



ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY
ECO HUB



Annual Review

2024



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Profile Of Elmbridge Community Eco Hub



Established as a concept in 2020, and opening to the public in February 2022, the Eco Hub has become a beacon of hope and happiness in our community.

We set out with 4 main goals

1. Reduce Waste
2. Improve Community Cohesion
3. Help our environment
4. Provide opportunity

We operate as a Community Interest Company - a 'not for profit' organisation, with charitable aims.

We currently provide numerous initiatives from our base in Walton-on-Thames. These include: Community Fridge, Food Hub, Community Litter Picking, Community Garden, Small Item Recycling Collection Point, Plastic Free Refill, Skill Share, Sew & Share, Library of Things, Jigsaw Swap, Book Share, Boardgame Swap, Seed Bank, Bicycle Repairs, Winter Warmers, Pet Food Bank & Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering Centre.

Management Team



01. Michael Tumilty

02. Deb Tumilty and Winnie

03. Sonia Dreux

04. Mark Ellis

05. Jules in the Know

Highlights of 2024



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Jan 2024

Our new shelving and glass fronted freezer arrived thanks to funding from Hubbub.

2 Feb / March 2024

In Feb/March 2024, thanks to a successful crowdfund campaign, we were able to purchase and install (at our own pace) a beautiful Poly-tunnel, extending the growing season, proving shelter on rainy days and warmth on cold days.



Highlights of 2024



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April 2024

Bluey the new scarecrow joins us after local school girl Emma wins our Easter competition.

4 May 2024

Our amazing volunteers dig out the pond making it twice as deep and twice as wide, and guess what we found - newts and frogs! It's amazing to find such a diversity of wildlife into the garden.



Highlights of 2024



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June 2024

In June we were kindly invited to visit the recycle centre in Charlton, Shepperton. An amazing site and we learned a lot.

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July 2024

We welcomed 2 students from Three Rivers Academy for a week of work experience.



Highlights of 2024

7 September 2024

We are awarded a Level 5 - “Outstanding” for the design, work, community engagement and wildlife friendly Community Garden by RHS It’s Your Neighbourhood at Wisley Gardens.

8 October 2024

We opened discussions with Elmbridge Borough Council about the possibility of moving from Elmgrove to a new permanent home in Hersham.



Highlights of 2024

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November 2024

We reopened our Winter Warmer initiative, taking donations of and rehoming coats, hats, scarves and gloves to anyone who needs them.



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December 2024

We celebrated our partnership with BLUECROSS by providing local pet owning families with over 2500kg of pet food and treats!





Performance Review of 2024

Community Fridge

34,472kg fresh, frozen & ambient food in 2024
75, 231 kg in total since 2022

11,055 visits in 2024

25,076 since 2022

1493 families supported

Winter Warmers

237 items in 2024
503 in total

**(coats, scarves, hats
and gloves)**

Plastic Free Refill

**1,290 plastic
containers reused
in 2024**

4,956 in total

Performance Review of 2024

Community Garden

Construction of polyunnel

Re-dig to increase size and depth of the pond

RHS level 5 “outstanding award”

RHS Discretionary award

Construction of wheelchair accessible raised bed

Volunteer Hours

6,655 hrs in 2024

17,215 hrs in total

Plastics Recycled

Bottle tops, coffee bags, Pringles tubes, dental hygiene, stationary, crisp packets, bread bags, systema plastics, sweet tubs, air and laundry.

203.3Kg in total



Performance Review of 2024

Duke of Edinburgh

24 Bronze volunteers completed 12 weeks

4 Silver volunteers completed 24 weeks

1 Gold volunteer completed 48 weeks

102 DofE volunteers completed since 2022

Library of Things

256 new members

526 total

207 loans in 2024

535 loans in total

Book Share

**3334 books share
with local people -
predominantly
children**

The Future

Vision

As a result of the planned redevelopment of the Elmgrove Estate, we have agreed to relocate to the Herbert Crook Pavilion, in Coronation Rec, Hersham. We expect to start the move in May 2025, and be fully in situ before the end of autumn.

The move will secure a permanent home for the Community Eco Hub allowing us to potentially expand our work and to create a new Community Garden.

Plans

- To install solar panels, storage battery, air source heat pump, EV car charger.
- To replace internal and external security doors.
- To improve cavity wall and roof space insulation.
- To create additional natural light.
- To upgrade the kitchen to modern, energy efficient standards.
- To make space available for daytime and evening community use.

Finances

As a not-for-profit we employ a variety of ways to generate income. These can be broadly classified as Donations, Grants and Revenue.

Below you can see a summary of our annual income from 2020 until the end of the 2024 financial year, broken down into these categories plus an extra set of TOTAL data.

Overall 46% of the Hub's income stems from grants, 32% Donations, 22% self generated revenue (Library of Things & Refill).

All income is utilised to keep the project going, covering things such as overheads, equipment, volunteer expenses and project specific costs.



Income by category per year, plus total

■ Donations ■ Grants ■ Revenue ■ TOTAL

Support

We could not do our work without the support of a great number of the community plus local & national organisations.

There are so many individual people to thank, particularly all the volunteers and those who donated to the 2024 Crowdfund
THANK YOU ALL!

The list below highlights the organisations and businesses that have supported us in the last financial year. THANK YOU!

Hubbub	The Walton Village
Fareshare	Elmbridge Borough Council
Neighbourly	Surrey County Council
COOP	Revive
Sainsburys	Toyota
Lidl	Crowdfunder
Tesco	Aviva Insurance
Waitrose	Walton Methodist Church
Marks & Spencer	Gails Bakery
Nandos	Love Walton
Green & Lovely	Fire Limited
The Gingerbread Man Bakery	Green Hosting
Jules In the Know	Naturesave
SESI	Blue Cross/Pets at home

