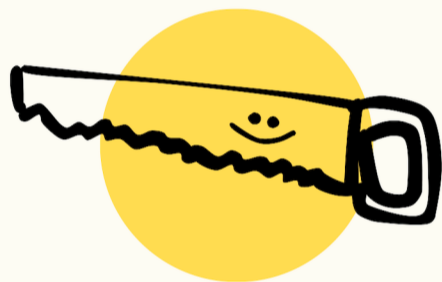


THE COMMUNITY WASTE MOVEMENT

In the face of growing waste problems, individuals, groups, and communities are taking matters into their own hands. Compared to more traditional waste strategies, they organise waste – both the prevention and management of it – differently. These groups and communities are varied, but they all work collectively to solve local and/or global waste-related issues, and to instigate change **towards more sustainable and fair ways of handling and preventing waste.**

Community Waste Projects

make up this movement. These projects are relatively small in scale, they can be either formal or informal groups, and operate in the non-profit, community-based sector.



To reduce waste

is the most common aim among these projects, followed by increasing awareness and creating volunteer opportunities.

Charity or informal

are the most common organisational forms, but other forms are used too, for example social enterprise, cooperative, or community-based constitutions.



(more than) **3,500**

Community Waste Projects exist in the UK (but this excludes charity shops, of which there are an additional 11,000).

Thousands of items are saved

by the Community Waste Movement every year, and more. The movement also helps people and communities, have a positive influence on the local public and authorities, and experiment with more sustainable and fair waste practices!

