



DISTRICT FACTSHEET

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE



Picture: Susatanble 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
Food Sustainability and the Local Food Economy
Tackling Food Waste and Food Insecurity
Sustainable Energy
Community-Centered Housing and Spaces



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

In our 2022-2023 reporting year, 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.

The network clocked in over **97,650** volunteer hours which has a value of **£1,572,995** and equivalent to **50** full time jobs!



More than **80,000** people participated in over **4,000** events, activities and outreach programmes! That's enough people to fill **five and a half** football pitches!

These activities resulted in approximately **198 TONNES** of food diverted from waste, preventing nearly **500 TONNES** of carbon dioxide emissions.



Throughout the year, groups planted over **6,000** trees and hedgerow plants.

21 groups ran **172 REPAIR CAFE** events enabling members of the public to 'fix not bin' broken household items, from electrical appliances and bicycles to clothes. We also launched **THREE** new Libraries of Things!



CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS:

There are **15** active CAG members based in South Oxfordshire, representing approximately **14%** 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.

Great Milton Freecycle Live

This group hosts freecycle events three times a year.

Greening Chinnor

The aim of Greening Chinnor is to be a community led, volunteer run organisation dedicated to improving the environment and sustainability of the Parish of Chinnor and the surrounding areas.

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 (Newly established)

Aims to help the Parish of Great Haseley, and surrounding villages, address the Climate & Biodiversity Emergencies through supporting individual and community initiatives & actions centred on the five 'Earthshot' goals.

CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Mill Lane Driftway 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.

South Stoke Wildlife and Conservation

Aims to help improve the natural environment around South Stoke for the benefit of all. We're proud of our wonderful parish and its natural environment and want it to be protected and improved.

Sustainable Didcot

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

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.

Sandford Talking Shop

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

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 (Newly established)

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.

