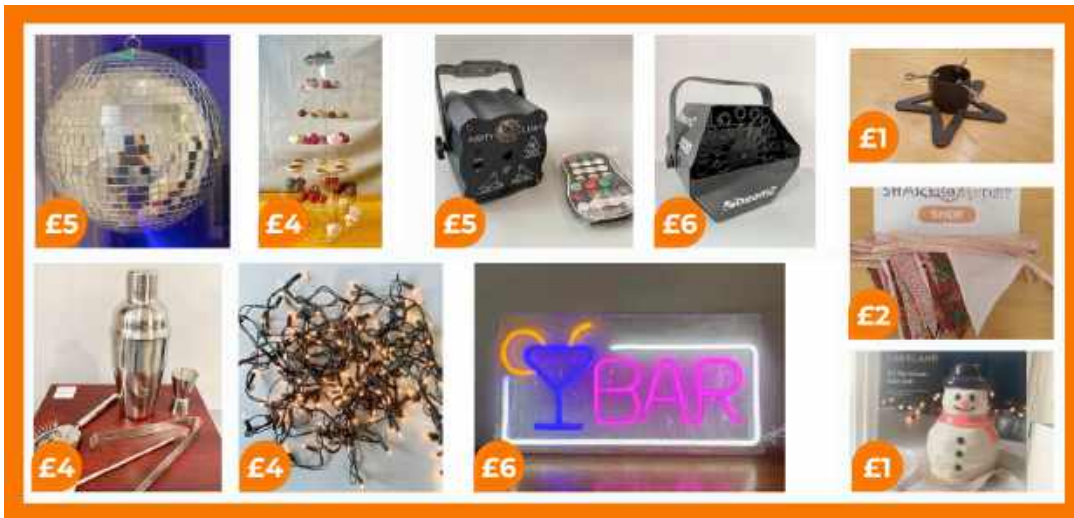
Bulb planter: Now is the ideal time to plant bulbs, allowing them to establish roots before winter sets in.



[Click to browse the Library of Things](#)

Is it too soon....to talk about Christmas??!

You might have begun to think about the festivities of the winter season and now is the perfect time to book out all you need for your party season. From disco balls, party lights and smoke machines, to glasses, cocktail shakers and oodles of fairy lights we have something for everyone.



Also a fun new addition to the library is our evolving box of props for photo booth fun! We have frames being made to add to the collection and they will be available to rent soon. If you have anything that would make a great addition to this set please email hello@shareandrepair.org.uk with details!



[Click to browse the Library of Things](#)



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 to hello@shareandrepair.org.uk.



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!



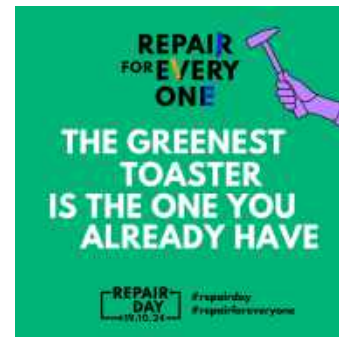
[BOOK SHARPENING](#)

Repair News

International Repair Day

International Repair Day is an annual celebration for everyone who makes repair happen in their communities around the world. This year we celebrate 15th Birthday of the Repair Cafe movement, with now over 3000 repair cafés across the world!

On October 19th we are celebrating with repair cafés in Saltford, Larkhall, Bradford-on-Avon and Bear Flat! Also keep your eyes peeled that day for a feature on Share and Repair in the Telegraph focussed on repair coming to the high street!



Mend of the month

We have two gems for you this month. The first was from our repair café in Corsham where one much loved princess dress had become worse for wear. After casting an eye over the task ahead our sewer quickly remedied the situation - one repaired princess outfit = one happy princess!

With Halloween approaching why not make use of our services to mend any old costumes that might be languishing in a cupboard? Book a repair slot in our George Street shop or visit one of our cafés to breathe new life into something for the next generation of trick or treaters!

[Book a sewing repair](#)



Our second repair of the month comes from our Larkhall Café, where they skillfully mended a pair of silver earrings from Timbuktu. We have the lovely background story from Cath below:

I used to work for an NGO called Tearfund as Mali country rep. We worked with local Church organisations in Mali who served their local communities (mostly Muslim) in mainly in helping improve public health through community water and sanitation initiatives. In 2013 there was a coup, à counter coup, à Tuareg rebellion and an Islamist incursion (al Quaeda funded) and northern regions of Mali including Timbuktu were taken over by Islamist fighters. Our Christian colleagues along with hundreds of thousands of others, had to flee in fear of their lives. The beautiful musical Malian culture was silenced, its architecture destroyed, and people were absolutely terrified at the imposition of a violent version of sharia law. My colleagues fled south and were housed by other Tearfund church partners around Bamako. When it was safe to do so I went to visit them and held a workshop for our church organisations to work together and reshape our response to this flood of newly displaced people. On that trip, I bought these earrings, from Timbuktu. They remind me to pray for those living precarious lives, struggling to serve others in need. They also remind me of the beautiful Malian people: their culture, their music and their heritage.

Click below to book a repair slot in our George Street shop, or visit your local repair café (dates below!)

[Book a repair slot](#)

Repair Cafés

After a refreshing summer break, we're thrilled to be back with renewed energy at the Repair Café! We're inviting you to bring in any items in need of mending and visit one of the ten Repair Cafés in Bath and the villages around. Whether it's a small fix or a larger project, you can pop in and make use of our services. Plus, we encourage you to sit down with one of our repairers during your visit—it's a great opportunity to learn and pick up

some new skills. All ages are welcome to participate. Let's work together to build a community that values mending over buying new, helping reduce waste and keeping things out of landfills. We can't wait to see you!



Saltford Café focus

Dave the Grandpa and Oliver the Grandson are on a mission—bringing Wendy's 50-year-old radio back to life! It's been silent for a while, but we heard a few voices coming through, so it's looked promising, but sadly, the radio couldn't be fixed on the day. But all is not lost....

Dave has kindly offered to take it to his workshop and give it another go. Fingers crossed for a second chance at bringing this vintage gem back to life!

Wendy made the trip all the way from Bristol to the Saltford Repair Café after a friend recommended Dave, the 'old radio saviour.'

Repair Cafés Dates

Most Repair Cafés 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.

Community Repair Cafes				
Southdown 11am - 1pm	High Littleton 10am - 1pm	Weston 10am - 1pm	Farmborough 10am - 1pm	Saltford 11am-1pm
1st Saturday 5th October 2nd November 7th December	1st Saturday 5th October 2nd November 7th December	2nd Saturday 12th October 9th November 14th December	2nd Saturday 12th October 9th November 14th December	3rd Saturday 19th October 16th November
Southdown Methodist Church Centre, BA2 7ND	The Scout Hall, High Street, BA2 8JD	Wessex Hall, BN 44P	Memorial Hall, Little Lane, BA2 9HH	Saltford Hall, Weymouth Road, BA3 3BY
Larkhall 10am-1pm	Bear Flat 9.30am - 12.30pm	Bradford-On-Avon 10am-1pm	Corsham 10.45am-1pm	Peasedown St John 10am-1pm
3rd Saturday 19th October 16th November	3rd Saturday 19th October 16th November	3rd Saturday 19th October 16th November	4th Saturday 28th September 28th October 23rd November	4th Saturday 28th September 26th October 23rd November
New Chapel Hall, BA7 0BA	Methodist Community Hall, Bear Flat BA2 4QJ	Willingdon Hall, BA7 5LN	The Pounds Art Centre, SN12 9JH	Peasedown Methodist Church, BA2 8DL



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

HOW TO Workshops - book on now!



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.

November 2nd / December 7th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS

Thermal Imaging and Draught Proofing

We are planning on running a workshop on learning how to use the thermal imaging cameras available in our Library of Things. It will also cover tips and tricks for draught proofing your home.

Please email hello@shareandrepair.org.uk if you are interested.



Socials News

University Freshers Fair

We had a brilliant time welcoming students at the freshers fairs around Bath, and even passed 2500 followers on Instagram! You can follow us here and see what we're getting up to::

<https://www.instagram.com/sharerepairbath/>





You can also follow our page on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShareRepairBath>

Donate to HomeKit



Have you heard about HomeKit? It is a wonderful service that provides small essential electrical items to those in need for free, through our partnerships with local charities. You can support this fantastic project by donating clean, working items to our George Street shop.

We are particularly welcoming kettles and toasters! Plus heaters, microwaves, compact vacuum cleaners, slow cookers, dvd players, 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.

Volunteer with Us!

Volunteers are the life blood of Share and Repair, and it's a two way process. We have the benefit of so many talented and useful people, and in turn our volunteers feel part of a happy, purposeful community, who value each other and the role they deliver. We need so many different skills - more than you can imagine, not just across the Repair Cafes and the Shop, but in schools, external events, or at your home with data entry support.

Don't be shy, help us to do more!

Cargo Bike rider!

Sadly after 3 years riding the Flying Satsuma in all weathers Simone is moving to Orkney, which is a little too far for her to commute! Our Friday team are looking for a delivery rider to pedal the flying satsuma between 10-1pm (although if you're speedy you may well be finished earlier!)

[Express an interest](#)



Other vacancies



ROVING REPORTER

- Enjoy taking photos?
- Familiar with social media?
- We need someone to visit our different projects, take photos and short videos with short accompanying text.
- Flexible timings and commitment.

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DATA ENTRY

- Based at home
- Simple digital forms
- Flexible timings and commitment.
- Help us update our newsletter database.

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Share & Repair AMBASSADORS

- Are you friendly and approachable?
- Can you confidently engage with people?
- We are looking to build a team of Ambassadors to represent Share and Repair at external events.
- Full training and support will be given.

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Roving reporter: we need someone with some basic photography experience that would like to visit different locations capturing our volunteers at work.

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.

Ambassadors: are you an ex-teacher or someone confident with public speaking? We need ambassadors to represent Share and Repair at external events and help us spread the word of Sharing and Repairing.

[CLICK TO ENQUIRE](#)

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

Upcoming events of interest

Bath Green Open Homes: 12th/13th October- various locations

[Come along to see energy efficient homes and hear directly from the home owners how they have implemented changes, from small actions like draught proofing, to putting in solar panels and Air Source Heat Pumps.](#)

3SG's Volunteer Fair: 18th October - Apex Hotel, Bath

[18th October: If you've ever considered volunteering, but you're not sure where to start or what's out there, or you're a seasoned volunteer looking to try something new, this event is for you! Pop by anytime between 11am - 4pm to visit our 43 charity stalls showcasing a wide range of opportunities.](#)

Movement Power Training: 21st October online

[New training program that you can join to help you build your campaign and build your groups. Through interactive online monthly sessions, you'll share and learn key tactics, tools, skills, and strategies to grow our groups' and movement's collective power.](#)

Kidical Halloween bike route: 2 Nov 5pm, Orange Grove Bath

[Halloween-themed family-friendly cycle ride to call for safer streets](#) 🎃🚲🦇
[Bring bike lights because it'll be dark](#) 🌙🚲👻

Imagining the Future of Transport: 23rd November 10am, Sparks Bristol

[Do you think our region's transport could be better? We're launching a People's Passenger Transport Executive so we can get community voices organised for when WECA creates an official one. There'll be food, fun activities, stalls and speakers. Come and bring your imagination!](#)

Regeneration and Bioregioning: Lands of opportunity: 23rd October, 12:00 pm 78 Broadmead, Bristol BS1 3DS

[If you're interested in how to re-localise our economies, how we finance the transition, and how we bring this to life in how we make and build with recycled and regenerated materials](#)

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