

We are on the move!

We are excited to say we have signed the lease on our new home - **Second Floor**, **Redbridge House**, **Lower Bristol Road**, **Bath**, **BA2 3EW**.

This is a bigger space and has some parking, so dropping off and picking up from us should be easier without the pressure of our loading bays!! We are on the second floor, but easily accessible by a lift.

Redbridge House is above the Ford Garage at the junction with Midland Road and you enter via Midland Road. Both the X39, Bath to Bristol bus and the U5 bus stop a short walk away.



We will be just slightly further along the Lower Bristol Road than Sainsburys at Green Park Station. We will be closed from Tuesday 9th September in order to move and will reopen on Tuesday 16th September. Our opening hours will remain the same. Please note that any loans in the week before our move will be extended for an additional week free of charge.

We'd like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their work so far and for the work they have still to do to get us moved!

Have a sneak peak into the initial stages of our move <u>here!</u>

Open House

We do hope you will come and see our new home and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an Open House on Thursday 25th September 4-7pm to have a look round and enjoy some drinks and nibbles with us. Please help us have an idea of numbers by RSVPing here.

This month we are excited to welcome our new Head of Repair Operations, Julian Hunt. Julian will be responsible for all our repairs and our workshop programme, so look out for more from him in the near future. He joins us just in time to help design our new repair workshop in Redbridge House and of course to help with the packing!

Our new space provides room for an expanded workshop programme, so watch out for new workshop topics from us and if you would like to enquire about using our space for a workshop or talk of your own please do drop Julian an email at julian@shareandrepair.org.uk.

Library Lockers

Planning is progressing well for launching our new Library of Things lockers at Mulberry Park Hub in Combe Down in November. We recently received these small dummy lockers to allow us to train staff and volunteers on the software before we launch the real thing!



Our Tech Amnesty and the One Show

On Tuesday 12th August we held our latest Tech Amnesty in partnership with the charity <u>Donate IT</u>. This was a great opportunity to clear any "drawers of doom" by donating old laptops, PCs and phones, which would then be wiped and redistributed where possible to those who don't have access to them. We were delighted to host this event and even more excited when the One Show asked if they could visit us to find out more. If you'd like to see us on the show we will let

you know when it will be broadcast. Watch out for more Tech Amnesties at our Repair Cafes in the autumn.





Repair Cafes

Most of our Repair
Cafes are taking a well
deserved break in
August and we'd like to
thank everyone who
has supported them so
far this year.

We see around 150 items a month at our Repair Cafes and are pleased to say our newest location, **Bathford**, has confirmed it will be operating monthly from September on the second Saturday of the month.

Travel far, stay local

Article by Bill, one of our volunteers.

Does your idea of a perfect holiday have to include the comforts and certainty of a well rated hotel? If so, look away now!

The travel networks in this article may not offer the same levels of creature comfort as traditional holiday accommodation, but they do add adventure and new connections, enabling you to meet and stay with locals all over the world, for free. And as well as slashing the costs of your trip, they help lower the environmental impacts of travel.

What unites the members of these (non-profit) organisations is a sense of generosity, kindness, open mindedness and trust in strangers – all values that align with the Share and Repair family. Click here to read more!

Schools Project

Hi, I'm Andromeda Smith, the School Workshop Coordinator here at Share and Repair. I coordinate and help run educational workshops in the local Bath and North East Somerset schools, where we help children explore the ideas of borrowing, repairing, and reducing waste in fun, hands-on ways.







Our workshops are split into two parts: sharing and repairing! In the sharing half, students learn about the linear vs circular economy and dive into our Library of Things, planning a party on a £12 borrowing budget. Then, in the repairing half, they get stuck into fixing torches and testing batteries and bulbs, and unblocking our trusty Henry Hoover. They learn how to care for these everyday items, and of course, then get to 'break' them again for the next group! It's a brilliant way to get kids thinking practically about sustainability, and they always seem to love it!

We're always welcoming volunteers who would like to help out or even run parts of these sessions, just give us a shout!

Events of Interest

<u>Faultlines 3: the path to Net Zero – are we doing enough?</u>

October 17 @ 10:00 - 16:00 £12 - £24

This is the third in a series of all-day sessions at BRLSI, in which a panel of experts will discuss and answer your questions on a significant 'Faultline' within current

sustainability policies. Lunch will be provided.

<u>Visible & creative mending – a six week course</u>

Mon 15 September at 19:00 - 21:00

Led by Anna Chapman-Andrews, add style and personal touches to your clothes by learning techniques to mend, renew and prolong the life of your favourite clothes!

Contacts at Share and Repair

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Ruth is our CEO, contact her with ideas for new ideas for projects or partnerships for Share and Repair. *Also any queries from the Cafe's or workshops while we await the appointment of the new Head of Repair Operations.

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George is our Head of Sharing Operations, contact her with queries about the Library of Things, and the lockers project at Mulberry Park.

Julian Hunt - julian@shareandrepair.org.uk

Julian is our Head of Repair Operations, contact him with queries about repairs and our workshop programme.

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Sarah is our Social Media Manager, contact her with your photos or stories of sharing and repairing.

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Jessie is our Volunteer Manager, contact her for questions about volunteering, Three Rings issues and volunteer social events.

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Andi coordinates our schools projects, contact her if you would like to be involved in delivering our repairing education workshops in schools.

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