

One Planet Abingdon

Working with community to respond to the climate emergency in Abingdon



2025-26 Progress Report to Abingdon Town Council

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1. Introduction

One Planet Abingdon is a volunteer-led community group working to support local climate action, sustainability and community engagement in Abingdon.



Our mission is to create a town where everyone is empowered to live sustainable lifestyles that are ecologically responsible, equitable and rooted in community – living well without costing the Earth.

1.1 Our Framework for Change

Knowledge

We share information to help residents make informed choices that support personal wellbeing and the health of the planet.

Action

We support practical projects that measurably reduce carbon emissions and enable sustainable, high-quality lifestyles.

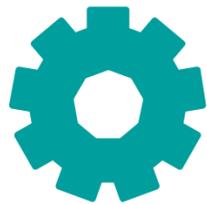
Community

We put community into all our activities, creating spaces that foster connection, celebrate diversity and build a resilient Abingdon.

We believe that integrating Knowledge, Action and Community across all our projects **maximises our impact** in supporting Abingdon residents to live more sustainable and high-quality lives.

2. 2025-26 Summary

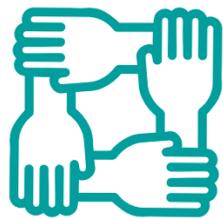
2025–26 has been a year of transition



The coordination team has expanded, bringing renewed focus on **strengthening our vision and internal systems, from the grassroots up**, to better support our activities and outreach.



With support from ATC, our **funding strategy** has developed to focus on long-term growth and sustainability. This has already led to **£20k secured from the National Lottery** to fund a Volunteer Coordinator, with further applications in progress.



Despite changes in capacity, we have continued to run **successful community sustainability projects**, including sewing lessons, plant-based cooking and Eco Action Chats. Our volunteer cohort also **grew by 25%**, demonstrating strong ongoing interest in volunteering.

3. 2025-26 Impact

Activity	Output	Outcome
Events & workshops	347 events held	3500 residents engaged
Volunteer engagement	75 active volunteers	2500+ hours of volunteering
Community hub use	208 days open	4500 visitors to the hub
Funding development	Worked with Orchard Fundraising	£50k raised through grants & donations

3.1 Supporting residents through...



Our Hub

“Wow, just wow. This place is like walking into a hug...A hub at the heart of the community – we need to support this fantastic place.”

One Planet Abingdon visitor



3.1 Supporting residents through...



Events & Activities

“I’ve loved these lessons. I discovered a new passion for textile and sewing. It opens our eyes to what it must take to make the cheap clothes sold in high street shops.”

Sustainable sewing participant



3.1 Supporting residents through...



Volunteering

“Volunteering for OPA is the perfect way for me to contribute to a cause that uniquely matters, while refreshing my skills and exploring options outside my corporate job.”

Sarah, volunteer



4. Use of ATC Support

£4,800 – Orchard Fundraising

- Developed our mission, theory of change and fundraising strategy.
- Secured **£20,000 external funding** for a Volunteer Coordinator in 2026.

£10,000 – Coordination

Enabled the delivery of One Planet Abingdon's activities, including:

- **Sustainable projects & events:** The Green Forum, plant-based cooking, freshwater monitoring, Eco Action Chats, Repair Cafes, sewing classes and youth activities.
- **Organisational support:** coordination, admin, forward planning and reporting.

Community Hub Space

Provided a crucial space for events and community action, where residents can learn about sustainable living and Abingdon's green network.

5. Priorities for 2026-27

Goal	Quantitative KPI	Qualitative KPI
Development of Volunteer Programme	20% increase in active volunteers.	80% satisfaction rate amongst volunteers.
Strengthen Governance	Review policies and legal status.	Make a formal decision on potential transition to CIC or charity.
Provision of Services	Roll out impact measurement across all projects.	Continue to provide sustainable living activities to residents.

6. Upcoming events

We warmly welcome councillors to our events, a selection of which are included below. The full, up-to-date list is available on our [website](#).

Basic Sewing Workshops

7th & 21st April and 5th & 19th May, 6-8pm at Makespace

Repair Cafes

Sewing Repair Cafe: 1st Saturday of the month, 10:30am-12:30pm at Unit 25

Household Repair Cafe: 1st Saturday of the month, 1:30-4pm at Unit 25

Free Bike Checks: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:30am-1pm under the arches

Youth Sundays

Every Sunday, 10am-4pm at One Planet Abingdon

Wear It Out: Sustainable Textiles Extravaganza

June 13th, all day in the Guildhall

Thank you

We are very grateful to Abingdon Town Council for its ongoing support, both through funding and the provision of our community hub space. This support has played a key role in enabling our work and expanding our impact within the town.

We look forward to continuing to work together to serve the community of Abingdon.

