

Directory of Community Action Groups

CAG (Community Action Groups) Oxfordshire is a network of over 100 community organisations delivering local sustainability projects right across the county. These may be around waste reduction, energy efficiency, local food growing, biodiversity projects or much more.

This directory summarises their activities but only covers:

- Groups active in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts
- Initiatives that are related to waste reduction activities

For CAGS in other areas of the county or for those delivering different types of projects go to <https://www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk/>

Waste Reduction Initiatives Run By CAGs

Community Fridge

Community fridges take surplus food from supermarkets and other businesses and make it available for the local public. This food is usually items that have limited shelf life such as fruit and vegetables and bakery produce, though there may also be longer life items available.

There is usually no charge for taking items (though most fridges will happily accept donations) and it is available for all.

Community Larder

Community larders take surplus food from supermarkets and other businesses and make it available for the local public. This food is usually long shelf life including canned and dried goods but is surplus stock from warehouses. Community larders are run as a membership scheme with an annual and weekly fee.

Repair Cafe

Volunteers will attempt to mend broken small household items. These can be electricals. Technology, mechanical items, fabrics or tools in need of sharpening. What each Repair Café can offer depends on the abilities of their volunteers.

Library of Things

There are many items that are bought by householders and rarely used. A library of things is a community led loan service where these items can be borrowed for a small charge.

Refill Stations

Refill stations offer environmentally friendly household cleaning products, which are purchased by refilling your old bottles and containers.

Swap Shops

Also known as Freecycle events or Give Or Take events, unwanted but usable items can be donated, with the opportunity to take other items away for free. Some events are specialist eg Swish events are clothing only

Community Action Groups – South Oxfordshire

		Community Fridge	Community Larder	Repair Cafe	Library of Things	Refill Station	Swap Shops
Berinsfield	Berin Centre Maternity Library	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Berinsfield	Berinsfield Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Chinnor	Greening Chinnor	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Cholsey	Cholsey Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Didcot	Didcot Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Didcot	Sustainable Didcot	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Great Milton	Great Milton Freecycle and Community Cafe	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Henley-on-Thames	Henley Repair Cafe	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Sonning Common	Eco Soco	N	N	Y	N	N	?
Thame	Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Thame	21 st Century Thame Environmental Group	N	N	Y	Y	N	?
Wallingford	Wallingford Community Fridge	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Wheatley	Sustainable Wheatley	N	N	N	N	N	Y

Berin Centre Maternity Library	
01865 341944	lizzie@theberincentre.co.uk
https://www.facebook.com/oxfordmaternityclotheslibrary	
Where: The Berin Centre, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield. OX10 7LZ	
When: 10am-12pm Second Saturday of the month	
What: Maternity and nursing clothes and parenting items for hire	

Berinsfield Community Larder	
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/berinsfield-community-larder/	
Where: The Berin Centre, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield. OX10 7LZ	
When: 11am-1pm Wednesdays (weekly)	
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods	

Greening Chinnor	
greeningchinnor@gmail.com	
https://greeningchinnor.blogspot.com/	
Where: St Andrews Church, Church Rd, Chinnor OX39 4PQ	
When: 10am-1pm Saturdays (check website for dates)	
What: Repair of small electricals/electronics, clothing, toys, mechanical items, leather items, household objects and book repair advice	

Cholsey Community Larder	
cholseycommunitylarder@gmail.com	
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/cholsey-community-larder/	
Where: Cholsey Pavilion, Station Rd, Cholsey OX10 9PT	
When: 2-5pm Wednesdays (weekly)	
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods	

Didcot Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/didcot-community-larder/
Where: Northbourne Centre, 23 High Street, Didcot OX11 8EQ
When: 1.30-4pm Thursdays (weekly)
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods
Sustainable Didcot
https://sites.google.com/site/sustainabledidcot/home
https://sites.google.com/site/sustainabledidcot/home Also Facebook
Repair Cafe
Where: The Green Hub, Soha Building, 99 Station Road, Didcot OX11 7NN
When: 2-5pm Third Saturday of the month
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects
Library of Things
https://sustainabledidcot.lend-engine-app.com/
Where: The Green Hub, Soha Building, 99 Station Road, Didcot OX11 7NN
When: Monday 12-4pm Tuesday 10am-12pm Wednesday 12-2pm Thursday 6-7.30pm Friday 10am-12pm 6-7.30pm Saturday 2-5 pm Third Saturday of the month
What: Loan service
Swish and Swap Events
Where: The Green Hub, Soha Building, 99 Station Road, Didcot OX11 7NN
When: Check website and facebook for dates

What: Clothes swaps, Toys swaps, Craft Materials swaps
Upcycling Courses and Events
Where: The Green Hub, Soha Building, 99 Station Road, Didcot OX11 7NN
When: Check website and facebook for dates

Great Milton Freecycle and Community Cafe
greatmiltonfreecycle@gmail.com
https://greatmilton-pc.gov.uk/refuse-recycling-and-freecycle/ Facebook https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16jFz4fwKb/?mibextid=wwXlfr
Where: Pavillion, Great Milton Recreation Ground
When: Approx four times a year (Jan, Mar/Apr, July, Oct). Check Facebook page for details
What: Freecycle – Bring and Take event

Henley Repair Cafe
Henleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com
https://www.henleyrepaircafe.com/
Where: YMCA Pavillion, 2 Lawson Rd, Henley on Thames RG9 1NZ
When: 10.30am-12.30pm. 1 Saturday per month. Check website or email for details
What: Repair Cafe

Eco Soco
ecosoco24@gmail.com
https://www.ecosoco.org.uk/repair-cafe
Where: Springwater Church, Blountscourt Road, Peppard RG9 5EU
When: 10am-12.30pm 1 st Saturday of the month
What: Repair of clothes, bikes, toys, jewelery, clocks, garden equipment

Thame Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/thame-community-larder/
Where: Christchurch, Upper High Street, Thame OX9 2DN
When: 2.30-4.30pm Thursdays (weekly)
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

21 st Century Thame
admin@21stcenturythame.co.uk
https://www.21stcenturythame.co.uk/
Where: Thame Scout Hut, Southern Road, OX9 2EP
When: Saturdays – Visit website for more info https://21stcenturythame.co.uk/2023/05/05/new-repair-cafe-thame/
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects

Thame Equipment Bank (Library of Things)
Where: Chinnor Rugby Club
When: https://thameequipmentbank.co.uk/equipment-hire/
What: Loan service

Wallingford Community Fridge
office@ridgewaycommunity.church
https://wallingford.ridgewaycommunity.church/community-fridge/
Where: The Fountain Community Hub, 21b St Marys Street, Wallingford OX10 0EW
When: 10am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays
What: Fresh surplus food no meat, fish or dairy

Sustainable Wheatley
sustainablewheatley@gmail.com



https://sustainablewheatley.org/swap-shop/
Where: Merry Bells Village Hall, High Street, Wheatley OX33 1WP
When: 4 times per year – check website for details
What: Swap shop

Community Action Groups – Vale of White Horse

		Community Fridge	Community Larder	Repair Cafe	Library of Things	Refill Station	Swap Shops
Abingdon	Abingdon Carbon Cutters	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Abingdon	Abingdon Community Fridge	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Abingdon	Abingdon Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Appleton	Green Appleton	N	N	Y	N	N	?
Blewbury	Sustainable Blewbury	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Botley	Botley Community Larder	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Faringdon	Faringdon Community Fridge	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Faringdon	Faringdon Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Faringdon	Faringdon Repair Cafe	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Hendreds	Hendreds Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Kennington	Kennington Community Larder	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Sandford-on-Thames	Talking Shop	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Shrivenham	Sustainable Shrivenham	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
Stanford in the Vale	Stanford in the Vale Repair Cafe	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Wantage	Down To Earth Community Café	N	N	N	N	N	N
Wantage	Sustainable Wantage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Abingdon Carbon Cutters

carbon.cutters@gmail.com

<https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/>

Where: 24 Bury Street, Abingdon OX14 3QT (opposite Willow Shakeshop)

When: Check website <https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/news/events/>

What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects, bicycle checks

Abingdon Community Fridge
abingdoncommunityfridge@gmail.com
https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Services/4221/Abingdon-Community-F
Where: Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, Vale, OX14 3YH
When: Monday 4-4.30pm, Thursday 1-2pm Saturday 10.30-11.30am
What: Fresh surplus food

Abingdon Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/cholsey-community-larder/
Where: Trinity Church Centre, Abingdon, OX14 1DB
When: 10-10.45am Fridays
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

Green Appleton
greenappleton2021@gmail.com
https://www.greenappleton.org.uk/repairCafe/index.php
Where: Appleton Village Hall, OX13 5JS
When: Saturdays (check website for dates)
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects

Sustainable Blewbury
secretary@sustainable-blewbury.org.uk
https://www.sustainable-blewbury.org.uk/
Where: Blewbury Hall, Heather Way, Blewbury. OX11 9QQ
When: Occasional Sunday afternoons (2 to 4pm). Check website for dates
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects

Botley Community Fridge
riki@phonecoop.coop
https://foodforcharities.com/botley/
Where: St Peter and St Paul Church Lobby, West Way, Botley. OX2 9JY
When: 10am-4pm Monday-Saturday 11am-4pm Sunday
What: Fresh surplus food

Botley Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/botley-community-larder/
Where: St Peter and St Paul Church Hall, West Way, Botley. OX2 9JY
When: 3.00-4.30pm Thursdays (weekly)
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

Faringdon Community Fridge
sarah.stoves@thepumphouseproject.org.uk
The Pump House Project - Home
Where: The Hearth, Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon SN7 7AF
When: 11am-12pm Monday-Friday
What: Fresh surplus food

Faringdon Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/faringdon-community-larder/
Where: Corn Exchange, Faringdon SN7 7JA
When: 2.30-4pm Tuesdays (weekly)
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

Faringdon Repair Cafe
sarah.stoves@thepumphouseproject.org.uk
https://thepumphouseproject.org.uk
Where: Faringdon United Church, Coxwell Street, Faringdon. SN7 7HA
When: Every other month (check website or Facebook for dates)
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects

Hendreds Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/heg-community-larder/
Where: Snells Hall (East Hendred Village Hall), Church Street, East Hendred. OX12 8LA
When : 4-4.45pm and 5-5.30pm Mondays
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

Kennington Community Larder
https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/kennington-community-larder/
Where: St Swithun's Church, The Avenue, Kennington, OX1 5PL
When : 2.30-4.30pm Wednesdays
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods

Talking Shop – Sandford on Thames	
07565 908648	orders.talkingshop@gmail.com
https://sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk/ts-home/	
Where: Talking Shop, Village Hall, Henley Road, Sandford on Thames. OX4 4YN	
When : 9.30am-4pm Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Saturday	
What: Refill Station – Cleaning materials	
What: Bicycle Repairs in Summer (see website for details)	

Sustainable Shrivenham	
sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com	
https://www.sustainablesshrivenham.com/	
Repair Cafe	
Where: The Hub, 56 High Street, Shrivenham SN6 8AA	
When: 9.30am-12.30pm 4 th Saturday of the month	
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects	
Refill Station	
Where: The Hub, 56 High Street, Shrivenham SN6 8AA	
When: 10am-4pm Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-2pm Saturdays	
What: Refills of containers of household cleaning products, shampoos and soaps etc	
Also: Collections of hard to recycle items. Scrap store	

Stanford in the Vale Repair Cafe	
Tel 01367 710283	stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk
Where: Stanford Social Club, Sheards Lane, Stanford in the Vale SN7 8LW	
When: 11am-2pm 1 st Saturday of the month	
What: Repair of small electricals, clothing, toys, mechanical items, household objects, School scientific equipment i.e. power packs, microscopes etc	

Down To Earth Surplus Food Community Cafe	
downtoearthwantage@gmail.com	
https://downtoearthcafe.co.uk/	
Where: The Old Stables, Stirlings Close, Wantage OX12 7AU	
When: 10am-3pm Tuesday to Friday	
What: Surplus food community cafe	

Sustainable Wantage
wantagemix@gmail.com
https://sustainablewantage.org.uk/
Community Fridge
Where: The Mix, Mill Street, Wantage. OX12 9AB
When: 1-4pm Monday 10am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4pm Saturday
What: Fresh surplus food
Community Larder
Where: The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
When: 1.45-3pm and 3.15-4.15pm Fridays
What: Long life surplus food. Membership scheme. £3.50 weekly charge will supply £12-15 worth of goods
Repair Cafe
Where: The Mix, Mill Street, Wantage. OX12 9AB
When: 10am-1pm First Saturday of the month
What: Repair of small electricals, toys, mechanical items, household objects
Library of Things
Where: The Mix, Mill Street, Wantage. OX12 9AB
When: 1-4pm Monday 10am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4pm Saturday
What: Loan service
Refill Station
Where: The Mix, Mill Street, Wantage. OX12 9AB



When: 1-4pm Monday 10am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4pm Saturday
What: Refills of containers of household cleaning products, shamppos and soaps etc
Swash
Where: Venues vary
When: Check website for details
What: Clothes swap