

Carbon Neutral Working Party Proposal to Bayston Hill Parish Council

“Repair Café”

1. It is proposed that the Parish Council Facilitates the establishment of a “Repair Café” within the Parish for the use of residents of the Parish.
2. By encouraging the village to make use of a facility like this, we will be reducing the need to purchase new goods which have a carbon footprint and will also be reducing waste to landfill. This action will help us as a Parish to achieve our target of being Carbon Neutral by 2030. We can through this activity encourage a culture of “Fix” before “Replacing”.
3. Initially the proposal would be to run this facility once a month in the village to gauge uptake by the village. The ability to increase the frequency will be dictated by the number of volunteers we get with the right skills who are prepared to give their time up to run the repair café.
4. Within the village there are at least two venues where such a facility could potentially be hosted, the Memorial Hall and Christ Church Bayston Hill.
5. We have had first-hand testimony for a “Repair Café” that is run by Church Stretton Town Council. We have had a Toolkit provided that sets out the process to establish a “Repair Café”.

The Toolkit contains the following:

- An overview of the process
 - A generic disclaimer
 - A generic completion sheet
 - A generic registration form
 - A generic finance record
 - Outline administration process
 - A sample enquiry log
6. We would need the Council to confirm that their Public Liability Insurance will cover this activity, we believe that this should be the case.
 7. We require an in-principle agreement from the Parish Council in order to:
 - Put out a request to the village to see if we have people interested in carrying out the repairs.
 - Amend the Toolkit paperwork for Bayston Hill Parish Council.
 - To enquire about possible venues
 8. The objective would be to have the “Repair Café” operational during 2023