

Zero Waste Sedbergh

October saw Sedbergh's very first Repair Café take place at the People's Hall. I am extremely grateful to Sedbergh Community Trust, who funded this as a one-off event. The fix-it group Simply Repair South Lakes brought their sewing machines and toolkits, and we spent an enjoyable afternoon repairing items once destined for the bin. Included in the day's successes were a set of bathroom scales, two winter coats, a toy battery-powered train, and some jeans with a bust zip.

The session was attended by many more people than I was expecting, demonstrating the support such a group might enjoy on a regular basis. Which is what I envisage happening in Sedbergh: I would like to make this a bi-monthly event, where people can come along, enjoy a brew and a catch up, repair a broken vase, and maybe even learn a new skill (I can now darn my own socks!). And, whilst it was wonderful to have the Simply Repair team come and show us how to run a repair workshop, I don't see any need to hire in an external group another time. I believe Sedbergh must have enough skilled people right here.

So this is very much a call to action! I need sewers, fixers, electricians, handymen and handywomen to contact me and volunteer their services. They don't need to be professionals or hold qualifications, but they must be experienced and confident in most small tasks within their specialism. They will also be able to refer clients to professional fixers if they deem that a more appropriate action for a particular item. I am contactable via the website: zerowastesedbergh.com or by phone 0783 3534 710

Huge thanks must go to the team who helped with refreshments, both contributing towards them, and serving them! If you would like to help with refreshments at future events, or with setting up the room, please also get in touch.

Thank you

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