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November Newsletter

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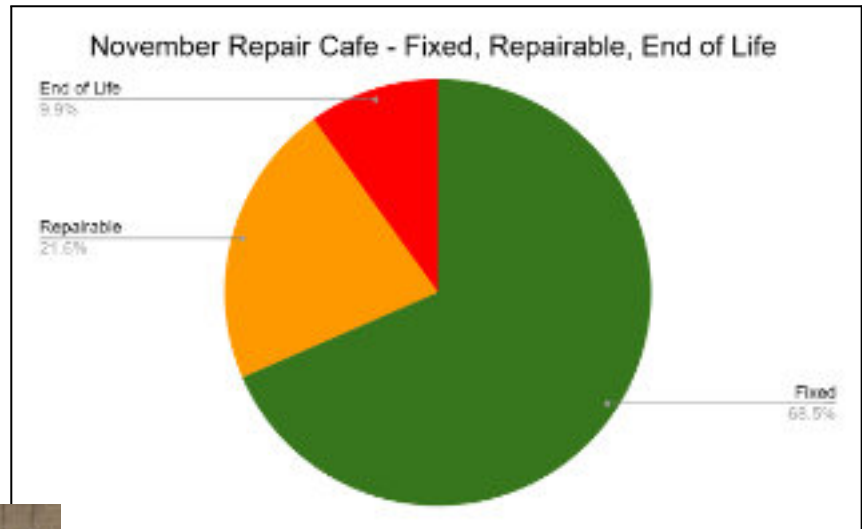


Repair Cafe!



November Results

- 255 Visitors
- 76 items fixed, nearly 70%
- Amazing team of volunteers



Ideas for Future Projects



Maidstone CAN is inviting members and the wider community to help shape the future of our neighbourhoods and environment. This is your chance to share the projects you care about and the issues or areas you feel need more attention.

Whether it's improving your local area, protecting nature or tackling climate change, we want to hear what matters to you. No idea is too small - every idea counts! Your input will help us identify key priorities and create a project bank to match with future funding opportunities.

[Share your idea here](#)

We would also like your feedback on our current projects and work, please add your thoughts to this very short survey, your comments will be most helpful.

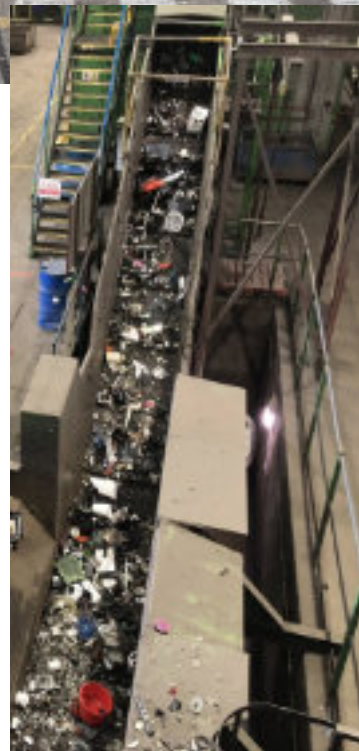
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Visit to Sweep Kuusakoski

The factory in Sittingbourne deals with 28% of the UK's electrical recycling.

At its £5m plant it dismantles and sorts using the ring crusher, magnets, AI, and manual sorting to ensure the maximum amount of material can be recycled. [Sign up for the next visit.](#)



Litterpickers testing the Water - September

"Maidstone CAN Litterpickers were Water Testing for you too."

On Sunday September 21st, Maidstone CAN held an extra special combined Litterpick and Water Testing event. 9 litterpickers met at 10:00 outside the Lockmeadow Market Hall, Maidstone, ME16 8LW.

The small group of Litterpickers set off along the river walk toward Tovil and collected over 5 bags of mixed recycling and waste material. Then using the testing kits provided by FreshwaterWatch we were able to test the River Medway for Nitrates and Phosphates. Using the brilliant app provided we could, not only, pin point exactly where we were testing, but provide written descriptions of the environment and upload photos. Amazing!

Many thanks to Steven, Nick, Karina, Clara, Jackson, Lottie, Enzo, Antonio and Vincent for all your help with this event.

[Click here for the results](#)



181st Anniversary of rail service to Maidstone West Station

To mark 200 years since the introduction of the modern railway, Maidstone Climate Action Network offered our congratulations and celebrated the 181st anniversary of rail service to Maidstone West Station by presenting a framed poster to Kent Community Rail Partnership.



Maidstone West station opened in 1844 as the terminus of a single-track branch line from Paddock Wood, built by the South Eastern Railway. The line was extended to Strood in 1856, completing the Medway Valley Line, which was electrified to Maidstone West in 1939. Maidstone CAN look forward to an exciting future with our adopted station: Maidstone West.

Litterpicking

Sunday 28th September

Maidstone CAN made some new friends today and we hope they will return. As can be seen we had another good haul of recyclable and general waste from along the banks of the River Medway toward the bridge and round behind the law courts.



Come and join us! We meet at 10:00 outside the Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone ME16 8LW and usually finish around 11:30. Check our website or Facebook for details.

Southeastern in Bloom July - September 2025

The new station adoption team at Maidstone West participated in the 2025 Southeastern in Bloom event for the first time.

After some initial work in the Triangular Garden to encourage more pollinators to take up residence the space is beginning to bloom with new shades and forms. We are planning to create an improved and more biodiverse environment in the future. Time will tell.



Community Gardening

The Allington Community Gardeners make an excellent start on the development of wildlife friendly borders at Allington Library. This is one of a number of opportunities to get involved with 'letting nature do it's thing' around Maidstone. The team are contactable on Facebook - Allington Community Gardeners.



Barming Bulb Planting

4000 daffodil bulbs were planted by a local community team in Burns Road, Barming. The deputy mayor, Brian Clark, lent a hand and young and old got involved. Contact the team via Maidstone CAN.



Repair Cafe Teams Celebrate!

Hosted by the Great Danes & funded by Enfinium, an Afternoon Tea was attended by 97 volunteers from 7 of our local Repair Cafes. A great opportunity to celebrate the 1000s of repairs we do, the environmental benefits we make and build the friendships between the Repair Cafe teams.



Events Coming Up

REPAIR CAFE

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Small & medium electricals, Bicycles, Jewellery,
Craft & general repairs, Furniture & wooden objects,
Clothing & textiles, Computers & IT, Toys.

Tea, Coffee and Cake
AND ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

Next Event 8th November

8th November, 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, ME15 8LH
Hosted by Bearsted CAN.

Throw it away! No Way!
Repair It!



THE WORLD
WE WANT

Bearsted CAN The World We Want - Bors Hulesch
Wednesday 12th November, 7:00pm, Holy Cross Church, Bearsted ME14 4EE.

Bors is one of the most eloquent and charismatic voices in the Climate Movement, with an incisive grasp of the science behind the unfolding crisis, where it is taking us and what we need to do to mitigate and prepare.

This talk is offered as an antidote to the doom and gloom that many of us can feel about the Climate and Ecological emergency.



Annual General Meeting
Monday 24th November 19:30 to 21:00

Venue:
Maidstone Community Support Centre
39-48 Marsham Street, Maidstone ME14 1HH

All welcome to our annual general meeting. We will be carrying out a review of the year, looking forward to 2026 and voting for members of the committee for next year.



Litter Picking Sunday 30th November

10:00am at Market Hall Lockmeadow

We will cover the area around Lockmeadow and along the river. Bags and equipment are provided.

Repair Cafe 2026 Dates

🔧 3rd Jan 🔧 7th Feb 🔧 4th Apr 🔧 2nd May 🔧 6th Jun 🔧
🔧 4th Jul 🔧 1st Aug 🔧 5th Sept 🔧 7th Nov 🔧



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