

ROBERTSBRIDGE & BRIGHTLING REPAIR CAFE

The Robertsbridge & Brightling Repair Café was set up in April 2022 with seed funding from both Robertsbridge and Brightling Parish Councils and the Now! Furniture charity.



The Repair Café takes place 9am-midday every 2-3 months in Robertsbridge Village Hall. We are part of a growing worldwide organisation that started in Amsterdam in 2007 with the aim of reducing the amount of items going into landfill and consequently the number of new items being purchased. Clients sit alongside the volunteer during the repair since part of the ethos of Repair Cafés is to inspire and teach people how to do some of their own repairs.

Our volunteers will tackle electrical, fabric, small woodwork and general household repairs as well as sharpening knives and garden tools. In 2024 201 clients came to the Repair Café, bringing 383 items for repair.

We also act as a reception point for old tools (on behalf of Tools With a Mission) and unwanted spectacles (on behalf of Peep Eyewear).

We are a not-for-profit organisation, entirely run by unpaid volunteers. We are dependent on donations from clients since each Repair Café costs us approximately £200 to run (hall hire, insurance, equipment, publicity etc). Any excess funds at the end of each year are donated to charity and in 2024 we donated £250 to local charities.

In 2024 we started running 'upcycle a t-shirt' workshops for teenagers. The objective is to educate young people about the benefits of repairing, recycling and re-use.



2025 DATES

8th February - 26th April - 19th July - 20th September - 8th November

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