

Successful Launch of Repair Café

The Repair Café Buriton launched on Saturday 4th October alongside the village's existing successful Monthly Coffee Morning with their tasty homemade cakes and hot drinks. We had a huge response from across the community, both near and far, and everyone commented on the amazing buzz. Paul Ferguson from the Petersfield Post also came and gave us good coverage on-line and in the paper the following week, as well as a short video on social media.

Our volunteers quickly got to work repairing such things as: a wooden shaft for a garden hoe, sharpening of numerous items including a scythe and a host of gardening tools, a trug with a broken handle ended up with rope handles, various electrical items were repaired and tested for safety, a mixture of items of clothing were repaired and on top of all that there was IT advice being given. We saved just under 15 Kg from being thrown away - it was a busy and successful morning. There are some very talented people in our community and beyond who have volunteered to make this all happen, not just the repairers but also those working alongside to make it all run as smoothly as possible. Our volunteers from further afield include Rich who does sharpening of items, Paul who amongst other things, is happy to deal with wooden repairs (such as the shaft of a rake) and Stewart offering IT Advice. Anyone is welcome to volunteer. If you feel you have

some skills that may help and you are interested, we would love to hear from you, please contact Liz (details below).

We are a not-for-profit community group entirely made up of volunteers, interested in not just helping the local community but also in reducing waste and promote sustainability. We are always happy to hear from other people who would like to volunteer their skills, including people to keep everything running smoothly. We run on the first Saturday of every month in Buriton Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm and rely completely on donations to keep us running. We are very grateful that we have been able to get off the ground by Councillor Grant Funding provided by East Hampshire District Council and awarded by our Councillor Rob Mocatta.



The Repair Café currently provides repair services such as:

- Simple electrical repairs
- Tool repairs, including sharpening and wooden haft replacement
- Other simple household repairs
- Sewing repairs, including darning, buttons and patches
- Toy repairs
- Minor bike repairs
- And IT Advice

If your repair is not mentioned bring it along anyway and we can see what can be done.

Anyone, from anywhere, can bring something along to be repaired. There is no intention to take trade away from local businesses and we make every effort to ensure that this does not happen.



Our main aims are:

- To support the local community in reducing what's sent to waste by encouraging repair and reuse.
- To repair items where possible, within the window of each individual Repair Café session
- To promote the concept of sustainability within the community, and if possible showing people how to do repairs themselves
- To involve the community for the community
- Donations for the repairs are encouraged so that the Repair Café can in time be self-funding. Excess funds received will be donated to local community groups/charities

and the Repair Café adds to other initiatives in Buriton which are helping to tackle sustainability, climate and nature recovery challenges. Anyone interested in volunteering should initially contact Liz Cox on 01730 261842 or by email at