



# Newsletter

Winter / Early Spring 2026

## Orchard at Bucknell's Meadow



Following the planting of 13 fruit trees in December 2025 with help from residents, January saw us carefully monitoring the Orchard and making small but important improvements. Thanks to the wet weather, watering wasn't needed, but we have installed more robust guards to protect the trees, particularly from deer.

We will keep monitoring the site and hope to make further additions to the Orchard in the future, alongside more community events.

*Caption: Newly planted fruit trees at Bucknell's Meadow*



*Captions: Wassailing event with Scouts and community | Tree signs showing variety and sponsor names*

We were delighted to hold our first Wassailing event, with singing, processions around the trees and traditional pan-bashing, led by the Squirrels (the youngest Scouts). We hope this becomes a cherished annual tradition.

## PSG Allotments



*Caption: Last summer's preparation at the community allotments*

Our allotments have suffered from persistent rain. With soil too wet to work, we've covered bare beds with cardboard to suppress weeds until spring planting begins. We're currently planning this year's planting regime. We hope to restart our regular session as soon as weather allows.

More information: [www.purleysustainability.co.uk/community-allotments](http://www.purleysustainability.co.uk/community-allotments) Why not join us when the sun comes out?

## Recycling & Terracycle

Recycling continues to go well. With help from many people and organisations across Purley, 235 chocolate tubs were collected through the Tub-to-Pub scheme in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Although some TerraCycle schemes have ended, we remain committed to reducing landfill waste and are actively seeking new and creative solutions within our community.

**Monthly recycling is the second Sunday of the month at 7 Beech Road.**



Check here for up-to-date information:  
[www.purleysustainability.co.uk/recycling](http://www.purleysustainability.co.uk/recycling)

*Caption: 235 chocolate tubs collected for Macmillan*

## Repair Café



*Captions: Repair Café volunteers fixing items | Textile repairs*

Our first Repair Café of 2026 was buzzing with activity. Many electrical items were repaired, sometimes with a simple plug or switch replacement, sometimes requiring more detailed work.

Emailing, or completing the online form [www.purleysustainability.co.uk/repair-cafe](http://www.purleysustainability.co.uk/repair-cafe) with details of the item and the issue prior to the event means we have a chance to advise in advance on whether a repair is feasible at a Repair Café.

We do our best to save as much as possible from waste-processing.

Now that the weather is improving, it's the perfect time to get your bicycle checked and ready to go this summer – our repairers are waiting for you!

**Repair Café dates are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 3pm to 5pm at the Mad Duck Café, Wintringham Way, Purley on Thames.**

## **Dates for the Diary**

- ❖ Recycling / Terracycle – Sunday 8 March – 7 Beech Road
- ❖ Repair Café – Saturday 14 March, 3–5pm – The Mad Duck, Wintringham Way
- ❖ Purley Litter Pick – Sunday 29 March, 10am – Meet at The Barn, Goosecroft
- ❖ Cheese and Wine at the Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15 April, 7pm – Memorial Hall, Glebe Road

## **About Purley Sustainability Group**

Purley Sustainability Group (PSG) is a community sustainability group for Purley on Thames. We are passionate about enhancing community wellbeing through projects that bring people together, improve our local environment and encourage sustainable living.

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