



DISTRICT FACTSHEETS

CHERWELL



Picture: Bridge Street Community Garden, Banbury

OPPORTUNITIES IN CHERWELL

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

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

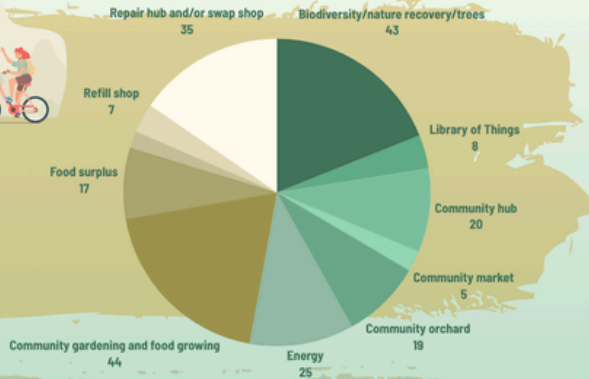
1:1 Member Support
Training and Workshops
Insurance Advice and Grants
Special Project Grants
Peer to Peer Support and Collaboration
Network and Partnership Development
Newsletters and Marketing Support

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 CHERWELL CAG MEMBERS:

THERE ARE 18 ACTIVE CAG MEMBERS BASED IN CHERWELL, REPRESENTING JUST OVER 15% OF THE NETWORK:

Banbury Community Action Group

Set up in 2013 to run free local community projects on food, waste, transport and energy. Projects include the Bridge Street Community Garden who run activities every week for groups and individuals to access local green space.

Bicester Green

A centre for skills, sustainability and second hand stuff. They operate by intercepting items that are destined for landfill and use them as a catalyst for learning in their workshops through skill sharing.

Biodiversity Bloxham

Aims to get local residents and families involved in making a more wildlife friendly village and considering the impact on the local environment.

Cherwell Collective

Empowering the community to reduce waste and lower our carbon footprint. Projects include the Cherwell Larder Marketplace, surplus cafe, Climatarian Kitchen, and by growing food for the community in Harvest @ Home and Waste Innovation Station, which directly repurposes nonfood

Deddington Environment Network

A local and growing community of residents and businesses who care about sustainability, climate change and biodiversity.

Elmsbrook Community Organisation

A community organisation encouraging residents to live a healthy, environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Grassroots Bicester

Established in October 2010 by a group of local residents who share a common interest in sustainability and community spirit.

Hook Norton Community Land Trust

Set up in June 2019 to enable the community to develop a small group of 12 affordable, sustainable homes that will enable local people in need of housing to remain living in the community of Hook Norton.

Hook Norton Low Carbon

Their purpose is to improve the energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint of the community by promoting the implementation of carbon reduction and renewable energy initiatives.

Incredible Edible Hooky

Working locally to build a sustainable future by creating a community inspired to grow, cultivate, cook and share locally produced produce.

Kidlington Abundance

Aims to reduce food waste by turning surplus fruit into a resource distributed freely to the community. They organise practical community events which encourage social interaction.

Kidlington Eco Group

Strictly speaking we're not so much a group, as a group of groups – a network of ecologically-minded organisations, agencies, and individuals working towards a greener Kidlington and world.

Keep Nethercote Rural

A campaign to not only prevent large scale development in the area but to also seek some protection for the area to preserve this area of countryside and the Banbury heritage that lies within for the future

Langford Orchard Group

A one-acre site in the middle of Bicester, restored by local volunteers.

Orinoco Banbury

Our mission is to banish boredom and save the planet using creativity and play to inspire the reuse of materials. Over its 25 year history, Orinoco has saved lorry loads of interesting resources from ending up in landfill.

Steeple Aston Community Orchard Group

The Steeple Aston Community Orchard on Water Lane is run by volunteers to take care of the garden which has been donated to the Parish.

Sustainable Duns Tew

Focuses on addressing some of the key environmental issues facing the local community. This includes carbon-footprint reduction, waste reduction, recycling, promoting the use of local resources, reducing food miles, biodiversity in the local area.

Sustainable Kirtlington

Set up in 2007 to explore ways of working towards sustainability in various aspects of the life of the community: energy-saving and energy-generation, local food production, sustainable transport, waste and recycling.

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