

Pop-up Repair Cafe

Waste Prevention Initiative

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Repair Cafes

- Repair Cafes are community events that help people repair their broken items which:
 - Saves them money,
 - Reduces the impact of disposal and making a new product on the environment
 - Builds skills and confidence to encourage more repair
- Lots of ways of running the events, the main things you need are:
 - Venue
 - Volunteers (with some repair skills not necessarily experts)
 - Tea & enthusiasm
 - Some kind of organisational support

Buckinghamshire Repair Cafes

- 9/10 regular Repair Cafes across the County
- Very different approaches at each one, run by charities, community groups and other organisations.
- Waste Prevention Team offers support in terms of finance, resources promotion & advice
- Our contractors (FCC) who run the Household Recycling Centres have a dedicated education officer who has led Pop-up Repair cafes. With staff volunteering and FCC funding room hire & equipment.

Buckingham Pop-up Repair Cafe

- We want to run a Pop-up Repair Café in Buckingham to try and be the catalyst for a regular event run by the community.
- Proposal is for FCC to coordinate the event, with support from Buckinghamshire Council and the local Community Board.
- It would be a chance for local volunteers to get involved without planning the whole event.
- It would also introduce the concept to the local area and indicate what appetite there would be for a regular event.

How we can work together

- We would love to involve the Community Board at the beginning.
- It would help recruit volunteers, promote the event and increase the chances that a regular event could be held.
- Next Steps
 - Understand the support from the CB and meet with interested members
 - Set a date for an event
 - Work with FCC to plan for the event
 - Review the first event and look at future plans with or without Council/FCC support.