

# Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 26th June 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 <u>HERE</u>.

## Overview of key dates

- Every Monday and Tuesday from 16th June to 15th July: Sewing Class,
   The Eco Hub, 7pm 9pm
- Every other Thursday (Next class on the 3rd July): Knitting Classes, The
   Eco Hub, 7pm 9pm
- Fri 4th July: Green Drinks, The Seven Stars, CV21 2SH, from 7:30pm
- Sat 12th July: Climate Fresk Workshop, The Eco Hub, 11AM 1:30PM
- Thurs 17th July: Discover the Spirit Within Event, The Eco Hub, 7PM 9PM
- Mon 28th July: Climate Alliance Meeting, The Eco Hub, 7:30PM 9PM

Keep an eye on our upcoming events via our **Events** page.

# We Need Your Feedback!

Please take five minutes to complete our survey!

This survey is your chance to provide some feedback on your experience of Rugby Eco Hub. In addition to ticking boxes, we especially welcome any comments you may want to make about your engagement with Rugby Eco Hub.

We will use this feedback to demonstrate the difference that Rugby Eco hub is making in the local community and to identify areas for development and improvement.

This is an anonymous survey, to submit your response please click **HERE** 

# **Volunteers Needed!**

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

- GEC Family Fun Day: Stall representative Saturday 28th June
- Cleaning the Hall and small meeting room Dates to be Confirmed
- Cleaning the windows Dates to be confirmed
- Library of Things Admin (Checking stock, Adding stock) 9th July 6PM -7:30PM
- Plus more..

You can take a look at these on our volunteer bulletin.

## **Gardening and Growing Group**

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

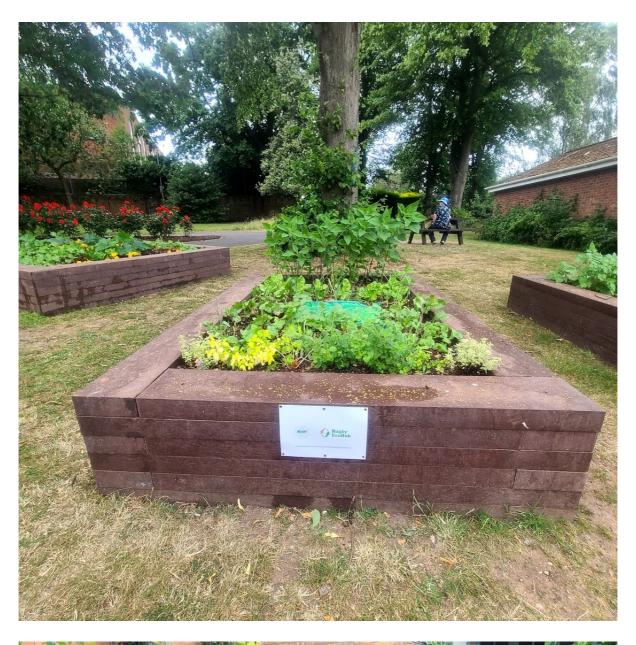
The Growing / Garden group's been busy showing people how easy it is to grow their own fresh and tasty vegetables and herbs in any small outdoor space (and at the same time doing a bit to boost biodiversity!).

We opened our very diverse planter demo to the public during Rugby's Great Big Green Week and Carrie gave expert explanations about what we had on display and received lots of appreciative comments. Thanks to all the volunteers, who have helped with this community project over many months, and who are now replanting, weeding, harvesting – and watering many times every week.

A leaflet about our group and what's being grown in each of the 10 sets of planters around the Eco Hub is available here.

The group is also maintaining The Pleasance herb garden, opposite The Squirrel pub, and a very biodiverse raised bed in Caldecott Park, fully stocked with nearly 20 varieties of edible plants.

We meet up regularly and communicate through our <u>WhatsApp group</u>. 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.





### **First Harvest**

Last week, during the Repair Café, produce from our planters was transformed by Sheena and team into mouthwatering lunches. With more likely in following weeks, do come to the Eco Hub to taste and see for yourselves!

Last week Chard, Beetroot, Lettuce and Radish were harvested. Our team treated us with home made spring rolls and salad. Who knows what they will do next!



# **Repair Cafe**

5th + 19th July, The Eco Hub 10AM - 1PM

Summer is here and can't we see it! We have had great turn outs the past couple of Repair Cafe's with the hot weather rolling in.

Thank you to all the menders and the hosts for doing an amazing job with all of the

#### items coming in!



# **Library of Things**

The Library of Things have now introduced more products which you can find on our catalogue <u>HERE</u>.

Our review of the week comes from Becky, she borrowed our strimmer for £3 a week.

"We borrowed the cordless strimmer to tidy the garden recently. It was very easy to reserve, collect, and we were given the battery and charger that we needed. All for just £3! It felt so good getting a job dine for very little cost and knowing that we were doing our bit to live more sustainably. Thank you Rugby Eco hub for giving us this option!"



#### **Promoting the Library of Things**

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 the know the street(s) you are able to do. You can find the list of <u>priority streets here</u>.

# **Soul Speak - Discover the Spirit Within**

17th July, Eco Hub, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Join Gina in silence and guided meditation on a journey of self discovery and enlightenment. Connect with your inner spirit and unlock your potential.

This has a 16+ age recommendation

Please book your tickets **HERE** 

# <u>Lou's Sewing Classes - For Beginner and Improvers</u> Monday and Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm, The Eco Hub

Join us Monday and Tuesday evenings to learn the art of dressmaking, Lou will guide you step by step in order to improve your skills at reading patterns, what fabric to use and general sewing techniques.

No need to bring a sewing machine but if you would rather bring you own that is welcome.

Book your tickets **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.



## In other news

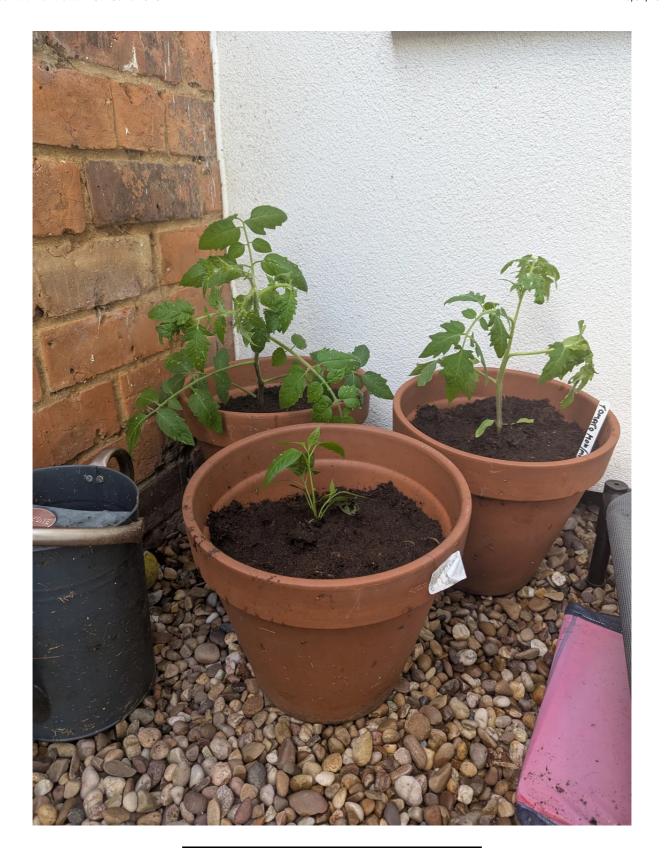
# Room Hire Available at Rugby Eco Hub

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 <a href="here.">here.</a>

## **Follow the Tomato Plant**

If you follow our social media you may have seen that a tomato plant has been given to us to see if we can get it back to its green glory.

It had been left in a small pot so was stunted, but it is now with a few more plants to see if we can get any harvest from it. Kirsty, one of our team has adopted it and she will keep us updated on it. Any suggestions on how to keep it alive is welcome!



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