

CIRCULAR DORKING



DON'T BIN IT

...RETHINK IT

REDUCE

RECYCLE

REUSE





Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Repeat



About us

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Who we are

Circular Dorking is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. We are a volunteer-run community-focused initiative serving Dorking and its surrounding villages.

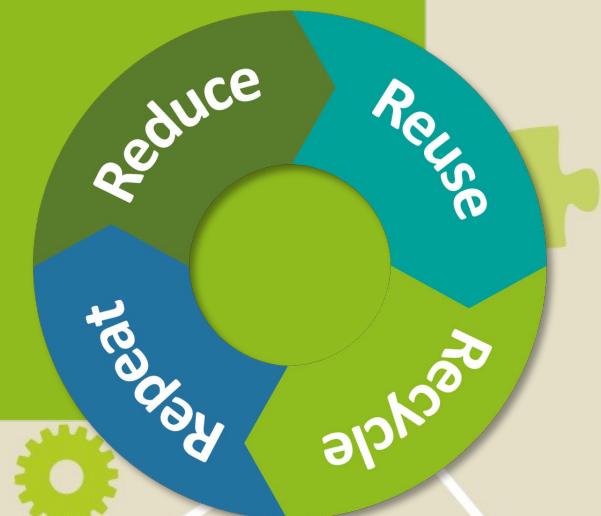
Our mantra is - *Small Steps Big Impact*

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What we do

Our projects and activities centre around minimising waste, improving efficiency and supporting local consumers and businesses on their sustainability journey.



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Our membership

Local organisations, businesses, charities and people who already are, or wish to be, more sustainable in their practices and in doing so, support and strengthen our community.

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Our community approach

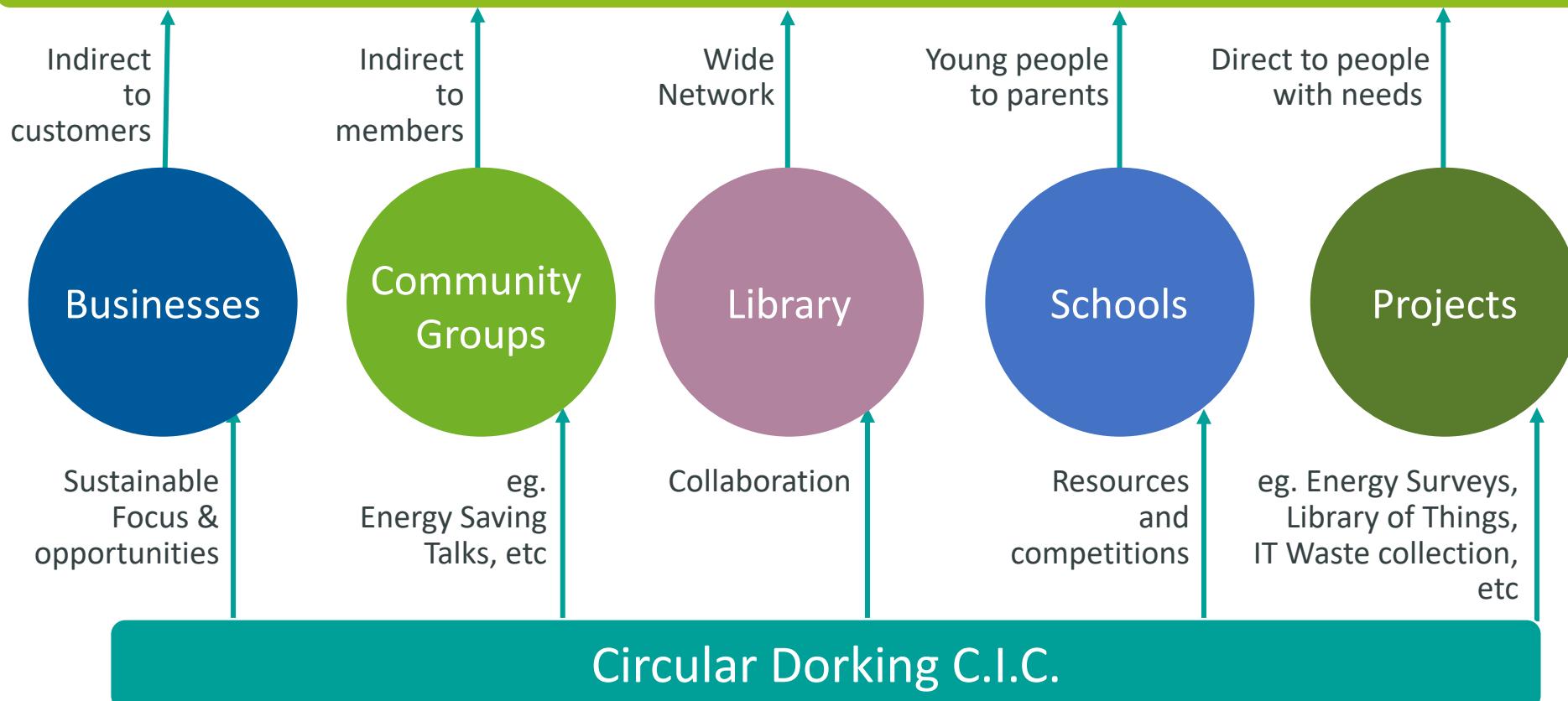
Routes to convey our messaging and influence.
Focused more on health, air pollution, waste and consumerism than carbon/climate.



Our community approach



The wider community – a gradual move to a more sustainable circular local economy



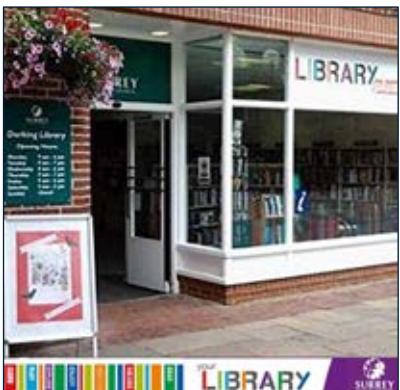
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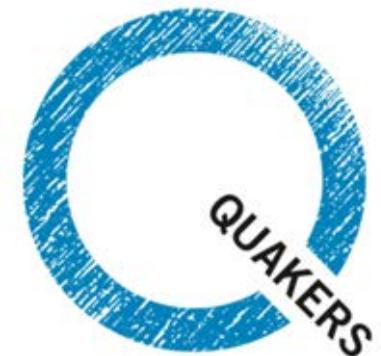
...just a selection!

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We also form collaborative partnerships



GREENPEACE



...not only locally but across the South East

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Ongoing Projects

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Ongoing projects



Heat Surveys and Talks



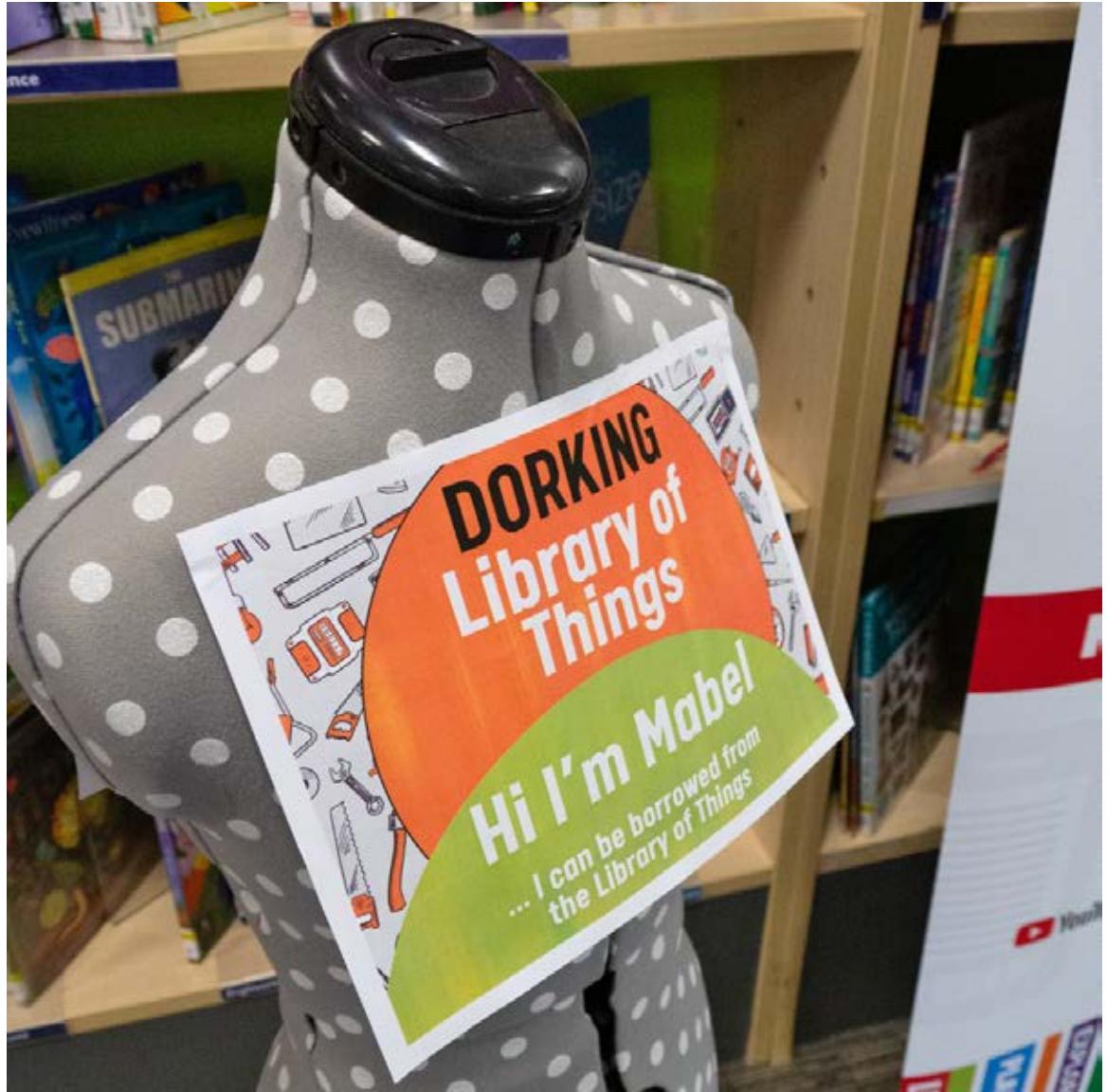
Project partners:
Surrey Climate Commission,
Zero Guildford and
Energy Action Redhill and
Reigate.

Now with funding for a
further 2 years.

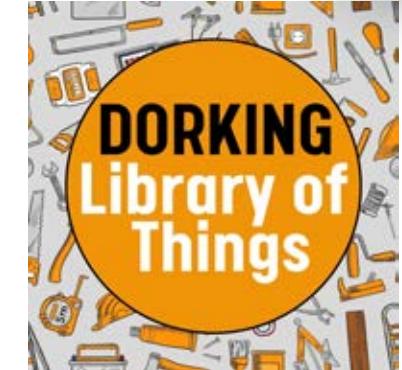


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Ongoing projects



Dorking Library of Things



Launched October 2025.

Project partners:
Dorking Library and
Dorking Repair Café.



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Ongoing projects

South Street Garden Memorial Garden Project



Facilitating the project on behalf of project manager Jacqui Marsden.



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Ongoing projects



Dorking Eco Hub



Once a month informal drop-in with talks, craft and cake!

Project partners:
Dorking Quakers and Parents for Future, Surrey.

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Ongoing projects



Collecting IT Equipment Waste



Collecting IT Equipment Waste for GDPR compliant reuse and recycling with CPR Computer Recycling.

Over £30,000+ in original retail value collected and delivered so far.

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Ongoing project for Schools

GREEN CAREERS WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS 10-13



A collaborative project between
Surrey Sustainability Society
and Circular Dorking



Green Careers Workshops

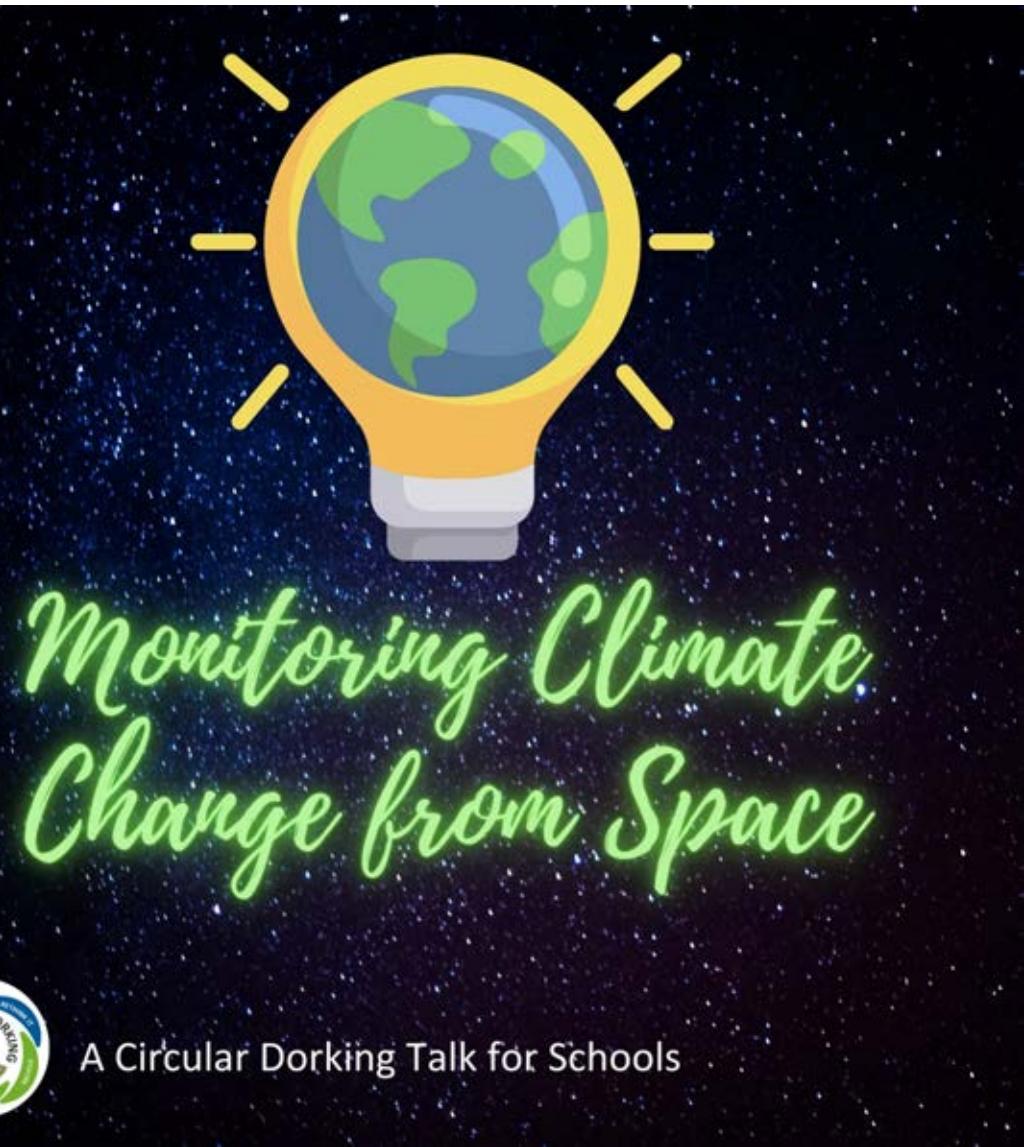


Project partner: Surrey Sustainability Society.

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Ongoing project for Schools



A Circular Dorking Talk for Schools

Monitoring Climate Change from Space

A talk for secondary schools by emeritus professor from UCL and Mullard Space Centre.



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Ongoing project for Schools

Dedicated schools pages on website

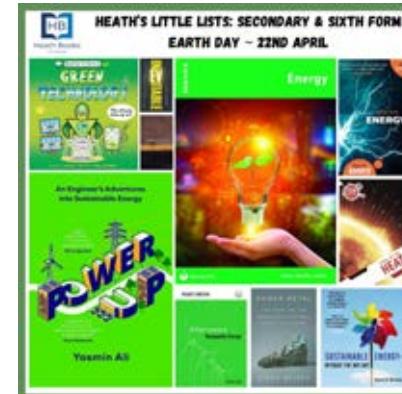
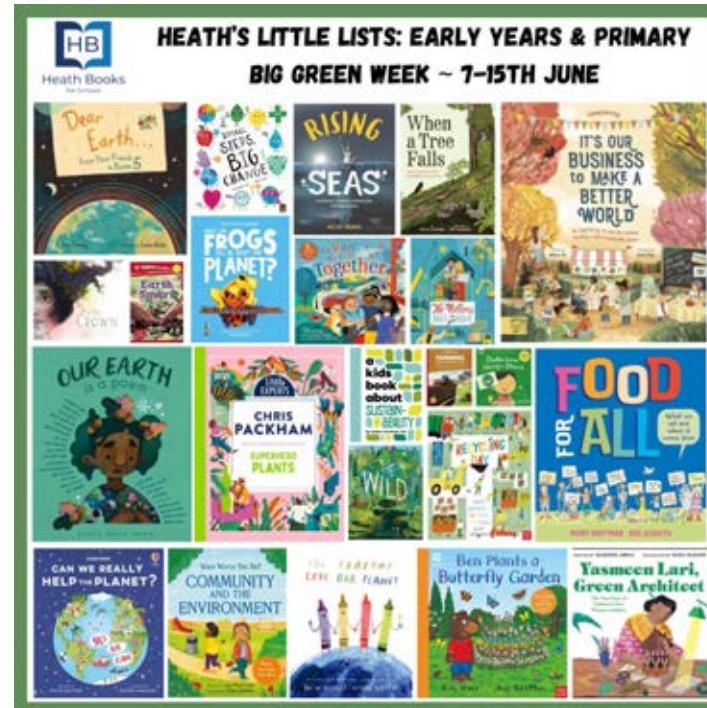
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Green Careers and Action



Quick-link resources and curated book lists from Heath Books for both primary and secondary schools.



Project partner: Heath Books

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Recent Completed Projects

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Recent Project for Schools Autumn 2025



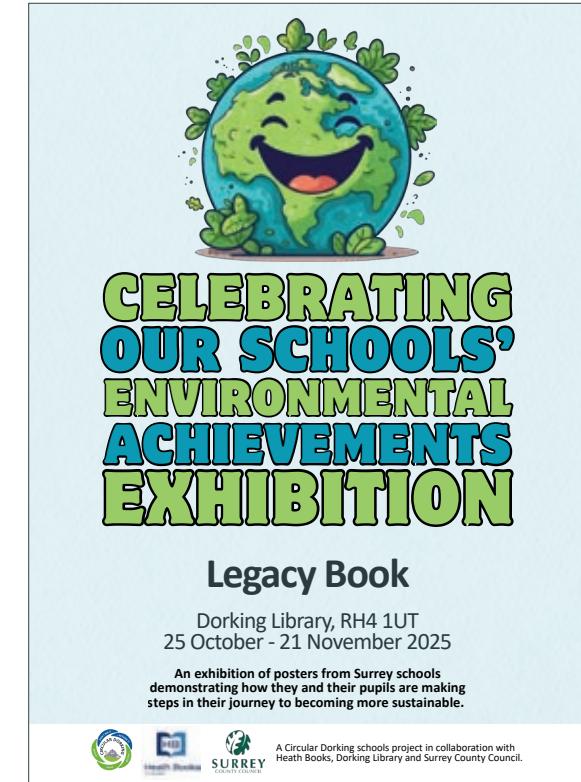
We invited our local schools to tell us about the three biggest environmental achievements they are most proud of by either creating their own poster (up to A3 in size) or using downloadable templates.

The posters we collected were then used to create an exhibition.

There was an event in Dorking Library to celebrate.

Participating schools received £40 in book vouchers.

Online and printed Legacy Books were also created.



Project partners: Dorking Library, Heath Books and Surrey County Council.

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Past Project For Schools March 2025



World Book Day 2025

Over 300 free books were distributed to local schools.

Project partner: Heath Books.

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Recent Events

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Event engagement December 2025



Meadvale Singers Christmas Carol Concert



St James' Church Abinger
December 2025.

Concert with interval talk.

£900 donated towards
Schools Books Initiative.

*Our thanks to
Meadvale Singers,
Abinger Parish and the
Community who gave
so generously.*

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Event engagement November 2025



Dorking Christmas event

Eco friendly tombola 2025.

All prizes wrapped using
re-used materials.



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Event engagement November 2025



Roll Up, Roll Up...
for festive family fun!

We'll be throwing open the doors to our High Street office (next to the White Horse) for **FREE** circus skills and craft activities on **Sunday 30th November**.

Drop in any time from 11am until 5pm for circus fun, Christmas crafts with the Eco Hub, festive treats and giveaways.

"Learn to juggle" workshops with Ace Circus - 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. All welcome!

Or simply pop in for a glass of fizz (or juice) whilst you enjoy all the delights the Dorking Christmas Festival has to offer.

DOWNS
SOLICITORS AND NOTARIES

DORKING ECO HUB

ACE CIRCUS

Legal support for you, your family and your business.
Dorking - Godalming - Cobham - Reigate
www.downsllp.co.uk

Downs_law

Downs Solicitors LLP

Dorking Christmas event

Eco Hub crafting in Downs Solicitors and Notaries 2025.

Over 1000 people through door on the day.

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Event engagement November 2025



Energy Manage, Cost of Living Event

Bookham Baptist Church.

Project partners:

Energy Manage, Surrey Climate Commission and the amazing Bookham Baptist Church volunteers.

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Event engagement November 2025

Growing Together: Surrey Hills Symposium

The Symposium takes place every year at Surrey University.

Circular Dorking has attended the event for some years.

This year Surrey Hills National Landscape kindly offered us a place in the Symposium Marketplace so that we could tell the story of the activities that we are involved in.

This gave us a platform to tell the story of our *Celebrate Our Schools* and the *South Street Memorial Garden* projects.



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Event engagement October 2025



Celebration, presentation
and book giveaway.



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Event engagement October 2025



Exhibition of achievements
25 October - 21 November.



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Event engagement September 2025



Heal the World Stalls.



Pippfest 2025

Working with CHiP to organise and manage the Heal the World area, recycling bins, signage and facilitating web space.

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Event engagement September 2025



Pippfest 2025

Heal the World Stalls.



Our new gazebo gets its first outing!

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Event engagement August 2025



Energy Manage Event

Harvest Community Church, Goodwyns
Project partners: Surrey Climate Commission,
Energy Manage.



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Event engagement July 2025



Organised by Dorking Halls.

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Event engagement June 2025



Great Big Green Week: Big Celebration



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Event engagement June 2025



Great Big Green Week: Big Celebration



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Event engagement June 2025



MORE ON TODAY AROUND DORKING

High Street
Foodfloat • Local produce 8.30am - 2.15pm



Old Kings Head Court
All about growing plus Guildford Seed Bank seed giveaway



North Street
Tracey's Sewing Room • What to do with fabric scraps 10.00am - 3pm



Church Street
Dorking Christian Centre • Repair Café 10.30am - 1pm





Great Big Green Week: Other Events around Dorking



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Event engagement June 2025



Great Big Green Week

Eco Hub.



DORKING ECO HUB

SUNDAY 8 JUNE • 2PM - 4PM
QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, SOUTH ST, DORKING RH4 2LE

THE RIVER IN SUMMER
Find out about the pressure on rivers in Summer
A talk from River Mole River Watch

MAKE A BEE WATERING STATION
Activity for children of all ages!

WATER SAVING HINTS AND TIPS

SUMMER SEED AND PLANT SWAP
SHARE • TAKE • LEAVE • SWAP

PLUS
• SWAP & SHARE
BOOKS &
OTHER ITEMS
• ECO-BOOK
LIBRARY

part of
DORKING'S BIG SWAP, SWITCH, SHARE in celebration of THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

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Event engagement June 2025

Great Big Green Week

Hello Dorking Litter Pick.

Come and Help make Dorking Shine!

Join us for just a little while to make a big difference.

As part of **BIG Green Week (7th - 15th June)** we're teaming up with Circular Dorking for another Hello Dorking feel-good, do-good Litter picks - and we'd love you to join us.

Thursday 12th June • 10am - 1pm
Meet at South Street Gardens

Join us contact:
info@hellodorking.com



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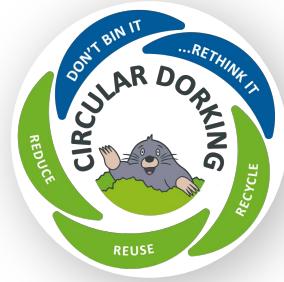
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DORKING



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Event engagement June 2025



Great Big Green Week

Picnics and Poems.



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Event engagement June 2025



BIG PIXHAM STREET SWAP

Sunday 9th June 10am-4pm

Wander round Pixham to see Big Green Week in action



Pixham people are putting 'swaps' outside their gardens for anyone to take

Great Big Green Week

Pixham Street Swap.



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Event engagement June 2025

Great Big Green Week



Membership networking in Downs' community garden.

Project partners:
Downs Solicitors and Notaries.



Invitation

Circular Dorking members and supporters are warmly invited to our

Big Green Garden Party...

5.30 - 7.30pm, Wednesday 11 June

in the beautiful gardens of Downs Solicitors.

Where better to celebrate the importance of community and sustainability during Great Big Green Week than this fabulous garden, lovingly restored over the past two years, right in the heart of our wonderful town.

We'll be serving light refreshments, sharing updates on Circular Dorking's range of projects and hearing from Chris Millar, Partner at Downs Solicitors, about the project to restore their garden to a haven of colour and calm to create a peaceful retreat in the centre of town.

Please wear something gloriously green or fabulously flowery

- the best dressed guest will win a prize!

RSVP by 30 May 2025

Reserve your spot by using this

QR code or click the link below

<https://bit.ly/4mSKNvt>



The Big Green Garden Party is an initiative by Circular Dorking, kindly hosted by Downs Solicitors and Notaries.

DORKING'S BIG SWAP, SWITCH, SHARE WEEK

www.circulardorking.org.uk for a full listing of events taking place in and around Dorking during Great Big Green Week, including the Big Green Garden Party and the whole community in St Martin's Walk on 9 June.

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Event engagement June 2025



Great Big Green Week

Membership and community collaboration for the event with local businesses.

Project partners for catering:

Crumbs

Foodfloat

Putty Cakes

Wine Unlimited.

Project partner for music:

Local musician Joe Murrell.

A Big Thank You...

 For hosting and sponsoring our *Big Green Garden Party...*

Music
Joe Murrell is a Dorking based solo musician, playing both guitar and ukulele banjo. He plays an eclectic mix of music to suit all tastes. From music of bygone eras to modern chart topping hits, there is something for everyone!



Soft drinks and cake
FoodFloat High Street stall and local deliveries. Supporting the local economy by offering local profit-making SME food businesses including home bakers and bee-keepers a reliable outlet for their produce at a fair cost.
foodfloat.org

Catering
Community minded local business, international award winning cake makers and café in West Street run by Anita and Gavin.
puttycakes.co.uk

Wine
Situated in South Street, wineunlimited @ The Vineyard offers friendly advice on a wide range of wines, spirits and beers to retail and trade customers for over 20 years.
www.wineunlimited.co.uk
Today's wine choice: local rosé, british white and organic red.

Beer
Crumbs B Corp accredited brewery turns unsold artisan bread into beer! Each beer is brewed using a different loaf. The character of the bread comes through in the brew, from a zesty pale ale made with sourdough to a dark ruby ale made with rye bread.
crumbsbrewing.co.uk
Today's beer choice: Sourdough Pale Ale.

Event engagement April 2025

Downs' Networking Event

Engagement with Dorking Businesses to showcase Circular Dorking activities

Project partner: Downs Solicitors and Notaries



Dorking Drinks with Circular Dorking

We are delighted to invite you to our networking event, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with local businesses, professionals, and community members in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Event details

On: Wednesday 23 April 2025
Time: 5.30-7.30pm
At: Our Office, 150-156 High Street, Dorking RH4 1BQ

Drinks and Canapés will be served.

There is no parking at the venue. The nearest pay and display carpark is St Martin's Walk [RH4 1DX](#)

Enjoy an evening of drinks and conversation, with the added pleasure of a special showcase. At each of our networking events, we will be inviting a local talent or group to share their skills, passion and work with our Dorking community.

We are delighted to be joined on this occasion by Circular Dorking.



[Circular Dorking](#) is a volunteer-run community-focused initiative serving Dorking and its surrounding villages. They are a network of businesses, groups and individuals working collaboratively to strengthen the Dorking community by creating a local circular economy at its heart.

Their projects and activities centre around minimising waste, improving efficiency and supporting local consumers and businesses on their sustainability journey. Think reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose, refuse, renew and repair!

Circular Dorking's mantra - Small Steps Big Impact - highlights the collective difference we can make if we are each a bit more eco aware. Together our actions have a positive impact on protecting the planet as well as the beautiful area we live and work in.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP

Via the 'book event' on our [website](#) (you will need to register your details and please check your junk if you do not receive a confirmation)



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Event engagement March 2025

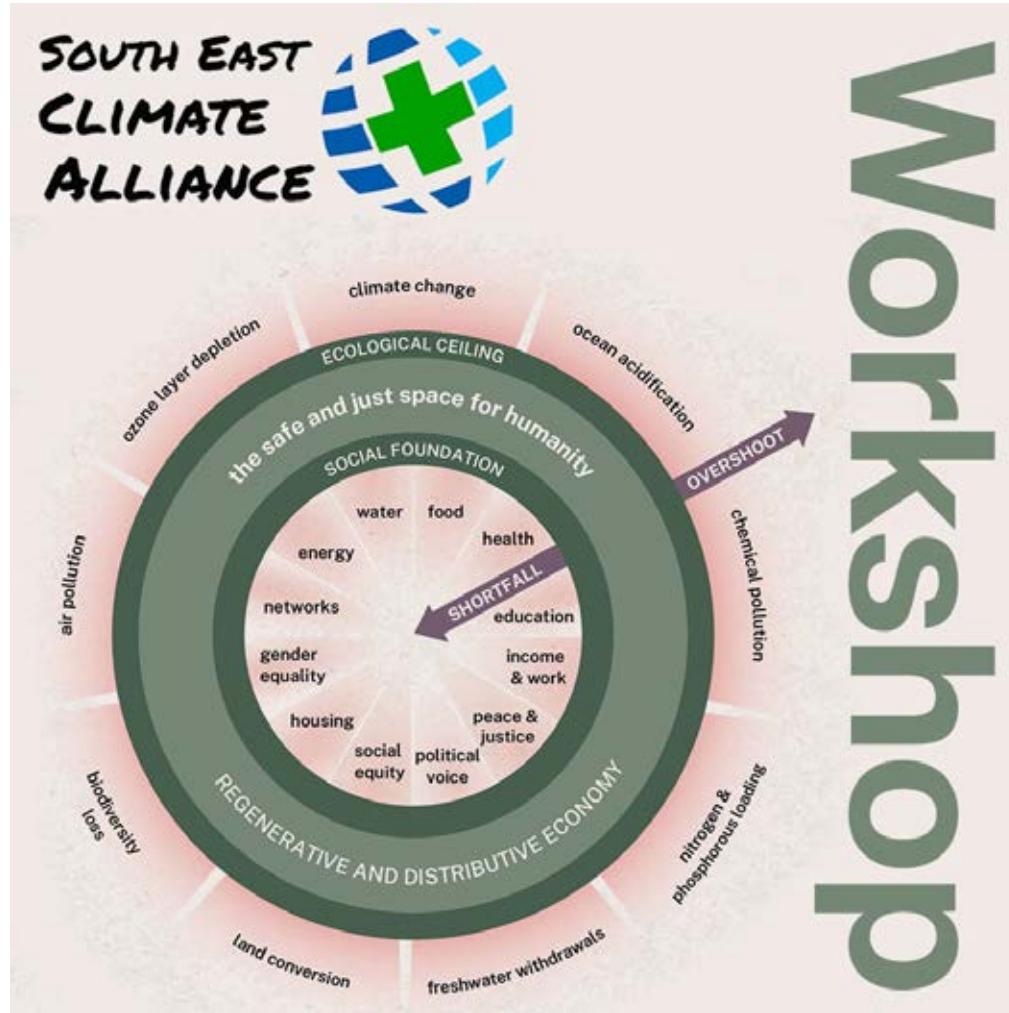


Fundraising Quiz Night



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Event engagement February 2025



SECA Gathering

Doughnut Economy Workshop
with Greenpeace Surrey
& Circular Dorking Stall.

Project Partners;
South East Climate Alliance
Greenpeace Surrey.

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Past Projects

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Past Project For Schools 2024

Trees, Nature & Wellbeing Competition and Exhibition



Local schools' competition with 77 entries exhibited at Dorking Library. Books were awarded to winners. Each entrant received a certificate.

The competition was judged by artists Heather Ackroyd, Luke Adam Hawker and Caroline Salmon and horticultural specialist Joe Montgomery.

Project partner: Heath Books.

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Past Project For Schools 2024



Green and Safe Travel

An initiative supported by Surrey County Council and managed by Jacquette Fewster in collaboration with St Martin's and Powell Corderoy primary schools.

Chosen posters were then displayed outside the school for parents and children to enjoy.

Circular Dorking assisted by judging the competition and donating books in collaboration with Heath Books.

We then created exhibition boards of the artworks for display in Dorking Library so the children's work could reach a wider audience.

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Past Project November 2024



WINTER COAT COLLECTION FOR CALAIS

ROBUST WINTER COATS WANTED TO HELP
REFUGEES WHO ARE COLD AND HUNGRY



Coats for Calais



Coats collected then delivered
to Care4Calais and Shelter.

Project partners: S C Fuller, Surrey
Minds Together, Dorking Climate
Emergency, Dorking Together and
community volunteers.



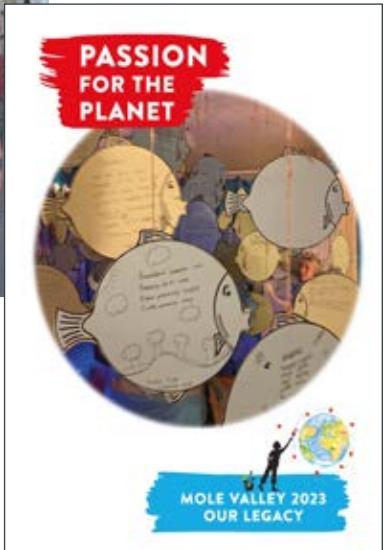
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Past Project October 2023



Passion for the Planet

Working with Damn Cheek to facilitate the 2023 promenade production...



...and creation of the legacy book.

The legacy continues...

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Past Project October 2023



The legacy continues...

Thanks to *Passion for the Planet* we have forged relationships with like-minded people which has resulted in...

- the creation of the Circular Dorking schools team, who in turn have organised the numerous schools projects we have done.
- the creation of the Dorking Eco Hub.
- an ongoing relationship with Damn Cheek, Dorking Quakers and so many other incredible people and groups.





Past Events

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Event engagement September 2024



Pippfest 2024

Working with CHiP to organise and manage the Heal the World area, recycling bins, signage and facilitating web space.

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Event engagement June 2024



Dapper & Suave Sustainable Event



Eco-friendly tombola

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Event engagement December 2023



Dorkensian Christmas

Eco friendly wrapping and the creation of displays with Men's Shed.



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Other activities

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Gamefication for engagement



Eco Wheel inspired by Zero Guildford and created by Dorking Men's Shed.



Energy Dolls House.



Tree of Pledges.

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Gamefication engagement



What goes where? game for Scouts.



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Online campaigns

Animated Advent Calendar promoting shop local.



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Online campaigns

Blogs.



A wolf in cheap clothing.



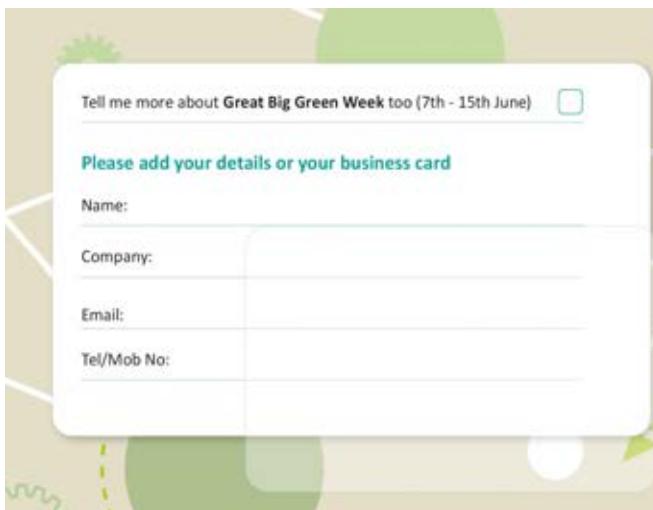
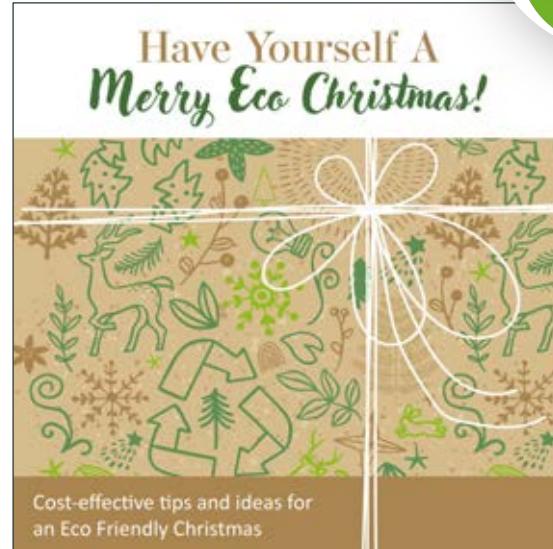
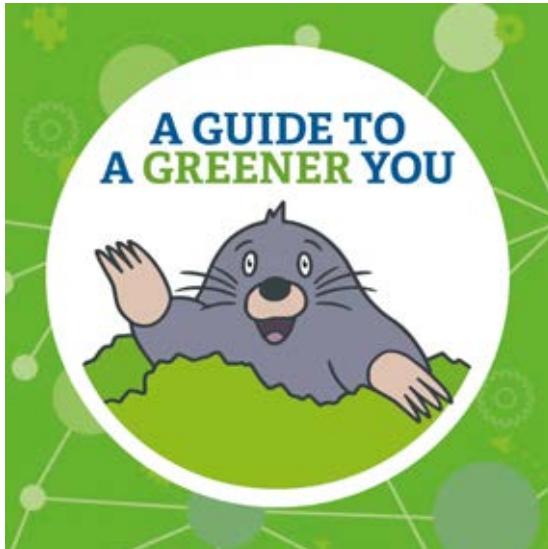
What does a circular economy
look like in practice?



You have the power to
change!

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Publications and materials



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Publications and materials

Advertorial in Vantage Point Magazine 2025/2026



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CIRCULAR DORKING Positive Initiatives for an
Eco-Friendly Future

Swap old ways for better ways

An astounding fact of hope is that 89% of the world's population want stronger climate action; recent scientific studies have found. Most people, however, are unaware they are actually in a minority and think their fellow citizens don't agree. Changing this belief, experts say, could be pivotal.

You might think global treaties are often just hot air and ask yourself 'What difference do they, or can I, make?' but rest assured the small changes we each make can all be steps in the right direction.

The good news is a groundswell of coalitions of national organisations are mobilising their combined support base of millions to take action across

Eco-hubs; repair cafés; community fridges; libraries of things; climate-action groups; sustainability champions and projects protecting our green spaces, nature and wildlife all play a vital role in changing the dialogue. We are fortunate to have many excellent groups, organisations, schools and businesses in Mole Valley doing their bit to make these changes happen.

You can help. Look out for local Great Big Green Week events (17th-19th June). Organised nationally by The Climate Coalition, this country-wide campaign urges us all to 'Swap Together For Good'. Last year, over 600,000 people took part in GBGW events, a number expected to increase for this year.

You can swap skills, items, habits, ways or suppliers. Simple every day swaps such as buying from local producers, rejecting packaging, donating unwanted items for others to use, or volunteering all make a difference.

Together, these swaps have a lasting impact all year round, protecting and restoring nature, helping the impact of climate change, strengthening our communities and making sure the voice of the majority, calling for action and accountability at a local level, within Government and across the world, is heard - loud and clear.

Remember, small steps taken together create a big impact!

Visit circulardorking.org.uk for details of Great Big Green Week events in Dorking and the surrounding areas, including a community event in St Martin's Walk, Dorking, 7th June.

To advertise, please call 01483 420171 **22** **vantagepoint.uk**

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FEELING THE HEAT

Finding ways to reduce energy bills is a hot topic, as is reducing emissions. Making sure your home is energy efficient as possible is easier than you think, thanks to having a Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT) on your doorstep!

In May, a community consortium led by Zero Carbon Guildford with Circular Dorking, Energy Action Redhill & Reigate and Surrey Climate Commission submitted a funding bid from the Energy Saving Trust's Energy Redress Scheme to provide local residents with home energy surveys, energy advice, infrared heat loss surveys and guidance on securing grants, over the next 2 years.

Properties have an energy performance rating (EPC) of A (very good) to G (poor). In Surrey the average EPC rating is D (bad) on E, worse than the UK average. A key factor contributing to the average EPC of 12.2 million Surrey residents spend on energy each year (over £160 million of which is spent here in Mole Valley).

Take steps towards energy efficiency by requesting a HEAT survey at circulardorking.org.uk. You'll find useful information on Circular Dorking's other projects too, including 'reduce energy to reduce bills' talk to community groups.

5 Small Steps Big Impact
Visit energystress.org.uk for details of the Energy Redress Scheme.

HEAT
HOME ENERGY ADVICE TEAM
Rated 4.9 stars from local residents
2024

To advertise, please call 01483 420173 **vantagepoint.uk**

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Have yourself a Merry LOCAL Christmas

Without wanting to sound Bah Humbug, it's very easy to overspend at Christmas. Festive excess is not only painful for our pockets, it takes its toll on the planet too.

Aside from the fact that shopping locally keeps money circulating here in our community (63p out of every £1, versus 5p for every £1 spent out of town or online), there are many other plus points:

- you can combine it with socialising and meet a friend for coffee, brunch or lunch
- leave the car at home if possible; your health, the planet and your pocket will all benefit
- no crafty algorithms tempting you to add extra items to your basket
- it feels good to support and strengthen local businesses

When you've ticked everything off your shopping list, try to fabric or paper wrapped, homemade toppings and tags for your gifts and you'll have a more sustainable Christmas all wrapped up! And remember, shopping local is for life - not just for Christmas...

With the continuing pressure of rising bills, let's try to spend wisely rather than wildly and back businesses which strengthen and diversify our communities. It really is a case of use it or lose it - we need local retailers as much as they need us.

Visit the Circular Dorking stall in St Martin's Walk for the Dorking Christmas Festival on Sunday 30th November for local gift and eco wrapping tips or visit circulardorking.org.uk.

To advertise, please call 01483 420174 **vantagepoint.uk**

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Schools Push for a More Sustainable Future

Six decades after John F Kennedy said "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future", the extent to which Earth has suffered at the hands of its inhabitants highlights the vital role today's students play in shaping a more sustainable global society.

A big task, yes, but rest assured, change is happening. The cost of solar PV panels has reduced by 63% since 2015 with UK take up growing by 67%. Surrey's carbon footprint of electricity has dropped by 64% in the same period.

Community organisations play a key role too. Pressure on school budgets and staffing mean additional help with projects and resources makes a huge difference. Over the past 15 months the Circular Dorking team, including 3 volunteers highly experienced in education, organised eco challenges, competitions, awarded book prizes, speakers on polar ice-cap changes, celebrated our schools' sustainability achievements, curated reading lists on various eco topics and organised a Green Careers workshop. Upcoming projects include a special event with leading school book supplier, Heath Books, at Pippbrook House later this month.

In the hands of students whose commitment to sustainability is clear, the combined force of culture, curriculum and community is a powerful catalyst for change.

Visit circulardorking.org.uk for details of upcoming Projects, including the Heath Books 'schools' event on 11th February and on Eco Showcase on 8th March - both at Pippbrook House in Dorking.

Audrey Circular Dorking, Sarah Dorking Heath and Maria Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment, Surrey County Council, after receiving an award for achievements at the Circular Dorking event in November 2025.

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June 25 • Big Green Week

June 25 • Heat and Pippfest

November 25 • Eco Christmas

February 26 • Schools Event

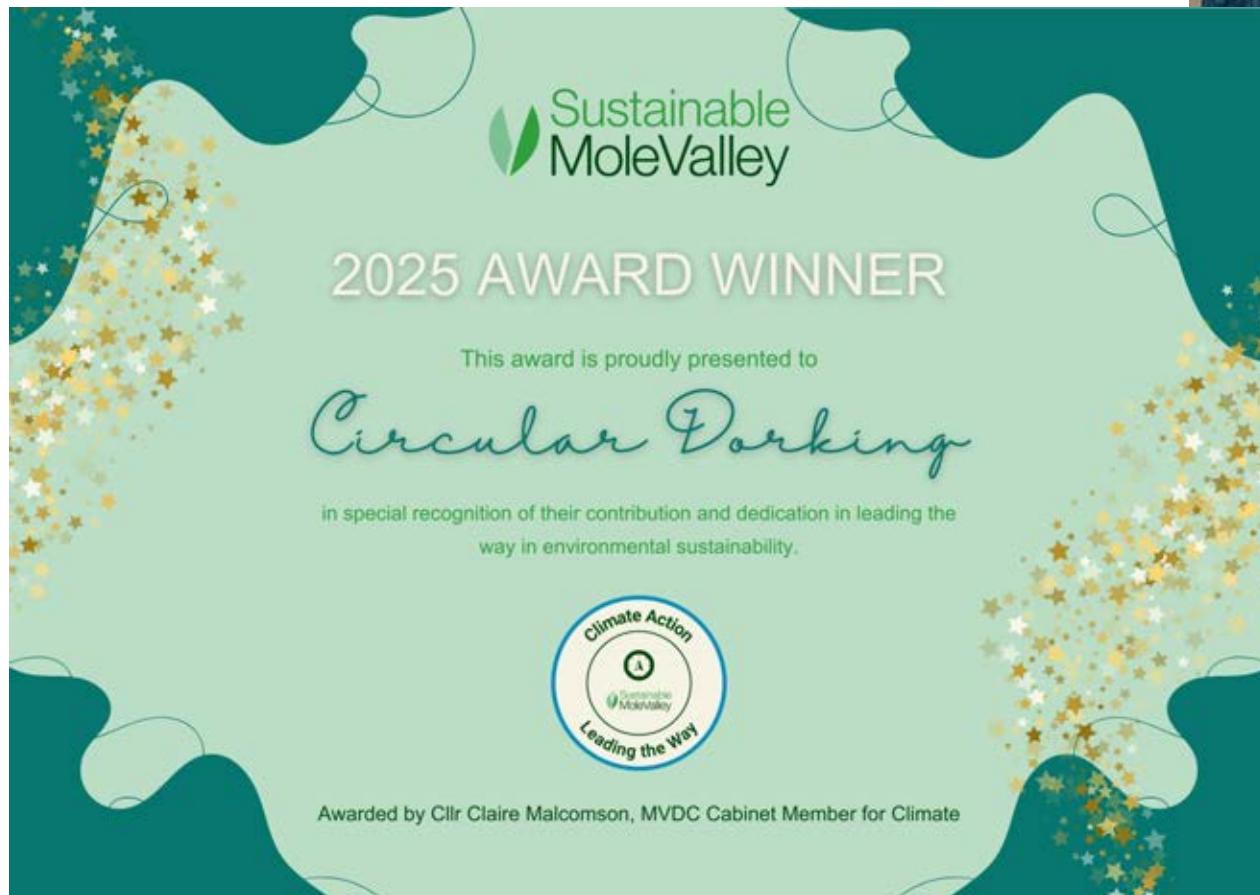
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Publications and materials



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Plus so much more...

Check our website and social media for all our latest news and upcoming events, campaigns and projects.



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