



We need cut our consumption of natural **resources** through reduce, reuse, recycle and repair.

We have had successful SWISH clothing swap events and the Little Library in the Village Hall is extremely popular.

However if we compare ourselves to other villages there are more things we could do. Maybe our next action is to reuse other peoples good ideas. [Repair Cafes](#) use community knowledge and skills to help

people repair broken household products at little or no cost. Could you help organise a repair workshop event? Do you have the skills and equipment to help? Transition Stirling has a [Tool Library](#) with over 300 items ranging from sewing machines, drills and saws to mechanical tools, gardening tools and cooking equipment. They also run regular [Ripple](#) talks helping everyone benefit from the expertise in the community and encouraging people to take on new challenges and hobbies. What could we do?

Even if you don't plan to repair or recycle you can still contribute by ensuring that things you no longer need find second lives with families who need them. As a village we applaud those who coordinate appeals and collect for The Maryhill Integration Network, Help the Homeless or Refuwegee; groups that really benefit from our assistance. In developing ideas in this space it will be important not to undermine this excellent work. Others list single items as available to a good home on the Killearn for All Facebook page. But there are still a lot of people who don't make that effort and so landfill levels increase. We need to increase the items that go for reuse. What can we do to make it easier for people to donate than to dump?

We need to ensure everyone is aware of the things that can be recycled for use (bikes, toys, small electrical items...) and for materials (glass, plastics, soft plastics....). But there are other solutions for other waste products. An estimated 20,000 tonnes of old household batteries go to landfill every year and end up leaking toxic chemicals into the earth. [Cancer Research](#) is now a partner in a recycling scheme to change this.

We need people to help bring #KillearnResource to life. Can you help increase awareness and uptake of recycling and reuse? Would you be interested in investigating how we could set up a tool library or a repair cafe? We have no Cancer Research shop in Killearn but there is one in Milngavie and one in Stirling. Do you regularly go to one of those places and would you be willing, periodically, to take Killearn's dead batteries and drop them off at the Cancer Research shop? Let's ensure our batteries help to cure cancer not [cause it](#).

Please email sustainable@kcfco.uk to get involved in improving our resource sustainability and to suggest other things that we should be doing.