

Table 1 Infographic below shows the main outputs of Zero Waste Community Fund 2025-26



Table 2 Zero Waste Community Fund 2025-26 Summary of Social Value achieved

General Tonnage Diversion	£20,985.00
Textile Reuse / Repair	£483.60
Food Waste Prevention (including food skills training)	£281,368.56
Volunteer Hours	£160,182.87
Participation / Direct Engagement	£158,260.95
Wider Engagement	£551.98
Community Events	£25,920.00
Other Training	£1,372.80
Total monetary equivalent achieved	£649,125.76
This is a Return on investment of	£1: £3.94

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Table 3 **Summary of Zero Waste Community Fund Projects supported in 2026-2027**

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Organisation and Project	Delivery Area	Focus	Funding	Project Summary
Waste Not, Dance Lots - Alchemic Kitchen	Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton & St Helens	Food	£23,150.00	Large scale educational food sessions providing Disco Chops (active musical cook along's) focusing on utilising unwanted to wasted veg stock. As well as a community event day offering apple gleanings utilising unharvested stock for juice, baking and more.
Scouting Towards Zero Waste - Merseyside Scouts	Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens & Wirral	Food & Plastic	£29,875.00	Food waste skills delivered through trickle down training. Supporting 30 unit leads to learn the skills and access equipment to support up to five sessions in each area.
Swap Shop - Vibe Charitable Incorporated Org	Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton & St Helens	Textiles	£26,310.97	Working with young people (11-17) across various youth councils to create a traveling textiles project. The core group and van will move across districts offering education sessions linked to fast fashion, second hand clothing, upcycling and sewing skills and hosting swap shops with donated/repaired/upcycled clothing.
School Uniform & Clothing Reuse Project - Roberts Recycling Ltd	All	Textiles	£6,825.00	Pilot Supporting five/six schools in the reuse and redistribution of uniforms and other textiles, through educational session, assembly's and resources.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Organisation and Project	Delivery Area	Focus	Funding	Project Summary
Renew, Reuse & Recycle Waste Wood - Walton Vale Community Shop	Liverpool	Furniture, WEE & Other	£6,000	Utilising scrap furniture, pallets and wooden boxes in hands on woodwork sessions creating, ornaments, bird boxes and planters. As well as the creation of a scrap library to support future projects.
St Marks Waste Less Community Programme - St Stephens Gateacre PCE	Liverpool	WEE, Textiles & Food	£8,000.00	Ambitious community church project covering multiple reuse/repair and waste reduction projects including - launch of a monthly repair cafe & lending library, 3 clothing swaps (2 uniforms, 1 coats), and a range of cooking and composting sessions utilising their community garden.
Threads for Change - Amber Button CIC	Wirral	Textiles	£7,885.00	A Wirral based repair and revive workshop focusing on sewing skills, clothing alterations and care advice to extend product life. As well as two larger swap shop events and a final celebration event.
Reuse, Restore & Repair - Lets Talk2Day CIC	Knowsley	Food, Textiles & Furniture	£7,200.00	Project focusing on repair and reuse across multiple sessions including repair workshops, sewing skills lessons and food waste workshops. These sessions aim to generate core volunteers or champions to help continue the work long term. Supported by quarterly swap shop events and a final showcase.
Switch & Stitch - The Hearth Network	Sefton	Textiles	£6,850.00	Offering 6 clothing swaps across Sefton parallel to a 4 hour repair skills session to support those accessing the project. Session will focus on a range

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				of skills from basic stitch to tailoring and upcycling and will be shaped for each venue and the time of year.
Save & Store - The Venus Charity	Sefton	Food	£7,186.00	A six month project focusing on food skills around cooking, storage and meal planning to support long term waste reduction.
Reduce and Reuse at Micah Liverpool	Liverpool	Food & Textiles	£5,152.00	Splitting their focus over two areas Micah will offer 8 sewing skills workshops working on repairing and repurposing clothing and home textiles, followed by 10 food waste sessions around utilising 'waste' kitchen products and showcasing skills such as batch cooking, freezing and storing.
Waste Less the Eco Way - The Eco Therapy Garden CIC	Knowsley	Food & Textiles	£8,000.00	Sessions held at a local community garden focusing on food growing, waste prevention and composting know as from plot to plate. Aswell as hosting textile swap shop and sewing skills sessions, providing repair skills, and sessions on utilising 'scrap material' such as reclaimed yarn and wool.
Reuse, Recycle and Repair with Mencap - Mencap Sefton & Liverpool	Sefton	Food, Textiles & Other	£6,162.56	Building off a 2024/25 project looking to run workshops in their cafe around repair and food waste reduction, as well as hosting two swap shops to help launch an onsite charity shop.

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Sewing Connections CIC	Sefton	Textiles	£7,943.00	A sewing specific organisation providing additional days free of charge to the local community to support sewing skills, repair and reuse. Mainly focusing on repair skill sessions and repurposing scrap material into items to donate to charities including mastectomy cushions & IV bags.
Growing Sustainable Futures - Kindling Farm	Knowsley	Food	£7,991.00	A local farming co-operative offering a 6 week seasonal growing and cooking course and 6 week furniture repair and upcycling course. Alongside school visits around the food cycling and access to locally grown produce. The project aims to end with a Zero Waste Food Event celebrating season, local food, composting and more.

In 2026-2027 Zero Waste Community Fund is supporting 15 projects with a total of £164,530.53 funding