



DISTRICT FACTSHEET

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE



Picture: Susatanable Didcot Plant Swap

OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

Fostering a localised district 'sub-'network for greater collaboration

Increased collaboration between local town councils to maximise resources available to support local groups

Potential for greater engagement with schools and young people

Increased collaboration on environmental intersection with social justice issues eg. fuel poverty, community cohesion, mental health and social isolation.

WHO IS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS OXFORDSHIRE?

CAG Oxfordshire is a network of more than 100 community action groups working across Oxfordshire to make it a safer, fairer, greener, more sustainable place to live, work and visit. We support our members to set up and run activities that take action on issues impacting the environment, our communities, and our everyday lives. The CAG network delivers a number of projects and initiatives



AREAS OF IMPACT

- Tree Planting and Mapping
- Biodiversity and Rewilding
- Liveable Streets and Active Travel
- Material Waste Reduction and the transition to a circular and sharing economy
- Food Sustainability and the Local Food Economy
- Tackling Food Waste and Food Insecurity
- Sustainable Energy
- Community-Centered Housing and Spaces
- Social Justice and supporting equitable health and wellbeing outcomes
- Connecting people to nature



SUPPORT CAG OFFERS

- 1:1 Member Support
- Training and Workshops
- Insurance Advice and Grants
- Special Project Grants
- Peer to Peer Support and Collaboration
- Network and Partnership Development
- Newsletters and Marketing Support

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

From April 2024 to March 2025, the CAG network delivered some impressive achievements! We are proud to share the impact of the network and grateful to all those who showed up for their communities last year.



There are now **117 groups** in the Network working on a huge range of activities with most groups covering more than one activity area.

More than **120,000** people participated in over **8000** events, activities and projects! That's the size of a packed crowd at Glastonbury's Pyramid Stage!



Over **100,000** volunteering hours were recorded, demonstrating the continued dedication of residents to contribute their time and energy to community action within Oxfordshire.

30 groups organised a total of **350 REPAIR CAFE** events, allowing the public to "fix not bin" their broken household items. This is twice the number of events since 2021, highlighting the growing popularity of these gatherings and the shift towards repair culture.

These activities resulted in approximately **380 TONNES** of food diverted from the waste stream, equivalent to 190 adult male African elephants! This prevented **nearly 950 TONNES** of carbon dioxide emissions.



This data was collected from 65 groups in our network of 117 groups from April 2024 to March 2025

CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS:

There are **20 active CAG members** based in South Oxfordshire, representing approximately **16.5%** of the whole network:

21st Century Thame

Established in 2003, the group was motivated by a passion to ensure that Thame prospered as a social, cultural and economic centre.

Activity example: For Great Big Green Week 2023, 21st Century Thame raised awareness of hedgehog care in South Oxfordshire

Cholsey Environment Champions

This group aims to raise awareness of climate change; encourage and enable residents to make a positive difference to our environment; and to increase sustainability through community action and community-led projects.

Chalgrove Wildlife and Conservation Group

to plant more trees and flowers, making Chalgrove a prettier place to live, and to protect our flora and fauna.

Chiltern Hills Community Energy

CHCE was established by Henley Town Council's Climate Emergency 2030 Working Group as part of its initiatives to address the Council's declaration of a climate emergency.

Didcot Allotment Society

Our aim is to encourage Didcot residents to use the allotments and discover the many benefits that come with the ownership of your own piece of land to dig in and grow your own!

Eco Soco

Stories, initiatives & events in Sonning Common to reduce waste & our carbon impact:

CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Great Milton Freecycle Live

This group hosts freecycle events three times a year.

Greener Henley

a community led, volunteer run organisation dedicated to improving the environment and sustainability of the Parish of Chinnor.

Greening Chinnor

a community led, volunteer run organisation dedicated to improving the environment and sustainability of the Parish of Chinnor.

Hagbourne and Upton Group for Sustainability (HUGS)

A community group promoting household level and village sustainability projects, supporting nature's recovery and campaigning for a greener future.

Haseley Earthshot Action Group

Aims to help the Parish of Great Haseley, and surrounding villages, address the Climate & Biodiversity Emergencies through supporting individual and community initiatives

Mill Lane Community Garden

This group was formed by a number of local residents who shared a desire to convert land into a garden area for the benefit of all Chinnor residents.

Sandford Talking Shop

This community volunteer group is based at Sandford-on-Thames' Village Hall. They run a cafe, convenience shop & community activities.

South Stoke Wildlife and Conservation

Aims to help improve the natural environment around South Stoke for the benefit of all.

Sustainable Didcot

A community action group for Didcot residents with a shared interest in the environment, living sustainably and raising awareness of climate change.

Sustainable Wallingford

A community group of people working to build a greener future for Wallingford. They organise events and projects on issues including waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice.

Sustainable Wheatley

This group of local residents shares a passion for environmental issues and making the community a more sustainable place to live in.

Thame Green Living

Adopted unanimously by Thame Town Council in July 2020, the Green Living Plan is a ten-year plan for a cleaner, greener Thame.

Wild About Wallingford

Recently formed by former groups Wallingford Wildlife Group and Friends of Wallingford and Cholsey Green Spaces coming together.

Watlington Climate Action Group

Founded in 2019, the group aims to help Watlington address the Climate Emergency, through community initiatives and supporting individual actions.

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