



# DISTRICT FACTSHEET

## OXFORD CITY



Picture: Tree Planting in Rose Hill

### OPPORTUNITIES IN OXFORD CITY

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

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

Expansion of the local circular economy

Expansion of the environmental intersection with the arts; using the arts as a tool for public engagement

Increased collaboration with Oxford City Council to maximise resources available to support local groups

Bridging or 'twinning' between urban and rural projects

Greater public engagement and awareness

## 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 OXFORD CITY CAG MEMBERS:

There are **43** active CAG members based in Oxford City and those who operate countywide, representing **40%** of the whole network.

### Abundance Oxford

A not-for-profit community harvesting, redistributing & preserving group.

### Barracks Lane Community Garden

Barracks Lane Community Garden is a green space at the heart of a vibrant community. The Garden Project has charitable status and is run by members of the local community.

### Broken Spoke Bike Co-op

A not-for-profit social enterprise started by people who are passionate about cycling. They offer workshop support, mechanics courses, cycle training, women's and transgender people only mechanics sessions, and an information hub.

### Bullington Community Association

The Bullington Community Association (BCA) is the home of Bullington Community Centre, where the health and well-being of the community is everyone's priority.

### Climate Collective Oxford

The aim is to establish a Climate Emergency Centre in central Oxford where the general public will be welcomed to learn more about the climate and nature emergency and what they can do to help mitigate its effects and to adapt to its impacts.

### Cyclox

Cyclox campaigns to put cycling at the heart of Oxford's future. Their mission is to get more people cycling, more often, and more safely.

### **East Oxford Farmers Market**

The East Oxford Farmers' & Community Market is a small, friendly local market that has been operating since 2006.

### **End Sewage Pollution mid-Thames**

Founded in July 2020, we are a community-lead group campaigning against sewage pollution of our rivers.

### **Flo's: The Place in the Park**

Flo's the Place in the Park is a community hub in Florence Park. They aim to build better opportunities for the community to work, eat, play, learn and connect with each other, reducing inequalities and supporting the environment.

### **Hinksey Trail Regeneration**

The Hinksey Heights Nature Trail is a privately-owned permissive path connecting Chilswell Valley and Harcourt Hill. The Nature Reserve, covering more than 12 hectares, is home to diverse wildlife and has been designated an Oxfordshire County Wildlife Site since 2000.

### **Hogacre Eco Common Park**

Hogacre Common is a fourteen acre site less than a mile from the centre of Oxford. Bounded by streams on three sides and only accessible by foot, it features field, woodland and aquatic habitats and hosts low carbon community activities and events.

### **Local Environment Action Flo Park (LEAF)**

LEAF work on projects including thermal imaging and energy saving advice; campaigning against air pollution and bee-friendly wildflower planting projects.

### **Low Carbon East Oxford**

Low Carbon East Oxford is a grassroots community group made up of residents of east Oxford who have come together with the collective aim of reducing the carbon emissions of our local area to help tackle the climate crisis.

### **Low Carbon Oxford North**

Low Carbon Oxford North (LCON) is a charity set up by local residents to support ambitious CO2 cuts through local action. They work with the community, offering practical ideas, information and activities, to help address the climate crisis.

### **Low Carbon South Oxford**

LCSO is a community group established in 2011 which aims to help South Oxford residents, groups and organisations work together to reduce their carbon footprint; raise awareness of environmental issues; and move towards more environmentally sustainable ways of living and working.

### **Low Carbon West Oxford**

Set up after the summer floods of 2007 by residents concerned about climate change. It's a community-led initiative which aims to combat climate change by cutting community carbon dioxide emissions by 80% by 2050, encouraging residents to live more sustainably, and contributing to a more cohesive and resilient community.

### **Makespace Oxford**

Transform empty and underused buildings into affordable, community-driven spaces

### **Marston Community Gardening**

Marston Community Gardening (MCG) was established in June 2018 with a view to supporting and fostering local engagement in gardening, planting, and related activities that support environmental and ecological sustainability and enhance community life.

### Orinoco (Oxford and 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.

### Oxford City Farm

Oxford City Farm has a vision of empowered communities learning and working together to produce food locally and live healthy, enriched and sustainable lives.

### Oxford Co-Housing

Oxford CoHousing is a group of people who wish to build and live in an intentional community. They hope to build a community of mixed dwellings and tenures, of between 20-40 units, for any age or stage of life, with shared facilities to encourage neighbourliness and mutual support.

### Oxford Community Action

We help minority communities gain representation in civic society.

We work together on a grassroots level with community leaders.

We address systemic and structural inequalities.

### Oxford Conservation Volunteers

Oxford Conservation Volunteers is a voluntary organisation that carries out practical work conserving the wildlife and traditional landscape of the Oxford area.

### Oxford Food Surplus Cafe

The Oxford Food Surplus Café is a welcoming, friendly space for people to meet and eat together. They aim to help redress the imbalance in our food system by reclaiming surplus food and transforming it into healthy meals

### Oxford Greenprint

A workers' co-op providing eco-friendly print services to Oxford and beyond.

### Oxgrow

Oxgrow is a transformed waste land in the heart of Oxford that has been turned into a thriving food garden. It is open to everyone.

### Oxford IT Bank

Inspired by the need for laptops for remote learning during the pandemic, Oxford IT Bank is like a food bank for tech, getting old devices that are sitting on a shelf somewhere cleaned up and passed on to those who would benefit from them.

### Oxford Poetry Library

Oxford Poetry Library is a pedal-powered mobile poetry library which aims to be a free and open resource of poetry for readers of all backgrounds, tastes, and ages.

### Oxford Urban Wildlife Group

Oxford Urban Wildlife Group (OUWG) manages Boundary Brook Nature Reserve, a secluded haven for Oxford wildlife, located just steps away from Larkrise and St Gregory's schools, the East Ward allotments, and Florence Park.

### Oxfordshire Community Land Trust Ltd

We make land work for people and planet, not profit, increasing the availability of high-quality, sustainable, and permanently affordable housing.

### Parasol Project

The Parasol Project is an Oxford based play charity established in 1991. We are committed to redressing the balance for disabled and disadvantaged children and young people experiencing, or at risk of, social exclusion.

### Refill Oxford

Refill works by connecting people with locations where they can eat, drink and shop with less waste.

### Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon

RHILC aims to make Rose Hill the first zero carbon estate in the country. They work on zero carbon projects, repair cafes and food sustainability.

### SESI Refill

We are a social enterprise based in Oxfordshire which supplies sustainable detergents to shops, farmers markets, cooperatives and charity organisations.

### SHARE Oxford

SHARE Oxford is a key part of the circular economy in Oxford. They run a Library of Things and Repair Cafes.

South Oxford Farmers and Community Market  
The market is an initiative of Low Carbon South Oxford, offering local and ethically sourced goods.

### Syrian Community Oxfordshire

Our objective is to improve the quality of life for people in the community by providing high-quality, effective mental health and well-being activities.

### Tandem Collective

Tandem Collective's mission is to influence positive change towards social justice and environmental sustainability through arts and creativity.

### The Children's Allotment

The Children's Allotment is a cooperative that transformed a previously disused plant nursery into a beautiful educational space for families to be outside and connect with nature.

### The Nature Effect

The Nature Effect is a catalyst for personal, professional and community transformation that draws inspiration from the natural world.

### Transition by Design

A design collective at the junction of architecture, strategic design and social change.

### Transition Lighthouse Empowerment Space

Therapeutic healing and recovery for lived traumatic experiences for African diaspora communities on FGM, Domestic abuse, Covid 19 and Black Lives Matter impact.

### Wolvercote Community Market

Wolvercote Community Market is a non profit-making, volunteer-run market which encourages the community and visitors to enjoy fresh, affordable, low-impact food from local producers.

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