



Rugby EcoHub

Rugby Eco Hub Newsletter 4th April 2025

Dear Eco Hub friends and followers,

I'm sure many of you will be enjoying the signs of Spring that are among us at the moment. These pictures were taken in Rugby yesterday 😊!



Given that we are very much moving into the growing season, we thought we'd share a couple of resources that you may find useful.

[How to grow vegetables and herbs](#), Garden Organic.

[Get Growing Guide](#), Salvation Army.

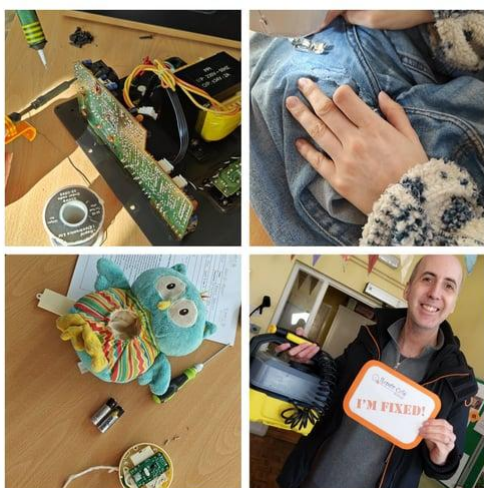
This month's edition

In this month's edition, you will find information about:

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Repair Cafe

Saturday 5th April and Saturday 19th April, 10am - 1pm



This Saturday, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the first of our two April Repair Cafe's. Thanks in advance to everyone who is volunteering!

Don't forget to encourage your family, friends and neighbours to make use of the Repair Cafe. The more repairs we do, the more we are able to help our community save money and reduce its carbon footprint.

Library of Things

Last weekend, a number of **new items** were added to the Library of Things catalogue, with many more to be added in the next couple of weeks. For example, you can now hire one of the two "Bike Toolkit Sets" that we have in stock, as well as this brand new "Camera Drone", for just £8 a week (per item).

We're still **welcoming donations**. You can find the wish list [here](#).



We would also like to say a **massive thank you** to Becca and Kate who have been working hard on the Library of Things end of grant report!

Café news!



We're very excited to announce that, from this Saturday, the café will be opening **every Saturday morning** between 10am - 1pm. It will also be **offering a light lunch** between midday and 1pm (for example, soup and roll, salad and egg mayo, or risotto). The café will begin by offering one dish.

This is a great step for us as it will help to create a welcoming environment and it will support the Library of Things as it becomes more well known within the town.

[Anyone up for a Ceilidh?](#)

Sunday 18th May, 2-5pm



We are very excited to announce our very first Ceilidh at Rugby Eco Hub on **Sunday 18th May**, 2-5pm. A chance to connect, have fun and donate to a very worthy cause!

Thanks for some of our amazing volunteers, the afternoon will include live music, Ceilidh dancing led by local callers Steve Redshaw and Lisa Heywood, Maypole dancing (weather permitting) and light refreshments available to buy from the café.

This is going to be a very popular event, so we **recommend booking early** as numbers are limited. **To book, click [here](#).**

Suggested donation for over 16s is £10. All proceeds will go to Rugby Eco Hub.

Could you be the person we're looking for?

Just a reminder that we are still seeking another person to support our operations team. The right person will be happy to work on a self-employed basis and will be able to contribute 7 hours a week, including two Saturday mornings a month. The **deadline for applications has been extended to Sunday 6th April**. To find out more click [here](#).

If you'd appreciate an informal chat about the role, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing: info@rugbyecohub.org.

Upcoming events at Rugby Eco Hub

Repair Cafe

Saturday 5th April, 10am - 1pm

Saturday 19th April, 10am - 1pm

Library of Things

Open every Saturday, 10am - 1pm. Also available for collecting/returning items on Tuesday's, Thursday's & Friday's (in line with [Rugby Unwrapped's opening times](#)).

Volunteer Drop-in Sessions

Thursday 10th April, 2pm - 4pm (includes flyer distribution on this occasion)

Tuesday 15th April, 11am - 1pm (includes flyer distribution on this occasion)

Thinking Thursday - Community Energy

Thursday 10th April, 7 - 9pm

To book, click [here](#).



Climate Fresk Workshop

Saturday 12th April, 11am - 2:30pm

Climate Fresk is a 3 hour workshop intended to get you working together to understand more about the science behind climate change and to empower you to take action.

To book, click [here](#).



Sewing Classes

The next set of sewing class dates have been released. The next term will start on **Tuesday 22nd April** from 7pm till 9pm. Find out more details [here](#).

Community Ceilidh - Fundraising event

Sunday 18th May, 2pm - 5pm

To book, [click here](#).

Other events

Green Drinks

Friday 4th April, From 7:30pm

The Seven Stars, 40 Albert Square, Rugby, CV21 2SH

Growing Potatoes in Containers - Garden Organic Workshop

Wednesday 9th April, 6 - 7:30pm

The Benn Partnership Centre, Railway Terrace Rugby CV21 3HR

Would you like to grow your own potatoes? Not sure where to start? Come along to Garden Organic's demonstration about growing potatoes in containers. They'll talk about where to start and what you need. To book, click [here](#).

Rugby Spring Food and Drink Festival

Saturday 26th April, 11am - 5pm

Rugby Town Centre

Come and say hi to us at the Rugby Eco Hub stall!

All things volunteering



Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Volunteer Event last week. It was great to showcase the different ways you can get involved in Rugby Eco Hub's work. If you missed the event, you can **watch the presentation** [here](#) or you can read about the different **volunteer roles we have available** [here](#).

Regular Volunteer Drop-in Sessions

From next week, the Eco Hub will be open to support some regular volunteer drop-in sessions. These will be held on weekly but on alternating days:

- **Tuesday, 11am - 1pm (starting from Tuesday 15th April)**
- **Thursday's, 2pm - 4pm (starting from Thursday 10th April)**

The idea is that someone from the operations team will be available at the Hub at these times so that you can come along to undertake some pre-identified or adhoc volunteer tasks. This will be in addition to the volunteer opportunities that are hosted on a Saturday morning (i.e. the Repair Cafe (1st and 3rd Saturday of the month), Library of Things, Gardening and Growing Group, and the Cafe).

PLEASE NOTE: The Tuesday and Thursday sessions will alternate week to week, so please check the [events calendar](#) on our website for clarity.

Upcoming volunteering opportunities

Below are a list of the current volunteering opportunities we have available:

1. Distributing posters and flyers

A key priority for us is to **raise awareness of Rugby Eco Hub** so that more people can benefit from the services we offer. As such, we are looking for some volunteers to help us put up some posters and distribute flyers to people's door.

Posters

If you are happy to put up some posters locally, you can pick one or more up from the Eco Hub on Saturday morning's or at the times listed below (see under "flyers").

There will be a list of locations we would like to distribute to, which you can sign-up to, or you can suggest ideas yourself. We just ask that you write the location on the list so that we don't duplicate our efforts.

Flyers

Over the next couple of weeks, we are going to have a concerted effort to distribute our flyers to the local neighbourhood. There are 5 slots coming up, which you can [sign up](#) to support.

- Wednesday 9th April, 6pm - 7:30pm
- Thursday 10th April, 2 - 4pm
- Saturday 12th April, 11am - 12:30pm
- Monday 14th April, 6:30pm - 8pm
- Tuesday 15th April, 11am - 12:30pm

If you think you can help on one or more of these occasions, please [complete this short form](#) to let us know your availability or email us at: info@rugbyecohub.org.

2. Logging new items into the Library of Things catalogue

We need some volunteers to help us register a number of new items onto our Library of Things catalogue. It would include taking some pictures and

information about the items, and logging this onto our Library of Things database (known as Lend Engine), which we can show you how to use.

We will be tackling this task on Saturday mornings (10am - 1pm) and as part of our regular volunteer slots (Tuesday 11am - 1pm or Thursday's 2pm - 4pm). If you'd be happy to support us with this important administrative task, please [register your interest](#) on our website or email us at: info@rugbyecohub.org

3. Plentiful Planters - Volunteer Growing Group

Men in Sheds, and our wonderful gardening volunteers, have been preparing demonstration planters at the front and back of the Eco Hub. We're now readying them for sowing seeds and more.

Come and join us for a couple of hours on a **Saturday morning, from 10:30am**, to help us make the most of the planting season! No need to book.



4. Café volunteers

As mentioned above, we are extending the café opening times and offer, so it would be great to have a few more volunteers on the rota! If this is something you may be interested in, please [register your interest online](#) or email us at: info@rugbyecohub.org

5. May Spring Fair - 4 Stall holders needed

This year, the [May Spring Fair](#) is returning on Monday 5th May at Whitehall Recreation Ground. We are pleased to have secured a stall so that we can continue to raise awareness of Rugby Eco Hub's offer.

We need **4 people to volunteer at the stall**. This will involve talking to people about all what Rugby Eco Hub do, distributing leaflets and getting people to sign up to our newsletter or volunteering page. If this is something you may be interested in, please email us at: **info@rugbyecohub.org**

Are you a current volunteer?

This is just a quick **heads up** to say, we will shortly be emailing all current volunteers to ask you to kindly complete two forms that we have introduced having signed-off our Volunteer Policy recently. These will be our "Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form" and our "Contact Details and Medical Information" form.

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](#).

Reminder of key dates over the next few weeks!

- **Fri 4th Apr:** Green Drinks, The Seven Stars, CV21 2SH, 7:30pm
- **Sat 5th Apr:** [Repair Cafe](#), Rugby Eco Hub, 10am - 1pm
- **Every Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat:** [Library of Things](#), Rugby Eco Hub.
- **Sat 5th Apr:** Garden Volunteering, Rugby Eco Hub, 10:30am - 12:30pm
- **Wed 9th Apr:** [Flyer distribution evening](#), Start at Rugby Eco Hub, 6-7:30pm

- **Wed 9th Apr:** [Growing Potatoes](#), Benn Partnership Centre, 6 - 7:30pm
- **Thur 10th Apr:** Volunteer Drop-in Session, Rugby Eco Hub, 2 - 4pm
(includes [flyer distribution](#) on this occasion)
- **Thur 10th Apr:** [Thinking Thursday](#), Community Energy, Rugby Eco Hub, 7pm
- **Sat 12th Apr:** [Flyer distribution](#), Start at Rugby Eco Hub, 11am - 12:30pm
- **Sat 12th Apr:** [Climate Fresk Workshop](#), Rugby Eco Hub, 11am - 2:30pm
- **Mon 14th Apr:** [Flyer distribution](#), Start at Rugby Eco Hub, 6:30pm - 8pm
- **Tues 15th Apr:** Volunteer Drop-in Session, Rugby Eco Hub, 11am - 1pm
(includes [flyer distribution](#) on this occasion)
- **Tues 22nd Apr:** [Lou's dress-making classes begin](#), Rugby Eco Hub, 7-9pm
- **Sat 26th Apr:** [Rugby Spring Food & Drink Festival](#), Rugby, 11am - 5pm
- **Sun 18th May:** [Community Ceilidh](#), Rugby Eco Hub, 2 - 5pm

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

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