



Rugby EcoHub

Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 24th July 2025

Dear Eco Hub friends and supporters,

If this is your first time receiving this newsletter and would like to find out more about the projects the Eco Hub hold please click [HERE](#).

Overview of key dates

- **Every other Thursday (Next class on the 3rd July):** Knitting Classes, The Eco Hub, 7pm - 9pm
- **Mon 28th July:** Climate Alliance Meeting, The Eco Hub, 7:30PM - 9PM
- **Fri 1st August:** Police and Partner's Going Out Staying Safe Event, Caldecott Park, 10AM - 4PM
- **Fri 1st August:** Green Drinks, The Seven Stars. 7:30PM - 10:30PM
- **Sat 9th August:** Climate Fresk, Rugby Eco Hub, 11AM - 2:30PM
- **Fri 15th August:** Volunteer BBQ, Rugby Eco Hub, 5PM - 9PM

Keep an eye on our upcoming events via our [Events page](#).

Volunteers Needed!

Have you got a few spare hours? Please take a look at our volunteering opportunities:

- **Going out, Staying Safe Stall Holder-** 1st August, Caldecott Park, 10AM - 4PM
- **Energy Efficiency Event Working Group** - 30th November, Benn Hall, Times TBC
- **Watering and Weeding** - Saturdays based off a rota system
- **Watch Repair Volunteer** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month Jan- Nov
- **General cleaning of the halls** - No Date or Time
- Plus more..

You can take a look at these on our [volunteer bulletin](#).

Nature in Focus Event

Rugby Borough Council teamed up with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to bring Rugby an event at The Benn Hall that showcased eco friendly practices - It focused on what we can do to protect nature and Rugby's biodiversity

There were speakers and leading experts that were leading conversations and engaging attendees to address the environmental issues we face locally .

Rugby Eco Hub was asked to attend this event with a stall to showcase what we are currently doing to help with the environment.

Patrick our Trustee has said "The event was packed with many other ideas about what can / should be done - with good, support, coordination and implementation of nature-friendly plans and follow-up.

That provides Rugby Eco Hub with a significant opportunity to help energise and communicate this across the Borough... And our work on food growing and biodiversity and links with allotments and further biodiverse food growing and other green spaces, including in the peri-urban fringe of the town, could contribute to boosting biodiversity within the borough. "



Energy Efficiency Event - 30th November

Rugby Eco Hub are hosting an event around energy efficiency, it will include speakers, stalls and information sharing on all things sustainable energy.

We are hoping that we are able to get 4-5 volunteers together to form a working group to help organise and make this a really successful event.

If you are interested in being in the working group for this please contact Kirsty on kirsty.denyer@rugbyecohub.org

Repair Cafe

2nd + 16th August, The Eco Hub 10AM - 1PM

The Repair Cafe has been into Abbots Farm Junior School to showcase their amazing skills at repairing and encouraging discussions around safety and maintenance.

Abbots Farm were very kind to say this:

"On Tuesday 1st July six volunteers from Rugby Repair Cafe visited Abbots Farm Junior School to spend the afternoon with the school's Eco Committee.

The 18 children worked in teams of 3, spending time with each of the volunteers, exploring many different aspects of "repair", including lots of discussion and questioning, as well as demonstrations and even hands on repairs.

Activities included safety, tools and test techniques, recognising that some things can't be repaired, basic maintenance as a repair solution, sewing, soldering and even gluing.

The children brought enthusiasm, and plenty of relevant personal experience and examples of repairs. Hopefully they went away with confidence to identify and tackle more repair opportunities, as well as information that they can share with other students at school, and with their own families - a whole school assembly on the topic of Repairing was mentioned, as well as further cooperation with the Repair Cafe team in the new school year."

Thank you to all of our volunteers that attended and thank you very much to the staff

and students at Abbots Farm!



Growing Group

Saturdays, 10:30am -12:30pm at the Eco Hub

Our Growing  Group publish a newsletter giving readers useful tips on growing your own produce. Please find their newsletter [HERE](#)

This was one mornings harvesting and what a harvest it was! Our group has harvested our beds in Caldecott and managed to get Chard, Lettuce, Fennel and Beetroot. Then onto our other planters at our members allotment we harvested Potatoes, Beetroot and Lettuce - So much we had a surplus and was able to offer organic produce for small donations. Well done team!



Another week and another amazing dish using the harvested veg and herbs. This week our team made Pasta puttanesca and salad, it certainly looks fresh and tasty!



We meet up regularly and communicate through our [WhatsApp group](#). Please click to join the group, find out about our future activities, and help us both to maintain and water the planters as well as help plan our future growing projects across the Borough.

[Library of Things](#)

The Library of Things have now introduced more products which you can find on our catalogue [HERE](#).

Some of the new things we have added are;

The collage features three items for rent, each with a red starburst indicating its weekly price:

- Toolbox**: £1 PER WEEK
- Wet Dry Vacuum**: £3 PER WEEK
- Laser Level**: £2 PER WEEK

Supporting the Library of Things

If you are having a spring clean and see some items that you would like to donate please contact us!

As the Library of Things continues to grow, we would love it if more and more people start using this amazing community resource. **You can help make this a reality by distributing flyers to the local community.** If this is something you feel you could help with, simply come to the Hub to collect some flyers and let us know the street(s) you are able to do. You can find the list of [priority streets here](#).

Volunteers Barbecue - 15th August, 5pm-9pm

As a thank you to all of our volunteers we are holding a BBQ at The Eco Hub. Please join us in celebrating the success that we have had with food, drink and music.

If you would like to RSVP please fill in the following form - [HERE](#)

[Knitting Classes](#)

3rd + 17th July 7pm - 9pm

From Thursday 5th June, we are fortunate to be able to offer Knitting Classes at Rugby Eco Hub, kindly hosted by Irina Meier. We welcome absolute beginners, rusty old-timers and unsure novices, but also experienced knitters might be interested as the 'continental knitting technique' will be shown.

To book a space, please complete this [google form](#). Suggested donation: £3.

**We will need a minimum of 6 people for this to take place.*



FreVktchn, the Eco Hub, 3pm-5pm

FreVktchn is a charity organisation that helps vulnerable people, if they need a hot meal or advise on benefits or housing, FreVktchn is there to help.

They hold their free meals in a session at The eco hub every Saturday 3pm - 5pm and is open to all that may need it,

If you, someone that you know or someone you meet in the street may need some help please make your way down to the Eco Hub and grab some delicious home cooked vegan food.

Need a hot meal?

Frevktchn provides hot food as well as support with benefits and housing applications. All who need food and support are welcome.



Please join us at The Eco Hub, 43 Clifton Rd, Rugby CV21 3QE
(Top of Bath Street)
Every Saturday 3pm - 5pm

In other news

[Room Hire Available](#) at Rugby Eco Hub

We are keen for the Eco hub to be used by the community. You can rent the hall or side room for events or meetings. Find more information [here](#).

If you would like to submit content to future editions of the newsletter please email info@rugbyecohub.org

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