



Climate Collective Oxford

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025



WHO WE ARE

Climate Collective Oxford is a group of local people who came together to work for a community climate hub in central Oxford. Our vision was to build a visible central space in the city where everyone - individuals, groups and businesses - can unite to create and inspire action on climate, nature and social justice. We believe this will vitally strengthen community resilience and cohesion, helping us to care for ourselves, our communities and our planet in the face of the growing climate crisis.

At the root of this is creating a better place to live, both now and long into the future. In Oxford we may be protected from some of the worst impacts of the climate crisis, but we cannot ignore it.

The community climate hub will be a thriving centre of activities all in one inclusive and accessible space where visitors could find:

- **Information on living and working more sustainably**
- **Ways to shop that are better for the planet**
- **Talks, workshops and exhibitions**
- **Meeting spaces for groups at low cost**
- **A space to imagine and create a future that works for generations to come**

Oxford's community climate hub was envisaged as much more than a building – it would be a space for everyone. We actively encouraged the participation of all our communities so that we could come together to share what makes us strong. This Annual Report gives an outline of what we achieved over the last year.

During 2025 we created a very successful and meaningful one-day event, Thrive Oxford: A Community Climate Hub For A Day. Beyond that, a lack of support and funding from the city council and local landlords, together with the limited capacity of volunteers, has meant that we have been unable to undertake anything more. We still believe that collectively we can meet the challenges that we face, and co-operate to create a future where people and nature can thrive. **As we encounter an ever bleaker future, we hope that people will, in future, come together again and recognise the value of a community climate hub for Oxford.**



OUR MISSION

To create and maintain a community climate hub in the heart of Oxford, bringing together all those who would like to live more sustainably and those who are curious about building a fairer, more resilient city.

We base everything that we do on our three core values:

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We know that we are at a critical point as we adapt to a changing climate. We can only achieve our mission by:

- Being community-led
- Being proactively inclusive and valuing diversity
- Prioritising equality and social justice
- Experimenting, learning and working imaginatively
- Looking after our own wellbeing, and that of others
- Being part of wider movements for change, both locally and globally
- Respecting the natural environment

THRIVE OXFORD EVENT

From January 2025 onwards, a small group of volunteers worked very hard to create an event that would showcase what a community climate hub could do. On 7 June 2025 **over 300 people attended the event which brought together local community groups working in the climate and social justice movements.** Thrive Oxford highlighted the huge commitment of local initiatives around the themes of food, travel, energy, nature and reducing waste. Popular sessions included a talk from former deputy county council leader, Pete Sudbury, who set out the challenges facing our county; a conversation between climate campaigners reflecting on their personal activism journeys; and the social philosopher, Roman Krznaric, talking about what it means to be a good ancestor. Thrive Oxford was opened by Lord Mayor, Councillor Louise Upton who spoke in support of Climate Collective Oxford's mission.



THRIVE OXFORD EVENT

"I worry about the climate crisis and often feel hopeless about being able to do anything. I went along to the Thrive event thinking I would just pop in to see what it was all about, and ended up staying for 2 hours. I got lots of practical ideas from the stalls, and was inspired by Roman Krznaric, who showed that those of us who worry about the environment, and wish we could do more, have a real role to play building movements, so that when the moment comes that large-scale change is possible, the networks and ideas are ready."

Becky, South Oxford resident



Thrive Oxford was organised on an extremely limited budget and every person gave their time on an entirely voluntary basis. We are extremely grateful to all those who joined the planning group, designed the publicity materials, organised our social media, presented their work at the stalls, inspired visitors through their talks and workshops, and volunteered on the day.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Despite our huge efforts over the past few years, we have had to accept that the appetite for real climate action has diminished. Our funding options ran out and the council, despite declaring a climate emergency, was unable to provide support.

Nevertheless, we note that **89% of the British public are worried about the changing climate and nature loss**. A significant majority (64%) still believes that the government's target for net zero should be at least 2050, if not earlier. It is often said that the transition to a green economy is too costly, especially when millions of people across the UK are facing a cost of living crisis, with people needing support to be able to afford everyday basics such as food and heating.

However, as the climate crisis tightens its grip and we experience increasingly extreme weather, we have to do everything in our power to limit the amount by which we exceed 1.5°C. Effective action on the climate crisis is something that we cannot afford *not* to do if we want to make life more sustainable, affordable, healthier and safer for everyone, and a climate hub would be one way to build resilience in this city.

The work of Climate Collective Oxford, backed up by our survey, clearly showed that **there is a desire for a community climate hub in the city**. It remains vital that we face the reality of the climate emergency.

When enough people are ready and willing to put their energy and commitment into it, we are sure that Oxford will have a climate hub.



With many thanks to all our supporters over the years

FINANCE

Financial Arrangements and Accounts 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

In October 2024, Climate Collective Oxford applied to the Charity Commission for a Charitable Incorporated Constitution (CIO) Foundation Model. We received our registration on 18 December 2024. In January 2025, we opened a new business bank account with the Co-op Bank and transferred our funds from the Social Change Nest Bank into the Co-op Bank.

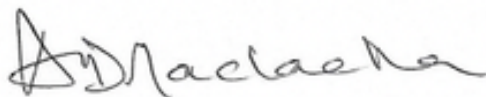
During 2025, Climate Collective Oxford undertook one large and very successful event called **THRIVE Oxford, A Community Climate Hub for a Day**. Through this event, we were able to raise money via donations to cover our costs and provide a surplus of roughly £400 to support our costs during 2026.

Climate Collective Oxford Annual Accounts January to December 2025			
Income		Expenses	
Transfer from Social Change Net Bank	£615.45	Printing leaflets, posters, and THRIVE publicity	£256.53
Donations from individuals in cash or via our website platform Good Hub including gift aid	£1,838.85	Hire of two rooms in the Wesley Memorial Hall	£1,525.00
Community Action Groups Oxfordshire grants for THRIVE Oxford and event insurance	£529.40	Website additional functionality, contract renewal and maintenance	£554.70
Total	£3,033.70		£2,636.23
Bank balance 31 December 2025			£397.63

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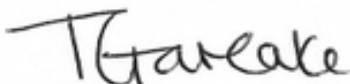
Anne Maclachlan, Treasurer

Date 5 July 2026



Teresa Garlake, Chair

Date



5th July 2026

Reviewed by Director, Community Action Groups Oxfordshire

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29 July 2026