



PARTY KIT

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2024 – 2025

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Welcome

What a year it's been for the Party Kit Network!

Together we've seen more people than ever celebrating without waste – from kids' birthday parties and PTA fundraisers to work BBQs and family occasions. Every shared cup and reused plate tells a story of collective action, and this year those stories reached even further.

We were featured in **The Irish Times** and **The Guardian Australia**, made our UK TV debut on **Channel 5's Shop Smart, Save Money**, and joined Australia's **Dirtgirlworld** for a live stream celebrating reuse for Plastic Free July. I was also proud to present at the first **Plastic Free Gathering UK**, while members were out in their own communities promoting the party kit concept at local events and fairs – inspiring even more people to make the switch to reuse.

We launched our new Reminder Service, helping families plan ahead for low-waste parties, and saw the rise of council-run party kit schemes across the UK and beyond. Our growing community was also recognised when we were shortlisted for the **Better Business Network's Pioneer of the Year award**.

Behind the scenes, we've welcomed two new board members, Filiz Taylan Yuzak and Natalia Celemin, added new member resources, celebrated local press successes, and been joined by new kits from around the world, including our first members in the UAE, Qatar, India and Mexico, as well as more in the US after our chat on **Upstream's Indisposable podcast**.

Thank you to everyone who's been part of this journey – hiring, lending, washing, sharing, and spreading the word. Together, we're proving that small, local actions can add up to something truly worth celebrating.

Isabel

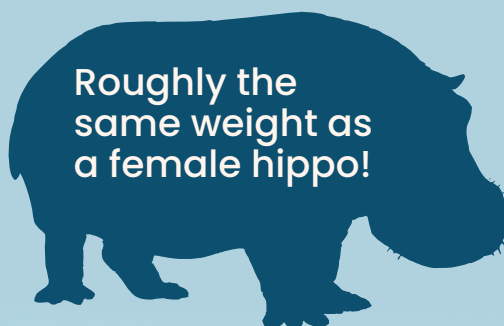
Founder, Party Kit Network
October 2025



2024-25

315,959

single-use items avoided
by the hire of party kits



Reporting period 1 Aug 2024 – 31 Jul 2025. Single-use items avoided = disposable plates, cups, bowls and cutlery items. Based on responses from 202 members (35%).

Party Kit Network

Since 2019, the Party Kit Network has been helping people celebrate with less waste.

We're a nonprofit social enterprise bringing together hundreds of people from across the globe to make reusable tableware an easy, accessible alternative to disposables.

A party kit combines the benefits of reuse and community sharing – providing plates, cups and tableware to borrow for a celebration, then returning ready to be used again. It's a simple idea that saves time, money and waste.

Each kit is independently run by families, school PTAs, community groups, local councils, small businesses and sharing libraries. Together we form a growing movement not just for low-waste celebrations, but for championing local community sharing.

So far, **our members have prevented over 1.3 million single-use items from ending up in landfill.** And with every shared cup and borrowed plate, we're proving that reuse can be joyful, practical and powerful.



Impact of Shared Celebrations

Our numbers for 2024-25...

315,959

single-use
items avoided

1,000+

enquiry
connections
facilitated

74

new members
joined from
7 countries

618

party kits
pinned on
our map

"Fab kit, great value,
super idea. I have used
for two parties now and
will come back again and
again. Thanks so much!"

- Party Kit User

Since 2020...

1,334,456

single-use items avoided



Beyond the Numbers

Not every impact can be counted. While our data shows the number of single-use items saved, there are quieter changes happening too – the kind that don't fit neatly into a chart but matter just as much.

When someone borrows a party kit instead of buying disposable tableware, they're doing more than just reducing waste. They're connecting with their community, supporting local initiatives, and rethinking what it means to celebrate sustainably.

These moments build something powerful:

Community connection: Borrowing and returning a party kit brings neighbours together, creating small but meaningful interactions that strengthen local ties.

Inspiration and awareness: Every reusable cup or plate used at a party helps normalise reuse, showing that sustainability can be joyful, not a compromise.

Confidence in action: Many kit owners tell us running a kit has boosted their confidence, introduced them to like-minded people, and opened doors to new opportunities.

These are the stories behind the statistics – the ripple effects that can't be measured but shape the lasting impact of our movement.

Celebrating Our Members

The Party Kit Network is made up of our amazing members, each taking action in their own community to help people celebrate without the waste. Across multiple countries, there are 618 pins on our map, with each pin representing access to a party kit. Together, our members have already **kept over 1.3 million single-use items out of landfill.**

Every kit is unique, but all share the same goal: to make a positive impact and encourage reuse. Beyond reducing waste, many kits support local causes and bring people together. Borrowing a party kit isn't just a transaction – it's a chance to meet neighbours, connect with like-minded people, and share a little party sparkle every time a kit gets used.

Joely Martin, Northampton Party Kits

In Northampton, UK, Joely runs her party kit from home – the most common model across the network. After borrowing a kit for her daughter's birthday, she realised how easy it could be to start one herself. Joining the Party Kit Network earlier this year, she used our guides and templates to build her kit gradually and promoted it through her local nursery and social media. As a new member, Joely's kit has already helped families celebrate while avoiding hundreds of single-use items, showing how small actions add up. She received one of our Rising Star Awards this year.

"I started small, just a few place settings. Every time someone books, it feels like a win knowing we're saving things from the bin."

– Joely



Ruth Watson, Eco Connect North East CIC

In Teesside, UK, Ruth created Pass The Party, a pay-it-forward scheme that lends reusable party kits for free to families who might not otherwise afford them. Supported by donations from the community and local businesses, each booking includes tableware, decorations, and even reusable invitations. Ruth also partners with schools and family hubs to make celebrations more inclusive, combining environmental impact with community care. She received one of our Super Star Awards this year for being one of the top kits for avoiding waste.

"Every child deserves a special birthday and it shouldn't cost the earth, in any sense."

– Ruth

City of Santa Cruz Council

In Santa Cruz, USA, the local government's waste reduction team has launched ten community kits hosted by their existing volunteer network. The kits are free to borrow, funded by the council, and promoted through city channels. Each host manages bookings and handovers with council support. This initiative shows what's possible when councils back community reuse – practical impact, low cost, and high visibility. The City of Santa Cruz also received a Super Star Award.

"It's such a simple, positive way to talk about reuse. People see it and think – I could do that too."

– Julia, City of Santa Cruz

Member Awards 2025



This year, we ran our Member Awards for the second time, celebrating the remarkable achievements of members dedicated to making a positive impact. These awards recognise members whose outstanding efforts continue to drive meaningful change in sustainability and community action.

Rising Stars 2025

This award celebrates members who joined the network within the past 12 months and whose party kits are already making a significant impact..

Adur Party Kit (UK)	Ocean Grove Toy Library (AUS)
Dig & Bee (AUS)	Party in a Box Winchester (UK)
Dun Laoghaire Party Kit (Ireland)	Party Smarty (UK)
Dundrum Party Kit (Ireland)	Peni Party Kit (UK)
Ealing 135 (UK)	Planet Earth Parties (US)
Eco Chic Events (US)	Reusable Reno (US)
Eco Party Kit Oadby (UK)	Stroud Eco Party Kit (UK)
Maroondah Toy Library (AUS)	The Collective Shed (AUS)
Myli – My Community Library (AUS)	The Planet Friendly Party (Qatar)
Northampton Party Kits (UK)	

Shining Stars 2025

This award celebrates members who have successfully increased the impact of their party kits since last year.

4YaParty Weddings & Events (UK)	MiPo Party Packs (UK)
Celebrations Party Hire (UK)	Northern Beaches Party Kits (AUS)
Central Coast Party Kit (AUS)	Orange County Party Kit (US)
Comberbach Party Kit (UK)	Party Props 4 Tiny Tots (AUS)
Eastleigh Party Kit Hire (UK)	Pastel Picnics (AUS)
Eco Party Pack St Ives (UK)	Planet Friendly Parties Norfolk (UK)
Eco Peacock Party Hire (UK)	RE:MAKE Newport (UK)
Emily's Guildford Party Kit (AUS)	Southampton Soft Play Hire (UK)
Linlithgow Tool Library (UK)	Wangaratta Community Toy Library (AUS)
Mel's Party Kit (Ireland)	Worle Party Kit (UK)
Mini Me Time Parties (UK)	Zero Waste Party Reading (UK)

Super Stars 2025

This award celebrates members whose party kits helped prevent the most single-use items this year.

City of Santa Cruz Party Kits (US)	Mayo County Council (Ireland)
Community Events Library (US)	Pass the Party BS3 (UK)
Darebin Party Kits (AUS)	ReParty (UK)
Dolphinholme Party Kit (UK)	Share Bristol Bedminster & Kingswood (UK)
Eco Connect North East CIC (UK)	Shareshed Bassendean (AUS)
Elwood Kitchen Library (AUS)	St Mary's Party Kit Twickenham (UK)
Erin's Party Kit (AUS)	The Toyary (US)
Frome Eco Party Kit (UK)	Tournore Party Kit (Ireland)
Green Bean Eco Party Packs (UK)	Waste Free Events (AUS)
Many Happy Returns Jersey (UK)	Yatton Waste Free Party Kit (UK)

What Members Say

"I love being part of the Party Kit Network! Hiring out party kits is a very small thing to do, but it feels so good to know that I'm playing my part in the bigger picture, helping to reduce the environmental impact of parties across the whole country."

Sophie Cockburn, Planet Friendly Parties Norfolk

"Party Kit Network is not just a network but a community and one that has been integral to my sustainability journey as a small business and my own personal journey to being more eco-friendly! The work Isabel does is inspirational and I adore being a small part of this community that she has created!"

Mercedes Gale Parr, 4YaParty Weddings & Events

"Through my work running my party kit, I've learned that it's about reducing single use products, but for me, it's even more about shifting a mindset: to help others understand there are other options out there and that disposables are not the only way."

Sarah Horn, Eco Chic Events

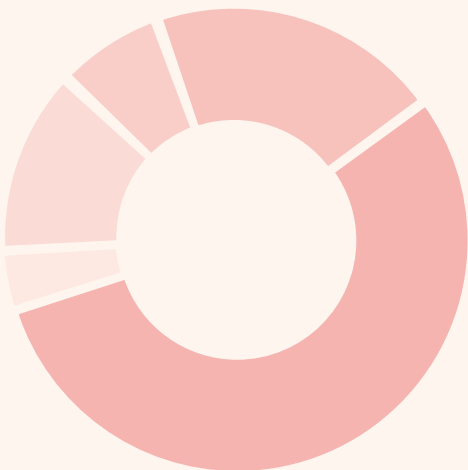
"It's been great to be able to make a difference to the amount of waste generated at parties – and all the resources provided by the Party Kit Network have made it really easy to get set up and provide this service in my local area, thank you!"

Anna Roberts, Adur Party Kit

"The Party Kit Network is a supportive community based on sustainability principles, the circular economy, and sharing. It's great to be part of the network and to be making a difference to climate change in a small way. I'd love for every party to start with 'Can I hire instead of buying new?' We need to change the narrative!"

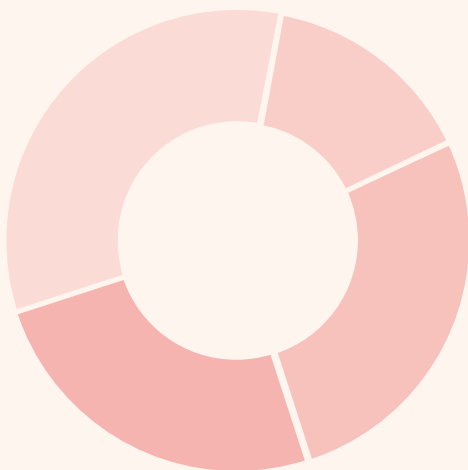
Rhian Davitt-Jones, Cheshire Party Box

How Party Kits are Operated



- Run from home 55%
- Community organisation 20%
- School PTA 7%
- Small Business 13%
- Local Council 4%

What Happens to Party Kit Income



- Kit free to borrow 25%
- Fee supports non-profit 27%
- All or part of fee donated 16%
- Run for profit 33%

Data: September 2025, based on responses from 202 members (35%).

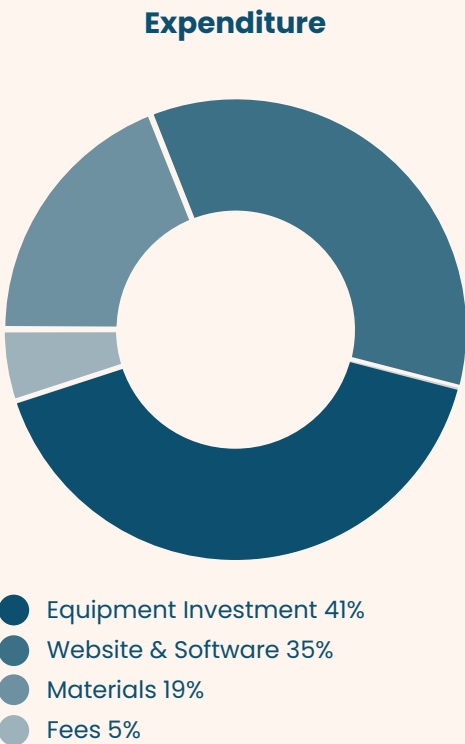
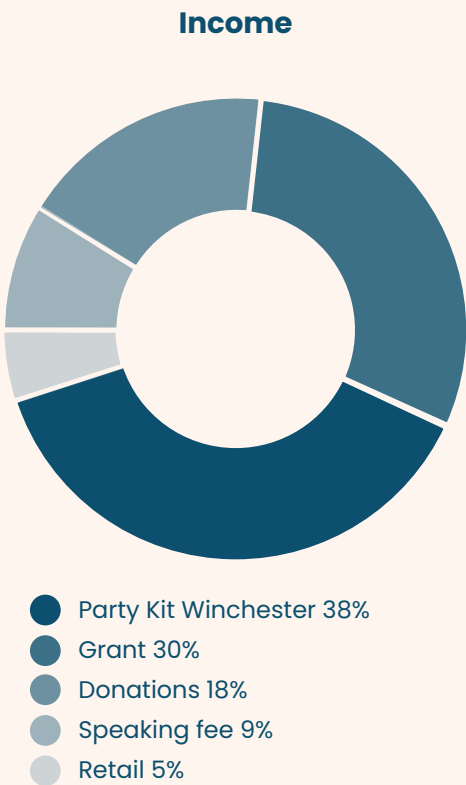
Financial Summary

In 2024–25, we generated an **income of almost £2,800** and **spent £2,600** with £1,052 spent on the purchase of new equipment (capital assets). Overall our expenses remain low because everyone who works on the Network donates their time, and we benefit from some gifted or discounted services.

Membership in the Party Kit Network remains free – we don’t charge a joining fee or take commissions from referrals. Income from Party Kit Winchester (the only party kit owned and operated directly by the Network) continues to be our largest single source of revenue. This year we invested in materials to add book party bags to Party Kit Winchester.

This year, we received our first small grant of £825 from Winchester City Council, which helped fund the equipment for a new party kit for adults. This kit has already reduced single-use waste in our community, provided vital income to support our work at a network level, and has been used at street parties, work BBQs, family events, and PTA fundraisers.

We continue to achieve a lot with very little, but there is much more we’d love to do. Securing long-term funding will be crucial over the next few years to grow the network, support members, and extend our impact.



What's Next...

In 2025-26, we'll continue to grow the network and strengthen the movement for reuse focusing on three key priorities:

Supporting Our Members

We'll keep developing the tools and resources that help our members set up, grow and share their party kits. Our focus this year is on helping members get out into their communities to build awareness locally and get kits used more often.

We'll add new resources to the members' area, create more chances to connect and learn together, and explore new ways to strengthen our community.

Championing Reuse

We'll keep promoting the party kit concept and the wider benefits of reuse, showing that waste-free celebrations are joyful, practical and possible everywhere.

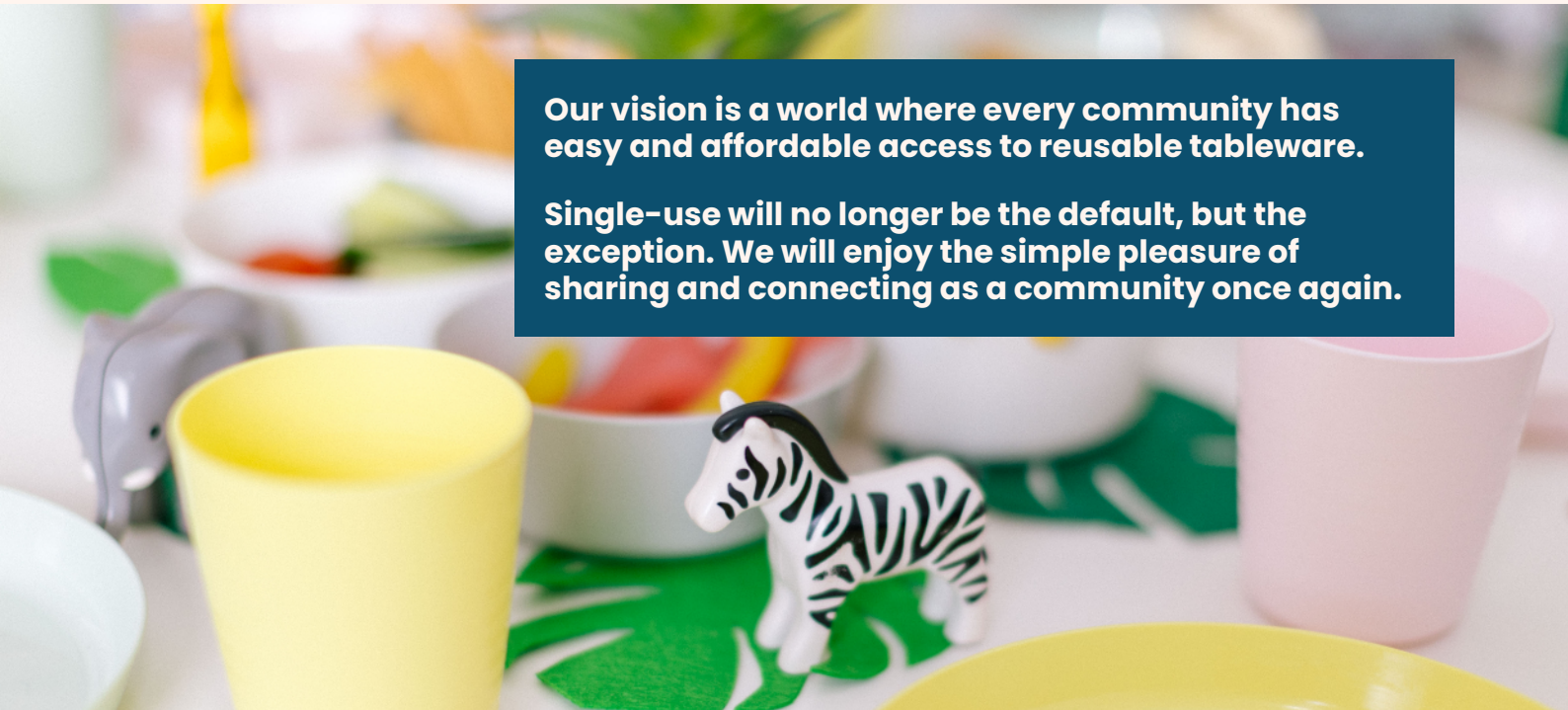
This means continuing to share inspiring stories, speak at sector events, and collaborate with partners to reach new audiences.

We'll also focus on improving the experience for people borrowing kits, making it easier than ever to celebrate sustainably.

Building Financial Resilience

The network is currently powered entirely by volunteers, and while that community spirit remains at our heart, we want to strengthen our financial foundation so we can do more.

This year we'll work to diversify income through new funding streams such as voluntary member contributions, digital downloads, and adding book party bags to Party Kit Winchester. More financial stability means more tools, more resources, and more opportunities for members in the years ahead.



Our vision is a world where every community has easy and affordable access to reusable tableware.

Single-use will no longer be the default, but the exception. We will enjoy the simple pleasure of sharing and connecting as a community once again.

Thank You

This year's impact is the result of a community effort and we're so grateful to everyone who's played a part. Thanks to:

Our incredible **Network members**, and everyone who has donated their time, skills or energy to help the movement grow.

Erin Rhoads, who continues to champion party kits across Australia and inspire so many to take part.

Outgoing board members **Dian Sofia, Sarah Collick** and **Cheryl Harpin**, who gave up their time for five years to guide and support us. And current board members **Vibeke Fennel, Julie Savage, Filiz Taylan Yuzak** and **Natalia Celemin** for their ongoing leadership and enthusiasm.

Our partners and supporters: **Re-Action Collective, Plastic Free July, Upstream Solutions** and **Winchester City Council**, for their continued encouragement and cheerleading.

To everyone who borrowed, lent, washed and shared – thank you.

Together, we're proving that celebrations can be joyful and sustainable.



How To Get Involved

Celebrations are better when they're shared and so is the impact of our Party Kit Network. There are lots of ways to join the movement, whether it's borrowing a kit, starting one in your community, or supporting us in other ways.

Find your local party kit

Borrow a kit, share your experience, and follow your local organiser on social media. Every hire helps reduce single-use waste and spreads the joy of sustainable celebrations.

www.partykitnetwork.org/find

Start a party kit for your community

Want to make a difference where you live? Our step-by-step Get Started guide makes it easy to set up your own kit and connect with local families and groups.

www.partykitnetwork.org/start

Support us with a donation

Your donations help us maintain resources, provide guides and templates, and grow the network so more communities can celebrate sustainably.

www.partykitnetwork.org/donate

Partner with us

We love working with organisations, councils, schools and businesses who share our vision. Partnerships help amplify our message and create meaningful local impact.

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