

Table 1 Infographic below shows the main outputs of Zero Waste Community Fund 2024-25



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Zero Waste Community Fund 2024-25 Summary of Social Value achieved

General Tonnage Diversion	£44,686.99
Textile Reuse / Repair	£3,851.12
Food Waste Prevention (including food skills training)	£422,996.64
Volunteer Hours	£132,566.72
Participation / Direct Engagement	£95,352.40
Wider Engagement	£21,103.94
Community Events	£15,480.00
Other Training	£1,647.36
Total monetary equivalent achieved	£737,685.17
This is a Return on investment of	1: £4.47

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Table 3 Summary of Zero Waste Community Fund Projects supported in 2025-2026

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Organisation and Project	Delivery Area	Focus	Funding	Project Summary
Syrian British Cultural Centre CIC. From Waste to Creativity: Empowering Communities through Recycling and Innovation	Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool and Sefton	Food, Furniture, Textiles, WEEE	£26,000.00	This project will champion responsible waste management throughout the Liverpool City Region, engaging schools and community centres. Key activities include an Eco Innovation Lab, a Recycle & Repair Programme, a Green Entrepreneurship Academy, and impactful events designed to foster lasting behavioural change. The project aims to significantly reduce textile waste through repair and reuse workshops, extend the lifespan of furniture and electrical appliances via refurbishment initiatives, educate communities on effective food waste reduction techniques, and promote the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives.
The County of Merseyside Guide Assoc Guiding towards Food Waste Zero	Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens	Food, Plastics	£27,050.00	A collaboration between the Guiding Association and a food skills expert - training Guide and Brownie Leaders across Merseyside in practical skills, reducing food waste through improved cooking, growing food, and composting, aiming to influence positive changes at home.
Friends of Bowring Park Reclaim & Sustain Project	Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Wirral	Food, Textiles, WEEE,	£26,920.00	Building on the success of the previous 'Fix-it' pilot, this project will scale up and replicate its model across various regional communities, employing diverse approaches to repair and reuse. Activities will include a range of workshops focusing on food waste prevention, bike repair, clothing reuse and repair, and electrical item repairs, alongside awareness campaigns and accessible resources. These efforts will be supported by a Fix-it Festival and a Zero Waste celebration, showcasing repair activities and offering drop-in repair services.
Squash Liverpool CIC TREASURE - Food and Textiles for Real	Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens	Food, Textiles	£30,000.00	Empowering young adults to make informed choices about fast food and fashion, this educational program will cultivate skills in growing, cooking, managing, and preserving food. It will also teach valuable techniques for clothing repair and reuse. Learning will be brought to life through interactive training workshops, impactful large-scale community events across the Region, and enriching visits to local community projects.

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DISTRICT PROJECTS

Organisation and Project	Delivery Area	Focus	Funding	Project Summary
Earth Moves The Earth Moves project	Wirral	Food	£7,689.00	The project will actively involve local people through hands-on workshops and the creation of a Hügelkultur bed using organic waste. This process will document and produce an accessible resource to inspire and enable local schools, community members, and environmental groups to replicate this sustainable gardening technique.
D HUB 67 C.I.C. Full Circle Project	Wirral	Food, Plastic, Textiles,	£5,380.00	The project will establish a community garden to grow food and enhance biodiversity. This produce will then be used to showcase cooking skills in creative and healthy meals, while also demonstrating proper food storage and preservation methods. Also, community swap events for textiles, with any surplus materials being repurposed and repaired into useful items.
Groundwork Merseyside Mint Meals, Minus Waste	Liverpool	Food	£7,842.00	This project, in partnership with South Liverpool Homes, will take a practical and community-oriented approach to improving food-related skills. Through workshops and shared resources, residents will learn about smart shopping, effective planning, optimal food storage, healthy cooking, appropriate portioning, and inventive ways to use leftovers. Community composting will also be a key element.
Forum Creative Enterprise Charity Waste to Taste	Wirral	Food, Plastics,	£1,986.00	This initiative will empower young adults who have been homeless by equipping them with crucial independent living skills, including practical cooking abilities, knowledge of balanced nutrition and food management, and valuable skills in composting and growing their own food.
Faiths4Change Transforming Throwaways to Treasures	Wirral	Food, Plastic, Textiles	£8,000.00	This project contributes to the region's climate change strategy by facilitating practical sustainable activities, notably reuse and repair workshops tailored for young adults. A final event will be held to disseminate the project's findings and explore potential avenues for building upon its successes.
Willowbrook Hospice Waste to	Knowsley	Furniture, Textiles, WEEE	£7,800.00	This initiative will offer opportunities for repairing, repurposing, and reselling items through Fix-it cafes, mending, repair, and upcycling workshops, and clothes swapping events specifically for hospice

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Community Uses Challenge				patients and their families. The project will also train volunteers in repair skills and host engaging competitions, culminating in a public Re-Fashion show.
Friends of South Park Let's Grow! Not Throw!	Sefton	Food, Furniture, Plastic,	£7,975.00	The project will foster skills development and create employment opportunities for the local community and volunteers through practical training in woodwork, cooking, upcycling, and community composting & gardening.
Hazlehurst Studios Runcorn Repair Café	Halton	Furniture, Plastic, Textiles, WEEE, Other	£7,904.00	The project will establish a monthly repair café and a community PAT testing service, empowering residents with practical repair skills through guidance from local specialists. A media campaign will raise awareness and reinforce key messages. The project will culminate in a community event showcasing its successes and facilitating future planning.

In 2025-206 Zero Waste Community Fund is supporting 12 projects with a total of £164,546.00 funding