

Circular Renfrewshire

Signposting local projects and services
that reuse, repair, mend and share



Renfrewshire
Climate Action
Network



Reuse, Repair, Mend & Share in Renfrewshire

In a '[circular economy](#)', waste is avoided through more resourceful production and consumption, keeping materials and resources in circulation.

Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub has put together this booklet to signpost projects, initiatives, businesses and facilities in Renfrewshire that support a circular economy.

- Community Repair Initiatives
- Libraries of Things
- Slow Fashion and Textile Upcycling Projects
- Community Bike Projects
- Surplus Food Redistribution and Growing Spaces
- Men's Sheds and Furniture Restoration
- Free Giveaways, Charity Shops and Online Marketplaces
- Repair & Reuse Shops and Services
- Renfrewshire Council Recycling Information
- Online Resources: circular economy information, practical repair guides and more

Beyond the projects listed here, [Renfrewshire Climate Action Network](#)'s website has a range of resources, a members list and map created integrated in [ALISS - A Local Information System for Scotland](#).

We strive to regularly update this booklet as needed and add any other relevant projects. So please do get in touch with any comments, questions, suggestions and updates.

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Look out for these logos in participating projects!

Community Share & Repair

A range of projects supporting repair, reuse, upcycling, lending and more

Community Repair Initiatives

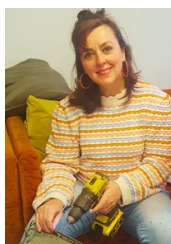
Projects which often will offer repairs and repair guidance for free or low cost

- **Care & Repair.** Free advice, repairs and practical assistance to people who are older or have disabilities and live in Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. Find out more on [Care & Repair's website](#).
- **E-Quality Access Project, Pachedu.** Reducing digital poverty by collecting, refurbishing, and redistributing unused laptops, smartphones and tablets. Donate unused devices to your local Renfrewshire library. **Contact:** esther.misajel@pachedu.org
- **Gryffe Repair Cafe. Creating A Sustainable Gryffe, Bridge of Weir.** Hosted on the second Saturday of the month, 12 - 3pm, Gryffe Repair Cafe exists to repair household items and textiles, and share repair skills. Hosted by Creating A Sustainable Gryffe. Follow [their Facebook page](#) for updates. [Gryffe Repair Cafe website](#).
- **Fix & Mend. LEAP, Lochwinnoch.** Hosted by RenCAN Hub monthly on Wednesdays, 6-9pm as a community repair drop-in with limited capacity. Check out the [RenCAN website](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for updates.

Libraries of Things

Libraries of tools and other items

- **Barshaw Tool Library.** [Friends of Barshaw Park](#), Paisley. To borrow garden tools for free, join the [Tool Library](#) as a member.
- **Howwood Hire Hub.** [Friends of Howwood Park](#). A [Tool Library](#) for Howwood residents.
- **Renfrewshire Libraries.** [OneRen](#) operate 12 libraries in Bishopton, Foxbar, Lochwinnoch, Bridge of Weir, Glenburn, Paisley Central, Erskine, Johnstone, Ralston, Ferguslie, Linwood and Renfrew offering book lending, digital suites, activities, areas for children, and [Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(WEEE\) recycling banks](#).
- **Lend & Mend Hubs.** Some [Scottish Libraries](#) offer free use of sewing machines, overlockers and hand sewing and embroidery equipment. The closest participating libraries are Kilbirnie Library, North Ayrshire, and [South West Library Greenock, Inverclyde](#).



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Slow Fashion and Textile Upcycling Projects

Community projects teaching sewing, mending and slow fashion creation skills.

- **ReMode, Paisley.** Textile mending and embroidery workshops, swap events, sustainable textile design, slow fashion and local heritage. Many of their workshops are aimed at young people up to 25 years old. Find out about their programme on [ReMode's website](#) and follow them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).
- **Sewing2gether All Nations, Paisley.** Charity providing sewing & creative upcycling workshops, language cafes, life skill training and practical support to refugees and asylum seekers. Support them through donations and by buying products in their shop in Mossvale Church. They offer bespoke sewing and creative skills workshops - please [email](#) for cost and availability. Follow [Sewing2gether All Nations](#) on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



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Community Bike Projects

Offering bicycle maintenance and repair training, bike repairs and second hand sales to help to get you on your bike.

- **Own Yer Bike, Ferguslie Park.** Bicycle maintenance and repair training and selling affordable bikes, especially for young people. Follow [Own Yer Bike's Facebook page](#) for updates.
- **Kustom Kruizers, Renfrew.** Community bicycle building project that teaches youth and young adults and sells affordable bikes. Follow [Kustom Kruizers' Facebook page](#)



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Did you know that Renfrewshire has one of Scotland's best long-distance cycle networks?
Find out more in the [Cycling in Renfrewshire booklet](#).

Surplus Food Redistribution and Growing Spaces

Community food pantries redistribute surplus food from supermarkets and reduce food waste. Some of them also have food growing spaces and community composting facilities.

- **Emergency food provision from Renfrewshire Foodbank.** You can access an emergency 3-day food parcel from Renfrewshire Foodbank, available for individuals and families who are in need.
Advice Works: 0300 300 1238 // Citizens Advice Bureau: 0141 8892121
- **Darkwood Crew's Community Market.** Held on Thursdays in the Tannahill Centre, open to anyone who needs it. The Tannahill Centre also has a food growing space. Read more on the [Darkwood Crew's website](#).
Tannahill Centre, 76 Blacktown Road, Paisley, PA3 1NT // 07780 437578
- **Lochwinnoch Community Larder.** Distribution of surplus food to Larder members. Tuesdays 10am - 2pm, Thursdays 10am - 2pm, Saturdays 10:30am - 1pm. The Larder also has a community fridge accessible 24/7, a food growing space and a community composting facility. Follow the [Larder's Facebook page](#) for updates.
Lochhead Avenue, Lochwinnoch, PA12 4AW // communitylarder@myleaproject.org
- **STAR Pantry Plus.** Dignified food service provision, food growing space and community composting facility.
STAR Project 12-14 Wallace Street, Paisley, United Kingdom // 0141 889 5850.
Follow the [STAR Pantry Plus's Facebook page](#) for updates.
- **Active Communities Pantry, Station 7.** Community food pantry in Johnstone, open on Wednesdays, with adjacent food growing space.
info@activecommunities.co.uk // 7 Quarry St, Johnstone PA5 8DY

Cost of Living Crisis: For anyone struggling to cope, [Engage Renfrewshire](#) has put together [Food, Fuel & Finance resources](#).

Why not grow your own food, and access fresh produce for free or a donation?

Have a look if there are community growing spaces or allotments close to you at [Renfrewshire Growing Grounds Forum](#) and [Renfrewshire Allotments Online](#).



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Reclaimed Wood, Furniture & Fittings

Woodworking and furniture community initiatives and businesses

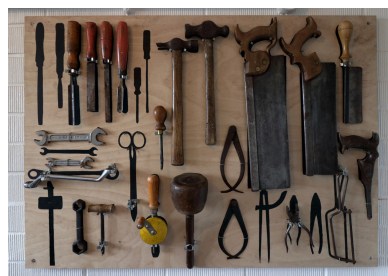
Men's Sheds

Many [Men's Sheds](#) will use mostly upcycled and donated materials - the perfect place to learn about remaking and woodworking over a cup of tea and a blether.

- **Houston & Killellan Kirk Men's Shed.** Members meet on a weekly basis to work on projects for themselves and the community, learn new skills or brush up on old ones. West Halls, Main Street, Houston // mensshed.houstonkirk@gmail.com Follow [Houston & Killellan Kirk Men's Shed's Facebook page](#).
- **Lochwinnoch Men's Shed.** Group of like-minded individuals who like to share ideas, develop skills and pursue projects. Lochhead Avenue, Lochwinnoch, United Kingdom // lochwinnochshed@gmail.com. Follow [their Facebook page](#).
- **Paisley Men's Shed.** Open Tuesdays 11am - 1pm and Thursdays 12pm - 3pm; supported by the STAR Project, their staff and resources. Grounds of St Mirren's Football Club, 12-14 Wallace Street, Paisley, PA3 1RU 0141 889 5850 // paisleymensshed@star-project.org.uk Follow [Paisley Men's Shed's Facebook page](#).
- **Renfrew Men's Shed.** Launched in 2023, and runs workshops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Anderson Business Centre, Renfrew // developmentRDT@outlook.com Follow [Renfrew Men's Shed's Facebook page](#).



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Restoring Furniture and Fittings

Projects restoring or upcycling worn or damaged furniture

- **Restoration & Creation.** Business offering furniture restoration and craft workshops and a range of upcycled and restored items in their shop or at the monthly [Brown's Lane Market](#). 8 Browns Lane, Paisley PA1 2JH Find out more on [Restoration & Creation's website](#).

Giveaways and pre-loved sales

Buy or source specific second hand items

Free Giveaways

There are a many local online groups to give away and receive free items from private individuals. You can also download the [Olio App](#) for free giveaways and second hand sales.

- [Brilliant Bartering \(Renfrewshire and Inverclyde\)](#)
- [Bridge of Weir Upcycle](#)
- [The Darkwood Crew](#) posts up items to give away in Ferguslie Park
- [Free Paisley](#) - Paisley-based giveaway group
- [Freebay Paisley](#), Foxbar, Glenburn, Hunterhill etc.
- [Free for Johnstone](#)
- [Linwood Free Upcycle](#)
- [Free for Renfrew](#)
- [Foxbar Community Garden & Environmental Projects Group](#) host swap events

Buying Pre-loved Items

Buying second hand items often gets you good deals, and helps reduce waste.

- [Charity shops](#) in Paisley, Johnstone, Linwood, Bridge of Weir and elsewhere
- [Renfrew Market & Car Boot Sale](#). Fridays 8am-1pm, 1 Western Park Gate, Renfrew PA4 9EF

For specific items, try **online groups** where people sell on items locally: [Facebay Renfrewshire, Paisley & Surroundings](#), [Buy & Sell in Beith](#), [Lochwinnoch](#), [Kilbarchan](#), [Johnstone & Howwood](#) and others.

A note of caution: Unlike official traders, online marketplaces are often not regulated.

Check out these [considerations for staying safe online](#) when buying or selling items privately.



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Repair & Reuse Shops and Services

Businesses that repair items, refill or source upcycled and reused items.

Refill and Zero Waste Shops

- [Barnhill Farm Shop](#) offers refills of reusable milk bottles.
- [Rainbow Turtle](#). Fairtrade shop and education charity in the heart of Paisley offering refills of many cleaning products and selling many eco and upcycled items from around the world. 7 Gauze St, Paisley PA1 1EP
- [McQueens Dairies](#) will deliver milk and oat milk to your door in reusable bottles, and collect your used bottles.
- [The Green Herbalist](#) offers a range of Zero Waste Products and refills. Open Fri / Sat (see Facebook page). 3 Main St, Lochwinnoch PA12 4AH

Repair Services

- [Andy's Domestic Appliances Services](#). Repairs washing machines & tumble dryers. 28 Huntersfield Rd, Johnstone, PA5 8PP. 07808 902841
- [Drums & Hoses](#). Washing machine, tumble dryer, oven and vacuum cleaner repairs. Renfrewshire and surrounding areas. 0330 0431 180
- **EHIF Services**. Vacuum cleaner repairs. 16 Manor Park Ave, Paisley PA2 9BF. 07711 027657
- [ibitz](#). Mobile & computer product repairs. 62 High Street, Johnstone PA5 8SG United Kingdom, 01505 331900
- [IT Repair All](#). Tech repair business. flat 3/2, 46 Canal St, Renfrew PA4 8QD.
- [IT Repair Phone & PC](#). 61 High Street, Paisley PA1 2AS // 0141 328 2049
- [O'Neill's Services](#). Shoe and watch repair. The Piazza Centre, 43B Central Rd, Paisley PA1 1EL // 0141 848 0007
- [Paisley Paslode Repair](#). Repairs and services nailguns. Workshop, 67 Foxbar Crescent, Paisley, PA2 0RL
- **R Brown & Co. Shoe Repair**. 10 Houstoun Square, Johnstone PA5 8DT. 01505 320124
- **Tech Doctor Paisley**. Mobile phone repair. 20 High St, Paisley PA1 2BS. 0141 237 5148

Bicycle Repair Shops

- [Cycle Lane Johnstone](#). 3 Collier St, Johnstone PA5 8AR. 01505 335551
- **Decathlon Braehead**. Old Govan Rd, Renfrew PA4 8XJ.
- **Dooleys Cycles**. 58 Causeyside St., Paisley PA1 1YW. 0141 889 6090
- [Sprocket & Hubs](#). Mobile Bicycle Repairs. Serves Erskine and nearby areas. Torran Dr, Erskine PA8 7EA. 07563 995486
- [PG Bike Services](#). 11 Braemar Road, Inchinnan, PA4 9PS. 07410 382545

This list is not exhaustive, and we do not endorse any particular businesses.

Renfrewshire Council recycling services

If it's not practical to repair, upcycle or reduce an item, dispose of it safely in the correct bin or at the Recycling Centre.

What can go in your bins and rubbish sacks?

[Renfrewshire Council's website](#) has the most up-to-date information.

- **Grey bin:** Your grey bin is for rubbish that cannot be recycled, also called 'general waste'. If you have clinical / medical waste, do not put it in your grey bin. Email us at mybins@renfrewshire.gov.uk or phone us on 0300 300 0300 to discuss your options.
- **Blue bin:** Your blue bin is for paper and cardboard.
- **Green bin:** Your green bin is for plastics, cans, and glass.
- **Brown bin:** Your brown bin is for garden waste and food waste.

Unofficial app for Renfrewshire's bin collection service: <https://bins.ren>

Recycling Centres

Renfrewshire's Recycling Centres are open 7 days a week, from 8am to 6pm (last entry 5:45pm). You can find current information on [Renfrewshire Council's Website](#).

- Erskine, Barrhill Road, PA8 6BU
- Johnstone, Miller Street, PA5 8HP
- Linwood, Middleton Road, PA3 3DP
- Paisley, Underwood Road, PA3 1TL
- Renfrew, Haining Road, PA4 0AJ.



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Online resources

Information about a circular economy - including how-to repair guides, textile upcycling and mending techniques and much more.

What is a Circular Economy?

- [Circular Economy | Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#). Packed with resources about circular economy principles and implementations.
- [The Story of Stuff Project](#). US-based organisation providing accessible information on circularity principles in manufacture and consumption
- [Open Repair Alliance](#). International group of organisations working towards a world where electrical and electronic products are more durable and easier to repair

Circular Scotland

Organisations and networks working on policy changes in Scotland

- [Zero Waste Scotland](#). Scotland's circular economy public body
- [Share & Repair Network Scotland](#). Supports and represents a network of sharing libraries and repair projects across Scotland
- [Circular Communities Scotland](#). Representing charities and social enterprises that support Scotland's circular economy

Practical repair guides

Online repositories, guides and tutorials to fix and mend many items

- [ifixit](#). Online repair manuals
- [Repair What You Wear](#). Textile repair resources
- [RepairWiki](#). Repository of information to repair any kind of device
- [Restart Project](#). How-to repair manuals; campaigns for the Right to Repair
- [Sewing2gether All Nations](#). Make Do & Mend online tutorials

If you know of any useful resources we have not included here, please get in touch:
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