



Community  
Wood  
Recycling



# ANNUAL SURVEY SPECIAL REPORT 2024

## Contributing to our communities

Every year we survey our members to find out more about their work. For this year's report we are focussing on how timber donations from our projects benefit people and organisations, and how we are turning waste into love.

All over the country social enterprises in our network are working with local communities to build a better, greener world, and to use reclaimed wood to benefit good causes from schools to animal sanctuaries.

### RESEICLO



Our South Wales wood recyclers Reseiclo empower people with learning disabilities to help their local community. Here is one of the team who has helped to fit handrails for an elderly local resident.

### MID SUSSEX WOOD RECYCLING



Sussex-based charity Garden Army provides horticultural therapy to ex-service people suffering from PTSD, and to anyone else facing challenges in life who can benefit from working to grow things in a supportive environment. Mid Sussex Wood Recycling is a key supporter of the project, donating rescued timber to help create their therapeutic farm and kitchen garden.



## WILTSHIRE WOOD RECYCLING



Wiltshire Wood Recycling has been supporting Early Earth Protectors for ten years. This Chippenham-based group for children who are passionate about the environment offers activities from litter picking to water testing and is developing a youth community garden. Children learn about wildlife and biodiversity and can take part in campaigning activities.

This summer the group attended local festivals including Womad and Shambala. They created a children's speakers' corner to allow children to talk to people about their vision for a greener future and handed out wildflower seeds. Wiltshire Wood recycling donated more than 100 pieces of reclaimed timber which children painted with hearts as part of the BLUE campaign to rewild the country's gardens.

## ST ALBANS WOOD RECYCLING

Earthworks is a charity supporting people with learning disabilities (known as Earthworkers) alongside volunteers, to help manage 3.5 acres of beautiful eco-gardens in St Albans. St Albans Wood Recycling helps make it all happen by donating timber and pallets for them to reuse.



## ROOTS TIMBER REUSE

Roots Timber Reuse CIC is a community interest company based in Ash which provides waste wood collection services to the Dartford, Gravesham and Medway areas. Some of the timber they collected was donated to the local animal sanctuary, Second Chance Animal Rescue to make shelters and enclosures, and to build fencing to keep the animals secure. Roots also donate to prisons and local charity groups

