

SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK IMPACT REPORT 2022-2025

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WELCOME

Thank you for taking the time to consider Scotland's Share and Repair Network Impact Report.

We're pleased to collate this report at a time when sharing and repairing has reached new heights of social, political and environmental significance. In 2024, Scotland passed its innovative Circular Economy Act with the support of the network and many of our members.

Established in 2022, the Share and Repair Network has enabled significant growth in sharing and repairing in Scotland, supporting a more circular economy in the process.

This report will set out the extent to which our original objectives have been achieved and provide insight into our learning and a vision for the future. Appendices provide further in-depth information.

Evidence shows that the Network has been effective in supporting the steady and significant growth and development of the community-based share and repair sector. Since 2022 the number of active projects in the Network has grown from 22 to 83 – a growth rate of 277% (November 2024).

The Network has been invaluable to many members; its services and resources have been well used and had demonstrable positive impact. Overall findings show that there is a continuing need for such a network to encourage and promote the many and varied organisations involved in sharing and repairing in Scotland.

We trust you will be inspired by seeing the value and positive impact of the Network over the last three years.



Michael Cook
Chief Executive
Officer



Jane Owens
Share and Repair
Network Coordinator

Without the Network
we would not have
the support that has
helped us develop.

**Member Survey
August 2024**



NETWORK AIM

To support existing,
and to encourage the
establishment of new,
sharing libraries and repair
projects across the
country

NETWORK OBJECTIVES

- Support and encourage new starts
- Enable established projects to grow their impact and become financially sustainable
- Stimulate an increase in sharing and repairing behaviours
- Positively impact the environment, with a marked social and economic benefit

PARTNERS AND PLAYERS

The Share and Repair Network is made up of a wide range of organisations and supporting partners with the common vision to see a more sustainable future for Scotland:

- Network partners **Edinburgh Tool Library** and **Edinburgh Remakery** supported and guided setting up of the Network.
- The Member Advisory Group members have changed each year and bring insight from their own experience.
- Coordination and delivery of the Network project has been undertaken by a dedicated member of staff working 28 hours per week. (Emma Erwin to September 2023. Jane Owens from September 2023).

Most important are the individual members who make up the Network. From the Highlands to the Borders there is a range of exciting activities taking place. The geographical spread can be seen from our **members map**.

Member organisations vary in scope, scale, and service offering: from those run solely by volunteers, others with part-time staff, to bigger organisations with multi-skilled teams.

The common thread is that each organisation is there to make a difference in their communities, having environmental and social justice at their core.

Chris Hellowell



Partner Perspective

At the planning stages of the Network, founding partner Edinburgh Tool Library wanted to share their learning with others. They called on Edinburgh Remakery to advise on the repair aspects of the fledgling network. CEO Chris Hellowell from Edinburgh Tool Library told us that 'At the start there were about 15 projects throughout Scotland that we were involved with, and we felt there was a real potential for growth. We have been able to help in writing the guides and contributing to workshops.

Having The Edinburgh Remakery as the other partner gave us a wide knowledge base and we have found the Network invaluable in giving us validation when we speak to funders. We aren't just a lone project, but we can say we are part of something far bigger with others doing this kind of thing'.

Elaine Brown CEO of the Edinburgh Remakery added that 'as a partner for the Share and Repair Network we hoped the Network would be a source of information and support wherever people were on the journey, and I feel we have achieved all that and more'.

Elaine Brown



WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS THE NETWORK MADE?

Members have been regularly surveyed on how the Network has helped them, and what we could learn and improve on. Feedback has been gathered at each of our events and from the ongoing individual conversations with the network coordinator.

Monitoring and evaluation have been ongoing, with a questionnaire sent to members in August 2024 to gain a more robust overview, summarised in this report.

114 organisations are network members

83 active projects

107 people received 1-to-1 support

72 organisations have attended training or other events

24 in-person project visits have been made by the Network Co-ordinator

16 groups have shared knowledge and experience at Network events

15 groups have contributed to the Advisory Group

191 individuals are active users of the members area of our website



OUTCOMES FOR MEMBERS (Member Survey August 2024)

Increased motivation

Good practice implemented

Organisations gained enormously

Development of projects

Growth in confidence

Needs were met

Implemented changes well

Projects' work was promoted

Volunteers and staff developed

REPORTING ON THE SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK OBJECTIVES

NEW START SUPPORT

SET UP GUIDES

The written guides on 'How to Set up a Repair Project' and 'How to Set up a Sharing Library' include case studies and downloadable template documents. They have provided a valuable step-by-step reference guide to sharing and repair projects starting out.

I was able to immediately use the guide to create a risk assessment for my library, a membership and disclaimer form and a repair procedure .

Member Survey
August 2024

SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK

SETTING UP YOUR GROUP

SHARING LIBRARY SET UP GUIDE

DECIDING UPON YOUR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

BUILDING YOUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER SKILLS

GUIDE TO SETTING UP A REPAIR PROJECT

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

SET UP GUIDES

71% found them very useful

29% found them quite useful

Excellent resources & excellent information.

Member Survey August 2024

TIP FROM A SHARING LIBRARY: Make sure you have a solid core of reliable volunteers - and that everyone has a role they're happy with. Work on building community among the volunteers and around the project - Tools are important but it's the people that make it!

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REPORTING ON THE SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK OBJECTIVES

GROWING IMPACT

ONE-TO-ONE ADVICE

An important aspect of the Circular Communities Scotland Coordinator's role is being available to guide and support new projects and more established projects through individual one-to-one advice and guidance. A wide variety of topics are raised, each requiring a bespoke response enhancing the ability of the projects to grow and develop.

In the initial phase [of project set up] they gave us confidence by discussing how the project runs in practice, and provided support with necessary paperwork.

Member Survey
August 2024

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

ONE-TO-ONE ADVICE

70%

found it
very useful

30%

found it
quite useful

CASE STUDY

Supporting Growth

Inverness Tool Library

Inverness Tool Library (formerly Clachworks) first approached the network for support in 2022 and were able to launch their Tool Library in 2023. Staff and volunteers have since regularly attended network training and events.

In their first year (April 2023 - March 2024) they made 397 loans. By November of year two they surpassed 700 loans and have seen a growth in membership to 100 active members.



The Share and Repair Network has been a huge source of support and knowledge for us. We have faced a number of hurdles in getting Clachworks up and running but the support we have been given, from linking us with Transition Stirling for peer support, to having an accessible network of organisations to contact for best practice advice, has made it all a little easier to navigate. The Share and Repair Network is our first point of contact for any issue or ideas we want to run through for new projects, and we have never been let down.

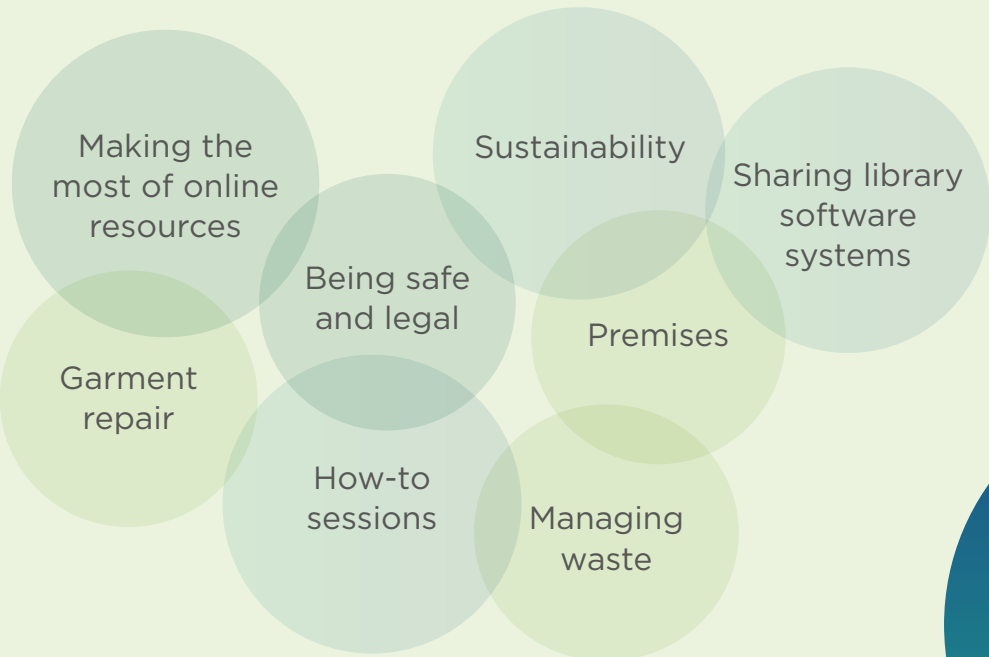
Lisa Wardlow (former) Volunteer Coordinator, Clachworks.



TRAINING AND NETWORKING EVENTS

The Network has delivered quarterly networking and training activities covering specialist topics including insurance and venue costs, and more general sessions on 'How to Set Up a Tool Library' and 'How to Set up a Sharing Library'.

A catalogue of sector expertise now exists for members. Recordings of all online events and associated links and advice are available on the website.



MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

TRAINING AND NETWORKING EVENTS

77%

found them very useful

23%

found them quite useful

The information provided helped us to fill in the gaps in our plans, signpost potential challenges and benefit from others' experience.

Member Survey
August 2024

PAT Certification

Best practice for sharing or repairing electrical equipment requires Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) to ensure electrical equipment is safe to use and prevent accidents and injuries.

PAT training to be certified has been accessed by 22 member projects with 52 people completing training.

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

PAT TESTING TRAINING

86%

found it very useful

9%

found it quite useful

TRAINING AND NETWORKING EVENTS

The Gathering

Each year the Network has hosted a gathering in Stirling for share and repair projects. These events provided opportunities for in-person learning, networking, and a platform for national and international perspectives on share and repair.

53 different organisations from across Scotland took part.

The event has attracted politicians and campaigners from Scotland and experts in the field of share and repair from across the UK, to share their knowledge and expertise with staff and volunteers of Network projects.

February 2023

68 attended

February 2024

78 attended

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

THE GATHERING EVENT

84%

of attendees noted usefulness of event as excellent

67%

attendees noted the networking opportunities as excellent

I found the day very motivating and stimulating. It was helpful to step out of my own project and look at the big picture.

Thanks so much for organising a very useful and inspiring Gathering! We had a fantastic time and gathered a lot of useful ideas, contacts, and good practice.

Thank you so much for organising such a great gathering on Friday. I got so much out of every aspect of the day.



OTHER MEMBER SERVICES

Online resources

The Share and Repair website has provided a platform with valuable information and comprehensive digital resources for members.

The members area of the website has been accessed by

95% of our subscribers

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

ONLINE RESOURCES

33%

found them very useful

58%

found them quite useful

Information Sharing

A monthly newsletter provides members with information about network events, initiatives and resources, member and sector news, and funding opportunities.

There has been an increase in the number of people receiving and opening the newsletter, with a recent average annual open rate of 65% versus a non-profit industry standard of 40%.

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

NEWSLETTER

35%

found it very useful

56%

found it quite useful

[The Network] is a platform to talk to other organisations, as an established organisation this has brought people to us - what the Network does is let people know that we exist and that there are people who have overcome the hurdles.

Repair Café
Glasgow

The Network is good for community and camaraderie.

Member Survey
August 2024

Informal Networking

The Network has been especially valuable in making connections with others and signposting projects to learn from each other. Several organisations have accessed financial support from the Community Learning Exchange to enable research and learning visits.

- Linlithgow Community Development Trust visited The General Store Selkirk to find out about setting up a Repair Shop.
- Planet Sutherland visited Transition Black Isle for advice on setting up a repair cafe.
- Transition Stirling visited The Edinburgh Remakery to find out about tech repair.

MEMBER SURVEY August 2024 Feedback

INFORMAL NETWORKING

44%

found it very useful

44%

found it quite useful



REPORTING ON THE SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK OBJECTIVES



INFLUENCING BEHAVIOURS

CAMPAIGNS

#ShareRepairAware

#ShareRepairAware is an annual week-long social media campaign promoting awareness of sharing and repairing, supported by a web article, social media and members campaign pack.

The campaigns had meaningful engagement online from the sector, with nearly 50k impressions on social media in 2024, with repair organisations as far as Australia supporting the posts.

Campaign engagement over 2 years:

LINKEDIN

32,600
impressions

FACEBOOK

46,400
Impressions

Case Study Films

Circular Communities Scotland commissioned a series of short films to document the varied work of our members: **Edinburgh Remakery**, **Music Broth**, **Edinburgh Tool Library**, **Repair Café Glasgow** and **The General Store Selkirk** were featured. These have proved very popular tools and have been viewed by wide audiences.

REPORTING ON THE SHARE & REPAIR NETWORK OBJECTIVES


ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF MEMBER PROJECTS

Through research undertaken we can evidence the positive collective impact of Network members in relation to environmental, social and financial benefits. More information is detailed in Appendix 3.

Our Sharing Library Impact Survey reached over 900 individuals using 16 libraries and created a valuable insight into the positive impacts of these projects using both qualitative and quantitative data. Smaller data sets have been gathered for Repair Projects. Going forward the Network would like to develop a survey that can reach and hear from more users of Repair Cafes.


We have looked for ways to translate the number of items diverted from landfill through repairing and the decreased consumption of goods through borrowing into Kg of CO2 savings. At present there is no one clear system used and there are some problematic inconsistencies and gaps. We do however encourage members to gather data in relation to their impact.

Circular Communities Scotland has been commissioned by Zero Waste Scotland (September 2024) to investigate the development of a universal tool for measuring CO2 savings and we will be encouraging Network members to use this tool in the future to help us clearly represent the positive environmental impact of projects.



Our volunteers feel being part of something bigger gives opportunity. When they wanted to start beginners DIY workshops they could look out to the Network and see what everyone else does and it is definitely a comfort being part of the Network.

Linlithgow Community Development Trust (LCDT)
Volunteer Manager



The whole project is amazing and definitely made me think twice about the things I buy.

Sharing Library Member Survey



CASE STUDY

Enabling Positive Environmental and Social Impact

Grow West Fife

From June to October 2023 Grow West Fife received support from the Share and Repair Network to set up their repair café through two one-to-one online support meetings, access to member resources, introductions to other repair cafes for visits, response to several emails asking for advice about PAT testing and recording impact data and managing disclaimer forms.

The Grow West Fife Repair Café celebrated its first birthday in October 2024. In its first year their team has grown from 4 to 16 volunteer repairers and bakers who have hosted 12 repair café events, brought hundreds of people together over coffee and cake, repaired 175 items and saved many Kg of CO2 emissions.



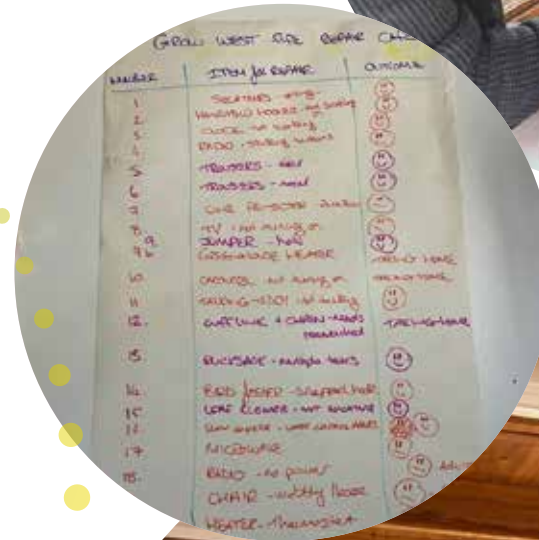
The Share & Repair Network is amazing, and I am so grateful for the support it gave us in setting up.

Gill Murray Dickson, (former) Climate Action Coordinator



We are hugely grateful for the help you gave. We've since been asked by Fife Council to put on the repair cafe at various community centres around the area and have had discussions with groups in Dunfermline, Burntisland, and North Queensferry about supporting them to set up their own. All the advice we've been passing on is based on the support you gave us.

Chair, Grow West Fife



WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The evidence from members is that the Network is vital to their functioning and to any future vision for circularity in Scotland.

We asked the question -

“what if the network didn’t exist?”

I'd feel we'd be making a much smaller impact than we actually are.

Linlithgow Community Development Trust

It is only when we realise that others are doing the activity you realise that what a positive movement this is and what can continue to be.

Linlithgow Community Development Trust

I'd feel I'd be shouting into the void a bit- being part of the wider network changes that

Edinburgh Tool Library

The Network is a vital resource for people- especially in the light of the Circular Economy Legislation. Having the support already in place for orgs which will maybe have new responsibilities in terms of circularity will be vital, for anyone who is setting up knowing there are organisations in place to guide you in your journey.

Linlithgow Community Development Trust

[if the network didn't exist it would be] A massive waste of all the work we've done collectively, and a massive, missed opportunity. If the Network wasn't there many projects would fold through lack of support and often lack of simple answers, as the partners don't have the capacity to be involved daily with supporting members. There would be no new ideas or innovation.

Edinburgh Tool Library

CONCLUSION

Evidence gathered from across the Network over the last three years has shown the value of the bespoke support offered to both fledgling and existing projects. To enable share and repair to be available to a broad range of communities, these projects require support from a facilitated network.

With the existence of the Network, we have succeeded in monitoring sector growth and begun to demonstrate the collective environmental, social, and financial impact of Network members (See Appendix 3 Sharing and Repairing Detail).

The Network has been in a unique position to reflect on the incidence of sharing and repair projects across Scotland and to identify gaps in provision (See Appendix 4 Geographical Spread of Share and Repair). Data shows that there is currently some inequity across Scotland, and it is for policy makers and funders to take a view as to whether they wish to address this inequity.

A question remains about how much growth is realistic, with some communities not having the capacity to deliver volunteer-led projects. This is where the strength of the Network is invaluable with the encouragement to form other partnerships making additional resources available to develop the work further e.g., Edinburgh Tool Library and Women's Aid have begun working together to provide DIY workshops for women.

We have also learnt from Edinburgh Tool Library (ETL) about the benefits of making sharing

opportunities available to minority groups. 'One in five of our [ETL]members have a disability, and we have a high representation of other minority groups, and people who are usually in the position of not having access to this stuff'. This is an area to be developed further across the network.

Having a Network Coordinator in place means that there is someone to represent share and repair in Scotland. Representing the Network has been an important aspect of the coordinator's role involving meetings with Scottish politicians, presentations at UK events, and attendance at the Westminster Parliamentary repair cafe event; presentations have also been given to the network of new Climate Hubs in Scotland, Scottish Cities Alliance, academic institutions and the UK wide Community Repair Network. The coordinator has been a voice for the Network in conversations with equivalents in Wales. The lack of a similar role is a gap that groups in England are currently aiming to address and look to Scotland as an exemplar. Similarly, there has been contact with the Repair Café movement in Australia who look to the Scottish Share & Repair Network as a model they hope to follow.

Share and repair is still a relatively new concept competing for space in a market driven by consumption. Without support these concepts will remain an add-on and be limited in their ability to take their desired and required place in the wider circular economy.

Members have indicated that there is much scope for development with the Network being,

A platform to talk to other organisations which is worthwhile. As a network we need to be more than that - generating support and securing funding that would help projects get going.

Glasgow Repair Café

I'd like to see the Network be financially stable so that we are there to ensure continuity of support. If we do this right and are given time, we can hopefully embed this concept of sharing and supporting throughout our members, who can eventually take the lead in supporting their fellow members...it would be well worth that investment now to ensure share and repair grows and thrives within all our communities.

Elaine Brown, Edinburgh Remakery

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that this report demonstrates a clear need for the Share and Repair Network to continue and would call on funders to recognise it as fundamental to the future of our Circular Economy in Scotland.

Future funding would enable the Network to:

- Continue to support members to address issues through further training, communication, and enhanced resources.
- Respond to key issues identified by members such as developing a campaign to support the recruitment of volunteers skilled in repair.
- Facilitate sharing of practical skills between projects.
- Further enable the charting of project distribution once the Scottish Government Climate Hubs start to have an impact on local activity.
- Have the capacity to be a voice for issues that require input at a policy level in Scotland and the UK e.g.
 - the need for funding in the sector
 - the Right to Repair
 - lack of training opportunities for repair skills development.

Behaviour change requires investment and financial underpinning until share and repair is considered mainstream rather than an additional service. Intervention is required to make share and repair sustainable and ultimately, the more we support share and repair services financially, the better the service offering will be, the more users it can attract and therefore the greater the environmental and social impact achieved.



What the world needs is more repair cafes – what the Network does is let people know that we exist and there are people who have overcome the hurdles (ETL)



CASE STUDY

Providing Resources to Black Isle Repair Café

Ideas into Action

Servicing dispersed villages and towns across the Black Isle peninsula, the Black Isle Repair Café is a 'pop up', appearing in different locations each month, making repair and reuse accessible to communities throughout the area. For Black Isle Repair Café, being mobile ensures it reaches the most rural communities who might have limited access to public transport and larger cities. This flexibility and commitment to accessibility has allowed the repair café to provide much needed repair services such as sewing, electrical repairs, knife sharpening, and bike checks to communities across the peninsula.

The repair café's community impact extends beyond the technical repairs. It has fostered a sense of belonging and connection in a region with reduced options for social and communal spaces. Community cohesion is supported through regular collaboration with local groups and community events as part of the Highland Climate Festival. The initiative also actively promotes skill-sharing, supporting residents to learn and undertake their own repairs in the future.

In their first year of operation (June 2023 - June 2024) Black Isle Repair Café hosted 9 events attended by 330 people, they repaired 250 items. 45 active volunteers gave 810 hours of volunteering.



The Share and Repair Network's contribution to the Black Isle Repair Café and the formation of the Black Isle Library of Things exemplifies the power of community collaboration in fostering sustainable practices.

The Network's support has been pivotal in providing resources and networking opportunities, supporting the transformation of ideas into action. The learning exchange meetings and visits with other Highland organisations have not only facilitated the inception of new repair initiatives but have also instilled a sense of unity and accomplishment among existing volunteers.

The proactive approach in connecting with other initiatives for best practice examples, and supporting the formation of the Highland Repair Network, is a testament to the commitment to creating a resilient Share and Repair community

Laura Donnelly, Project Officer

APPENDIX 1 - BACKGROUND

The Share and Repair Network

The Share and Repair Network was first envisaged through discussions between the [Scottish Government](#) Climate Change Division and Circular Communities Scotland. [Circular Communities Scotland](#) partnered with Edinburgh Tool Library and the Edinburgh Remakery and was awarded funding to set up a support network to facilitate the creation of sharing libraries and repair cafes across Scotland. The Scottish Government partnered with [Zero Waste Scotland](#) for years one and two. With positive progress being evidenced, funding was secured from Zero Waste Scotland to fund year three in its entirety.

Guided by the partners and an Advisory Group involving organisations who were already running either sharing libraries or repair cafes in Scotland, and others with wider knowledge and expertise, the first year saw the Network established; identifying clear aims and objectives.

From initial research with 37 projects, themes emerged to guide the Network's objectives. These informed the focus of the work and were as follows: Establish a network, the development of a website and marketing, training and resources, partnership working, developmental support, specialist services and research, and representation.

Partners:

- [Circular Communities Scotland](#) is a national membership organisation, supporting charities and social enterprises who contribute to a more circular economy in Scotland; commissioned to develop the Share and Repair Network.
- [Zero Waste Scotland](#) aims to make Scotland a zero-waste society by encouraging the use of products and resources responsibly.
- [Edinburgh Tool Library](#) Established in 2014 Edinburgh Tool Library, in addition to lending tools to their local community, runs workshops for interested local groups. They have grown steadily over their 10 years and are a leader in the field of lending libraries.
- [Edinburgh Remakery](#) is an award-winning environmental social enterprise committed to diverting waste from landfill, build & promote a culture of repair and reuse.

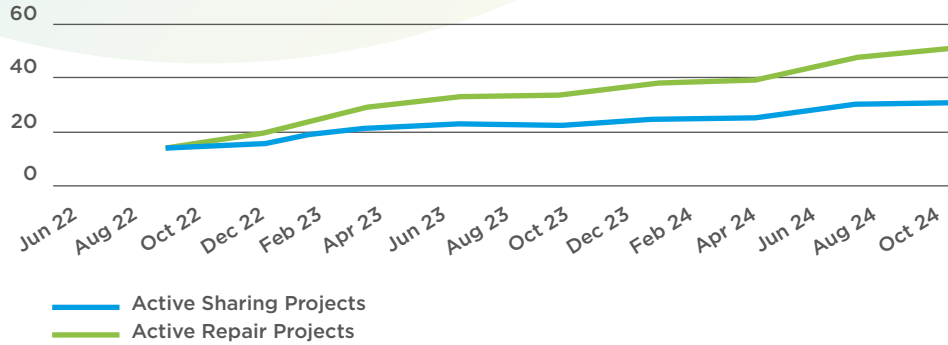
Members (Oct 2024):

20% Involved in both sharing and repairing activities
40% Involved in repairing
30% Involved in sharing
10% are at the planning stage

Network members are at various stages of development. Many projects start small and grow over time. For example, some might start as a sharing library, and later incorporate repairing services, or vice versa. Educational workshops and community outreach can also be added as the projects expand, offering skills development in repair in specific areas, such as textile repair, or proper tool use for sharing library items.

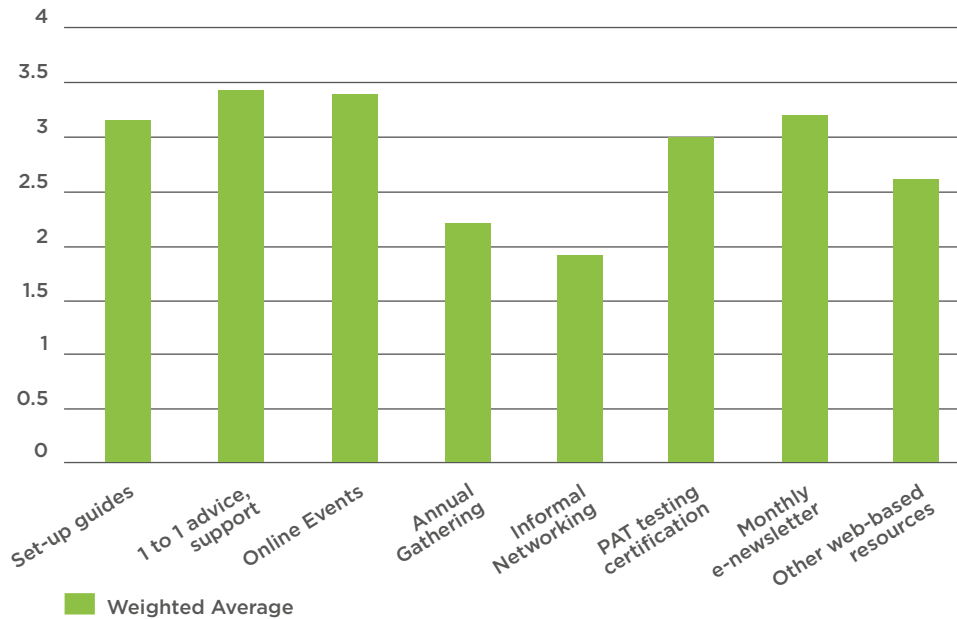
APPENDIX 2 - GROWTH GRAPHS

Network Growth - Active Projects

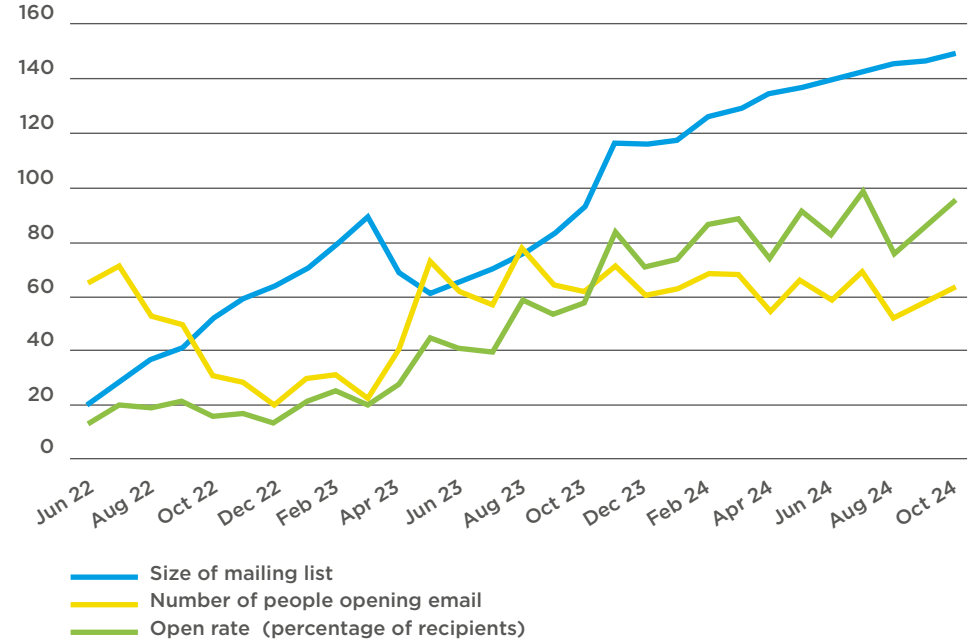


Members rating usefulness and impact of the resources provided

Usefulness rating 0-4



Share & Repair Newsletter Growth



APPENDIX 3 - SHARE AND REPAIR DETAIL

Data on Project Impact

Environmental impacts

- All repairs result in reduction of items to landfill. In addition, 64% of people questioned in our repair café survey who had items fixed at repair cafes said if their item hadn't been fixed they would have purchased new, resulting in a reduction in consumption.
- 81% of respondents stated that sharing library use had helped reduce their carbon footprint.
- We estimate that sharing projects generate a 10-year direct carbon saving of 2700 tonnes from people borrowing rather than buying items. Further carbon savings are achieved by using loans for the repair of items rather than having to dispose and purchase new.
- 90% of people said that their use of the sharing library had made them think twice before buying things in general.

Social and financial impacts

- 82% of respondents feel more a part of their community by being involved with a Sharing Library and 68% stated that this involvement had helped them be more comfortable, healthy or happy.
- 90% of people said that their use of the sharing library had made them think twice before buying things in general.
- 94% of people said their use of the sharing library had saved them money.
- All projects are rooted in their communities and rely heavily on the input of volunteers – some being entirely volunteer led. The value of volunteering has been widely documented.

Quotes from users of Sharing and Repairing Projects:

“An indispensable community resource that allows low-income people like me to access resources I wouldn't be able to otherwise.”

“Just a fantastic concept - I can't stress how transformative for me this has been. £100s saved on buying DIY equipment that would've sat in storage (that I don't have).”

“When I used the sewing machine for example, I repaired some clothes that I would otherwise have thrown out, and then bought a replacement for. It was great I could make this repair, save money and help the environment all at once!”

“The whole project is amazing and definitely made me think twice about the things I buy.”

“tried to repair [it] myself but didn't have tools or knowledge so was good to see, really good experience as always”

“I like that it reduces waste, and it will also help me to reduce the clutter of broken items I've accumulated at home”

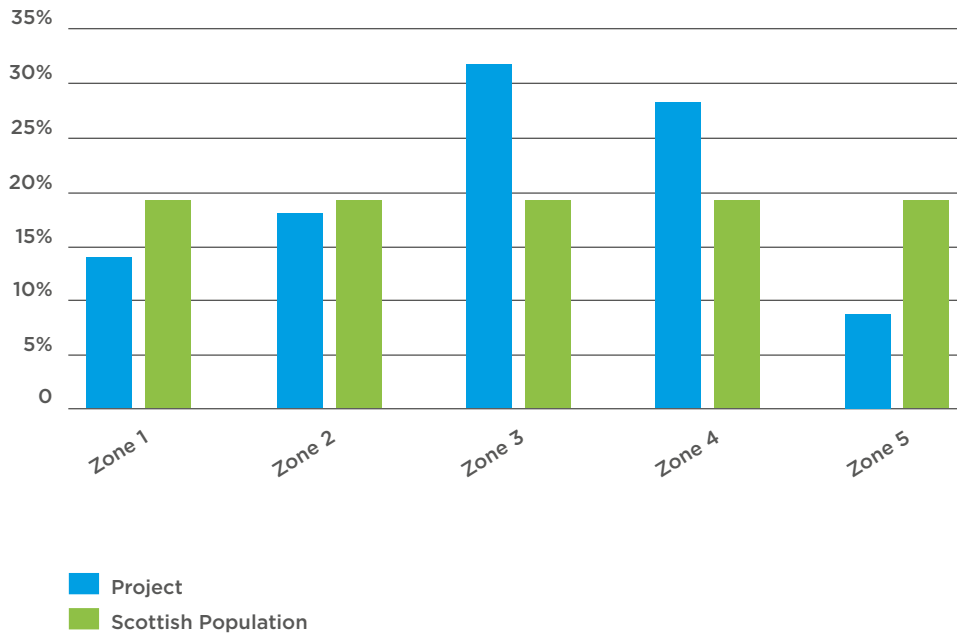
If the pilot carbon data project being developed by Circular Communities Scotland is able to reach the whole network, it will be an invaluable tool for representing the environmental impacts of both types of project.

[Sharing Library Impact Survey](#)

APPENDIX 4 - GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD IMPLICATIONS

Looking at the location of projects compared to general population data we can identify some interesting trends. Data shows that although there are projects within all SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) quintile areas, we can see that the areas experiencing most deprivation (Zone 1) and least deprivation (Zone 5), are those with fewer sharing and repair projects.

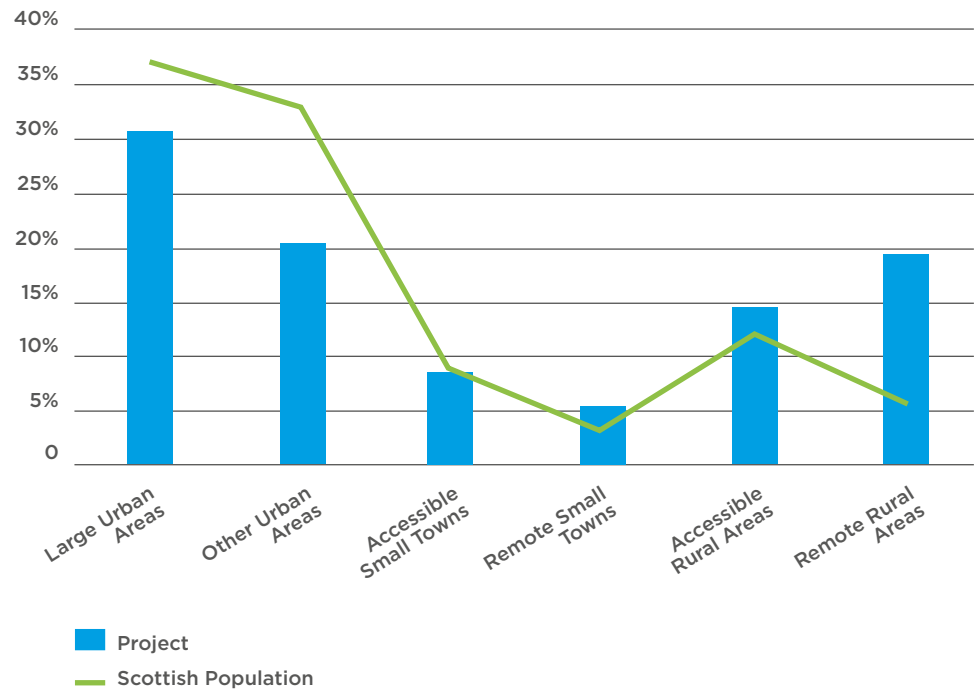
Active projects by SIMD compared to general population



Data source: [Population estimates by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation \(SIMD\) - National Records of Scotland \(NRS\)](#) © Crown copyright. Data supplied by National Records of Scotland.

Similarly, there are fewer projects in urban areas and more in rural areas than could be expected based on population alone.

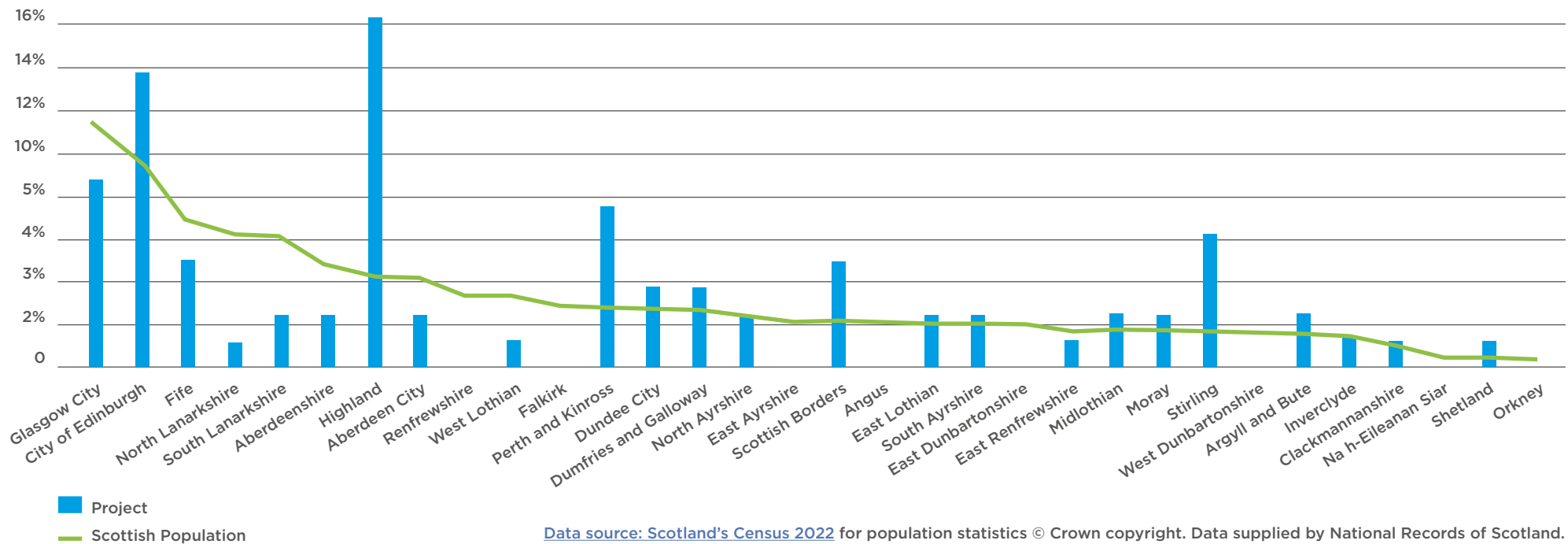
Active projects by urban/rural classification compared to general population



Data source: [Population estimates by urban rural classification \(2011 Data Zone based\) - National Records of Scotland \(NRS\)](#) © Crown copyright. Data supplied by National Records of Scotland.

We can also identify significant differences in incidence between local authority areas. It is interesting to note that Highland Region has the highest percentage of active projects (16%) but only 4% of the Scottish Population. Although some of this may be due to local population size (projects catering for smaller communities) it may also be due to the impact of the lottery funded [Highland Community Waste Partnership](#) project. This project has provided additional staffing costs for 8 local community organisations who have been able to use this resource to respond to local demand, which has included initiating share and repair projects.

Active projects by local authority area



Data source: [Scotland's Census 2022](#) for population statistics © Crown copyright. Data supplied by National Records of Scotland.

It would be interesting to be able to chart the distribution of projects on an annual basis once the Scottish Government Climate Hubs start to have an impact on local activity. If there is a political desire to see the continued growth of the sector, to monitor growth and start to understand the impacts of these projects it is essential that the Network continues to receive support.

THANK YOU



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