



DISTRICT FACTSHEETS

VALE OF WHITE HORSE



Picture: Stonehill Community Garden

OPPORTUNITIES IN VALE OF WHITE HORSE

Increasing the number of CAGs and level of activity

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

Potential for increased work on food sustainability

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 VALE OF WHITE HORSE CAG MEMBERS:

There are 14 active CAG members based in Vale of White Horse, representing approximately 13% of the network. Click on the group name to find out more about each group:

Abingdon Carbon Cutters

Established in 2008, the group works to support the community towards a low carbon lifestyle. They support a number of projects including Edible Abingdon, a repair cafe, and more

Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre One Planet Abingdon

An inspirational community hub run by volunteers, for the benefit of the people and the planet. They run a number of ongoing and varied events.

Abingdon Community Fridge

Fights food waste by redistributing surplus food from local businesses and members of the community.

Down to Earth Community Cafe

A warm and welcoming place to meet, eat and cook together. We create shared spaces for community cooking and training events with social inclusion and environmental sustainability at the heart of what we do and how we do it.

Green Appleton

We are a young organisation aiming to enhance and restore local habitats, encourage sustainable living and work across generations.

Greener Great Coxwell

inclusive, community solutions for de-carbonisation and ecological regeneration

CURRENT VALE OF WHITE HORSE CAG MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Hendreds Environment Group

Raising awareness around climate, environment and nature recovery in the Springline Villages

Oxford Wood Recycling

OWR has two key aims:

- 1) to relieve unemployment by providing jobs, work placements, training and volunteering opportunities for people whose circumstances, such as disability, mean that they are very often excluded from work and
- 2) to protect the natural environment by recycling and re-using waste wood and promoting the use of sustainably-produced timber.

Stonehill Community Gardens

Stonehill Community Garden offers groups or individuals the opportunity to get involved and learn about growing food, healthy eating, foraging and nature identification and care. They aim to bring people closer to nature and to share the joys of being outside and gardening together.

Sustainable Blewbury

Exist to explore ways in which we as a village can adapt to a low carbon and more sustainable way of living, while maintaining a good quality of life. SB places the highest priority on raising awareness of climate change and communicating urgently how it affects all our lives.

Sustainable Harwell

A community action group operating in Harwell village, working on sustainability projects including reducing waste and pollution.

Sustainable Shrivenham

Works with the community to provide information, workshops and other resources to help people reduce their food waste, reduce their single use plastic consumption, reduce their meat consumption, improve recycling and repairing instead of landfill use.

Sustainable Wantage

Focused on activities that protect and enhance our natural environment and strengthen our local community. We are run by volunteers interested in actions that have a positive impact and increase our resourcefulness and resilience as a community.

Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust - WeSET

Set up by members of the Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative and the Westmill Solar Co-operative. We deliver a wide range of initiatives, with the core being educational work: supporting local energy conservation; renewable energy initiatives; arts projects; and facilitating visits to the Westmill Wind Farm and Solar Park.

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