

# BORROW DON'T BUY

PROGRESS  
REPORT

FEBRUARY - JULY 2018



# WHAT IS BORROW DON'T BUY

## OUR JOURNEY

During 2017 we crowdfunded the funds needed and set up Plymouth's First Library of Things. We crowdfunded £11,109 from 153 supporters in 35 days.

Borrow Don't Buy launched on the 3rd of February 2018 with a hugely successful launch at Moments Cafe. The Real Junk Food Project Plymouth catered for the event which was attended by press, councillors, MPs and many other influential and supportive people.

We are based at THINQTANQ and open Tuesdays from 10 till 8pm and Thursdays from 10 till 6pm. We have an online platform where everyone can browse our inventory and members can book items.

## OUR VISION

Everyone should have access to the things they need, without it costing the earth.

## OUR MISSION

We inspire social change by lending the things that people need for their personal projects and activities, helping them save money, declutter and reduce their carbon footprint.

## OUR VALUES

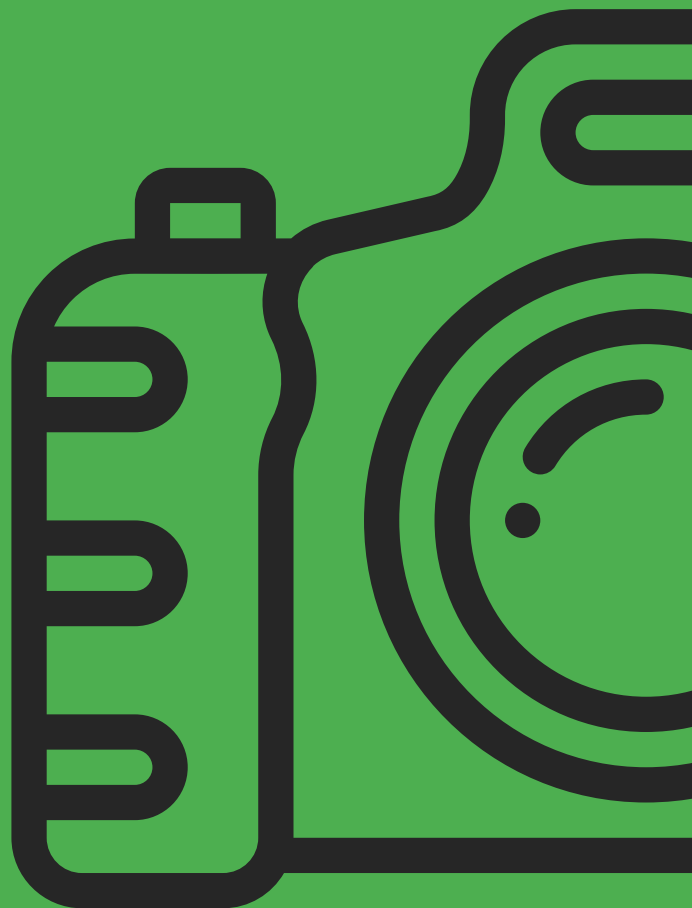
Strengthen community development.

Promote sharing and re-using.

Awareness of environmental issues.

Friendly "borrower" support.

Re-use rather than buy new.  
(Whenever it's safe to do)



## MINI GLOSSARY

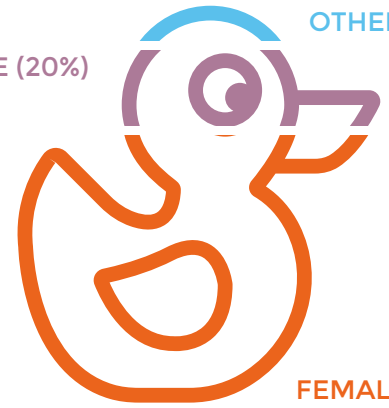
BDB = Borrow Don't Buy  
RC = Repair Cafe

# OUR MEMBERS

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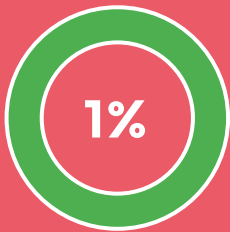
Members signed up in the first six months.

MALE (20%)



OTHER (9%)

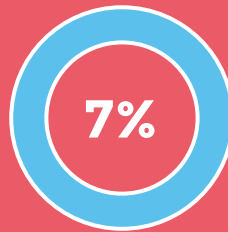
FEMALE (71%)



FREQUENT



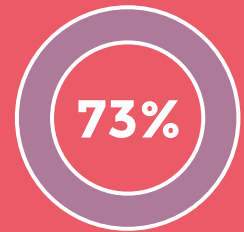
REGULAR



OTHER



EXPERT



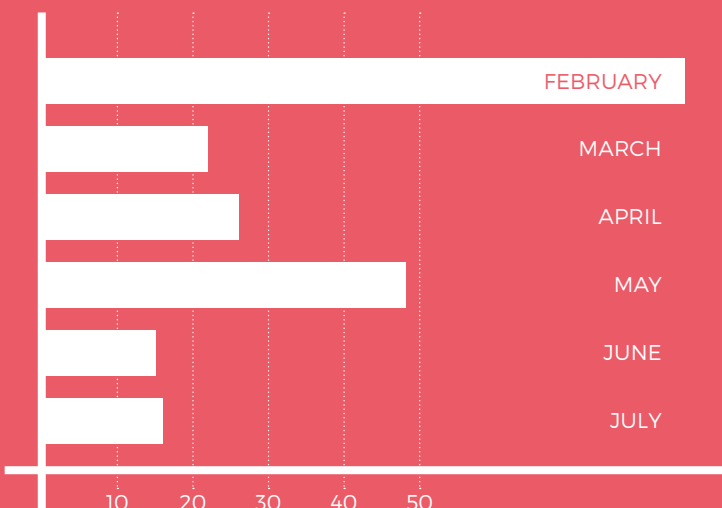
CASUAL

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

We have four types of membership. Casual, Regular, Frequent and Expert - each has different benefits. Other membership types include Directors and Volunteers.

More info at [borrowdontbuy.co.uk/memberships](http://borrowdontbuy.co.uk/memberships)

## MEMBERS JOINED PER MONTH



# OUR INVENTORY

THE LIBRARY OF THINGS IS WORTH...

# £15 791.99

## SORRY NOT SORRY

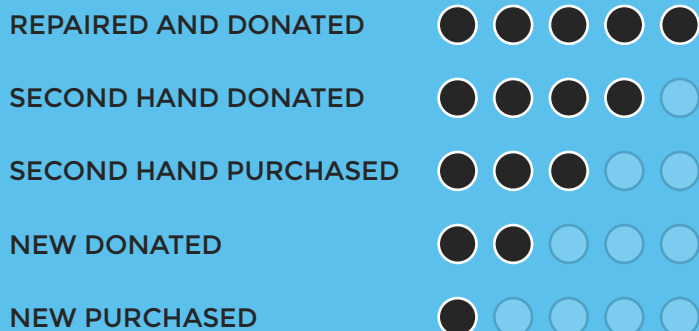
Nothing against items that are bought new, but we LOVE items that have had a life before us. Buying new is a last resort or if safety is a consideration. By repairing items or taking donations of second hand items we help extend their lives and this in turn makes them more carbon efficient. We have a dynamic catalogue that grows weekly and we always try to source items that our members ask for.

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**ITEMS IN OUR INVENTORY**

OVER HALF THE ITEMS WERE DONATED - THE REMAINING WERE PURCHASED

## HIERARCHY OF ACQUISITION



BOUGHT  
**16%**

**84%**  
DONATED



# OUR LOANS

# £28 886.50

## HAS BEEN SAVED BY OUR MEMBERS

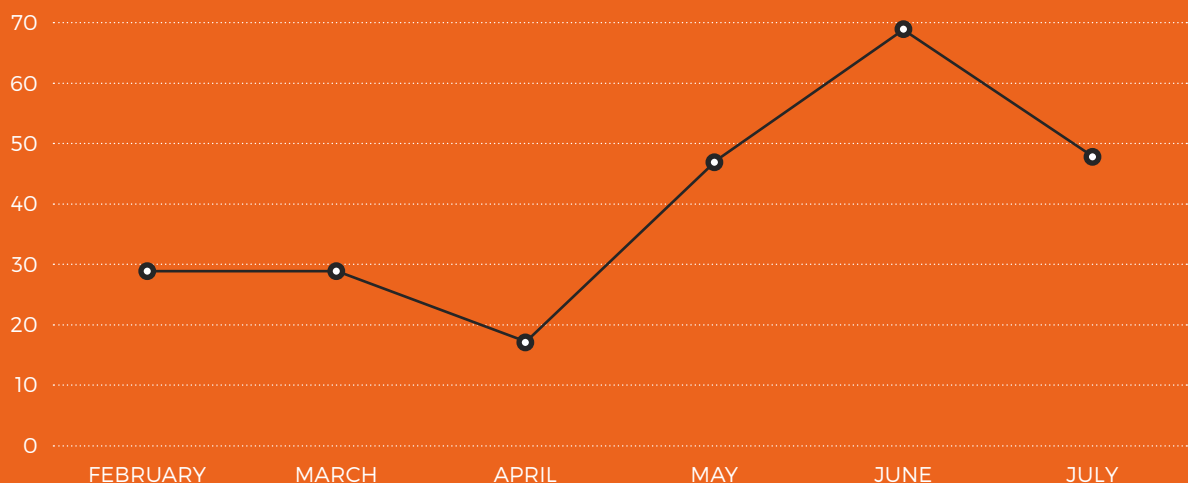
COLLECTIVELY, BORROW DON'T BUY HAS SAVED THE PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH OVER **£28K** OF VALUABLE INCOME

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completed loans since launch. This averages out around 10 loans per week, with every item returned.

## LOAN DETAILS

A standard loan is for seven days (extended to 14 days if the item hasn't been booked). This promotes circulation of items and guarantees access to most of our inventory.



Number of items checked out per month. Lower activity over the summer was expected.

# OUR COMMUNITY

## REPAIR CAFE

We launched our first RC in June 2017. Since then we have held them on the first Saturday of every other month.

From 10 am till 2 pm we help attendees to fix their items, mend clothes and create/build stuff. It is an important tool to help strengthen our link with our community.

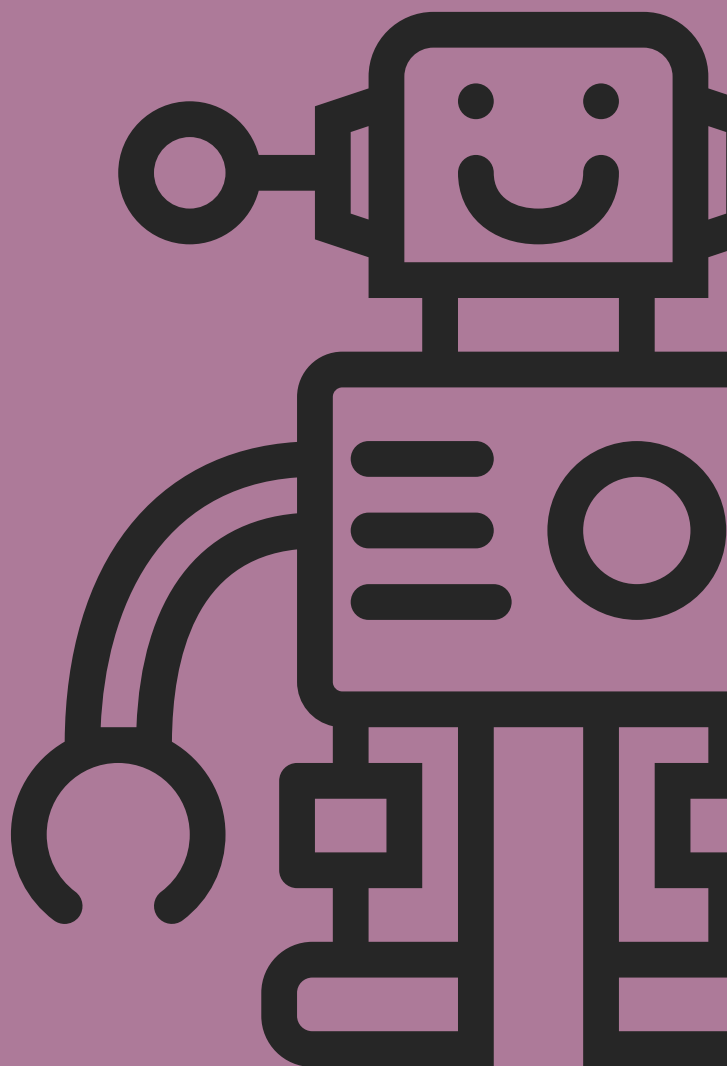
**60+**  
**ATTENDEES**

**20+**

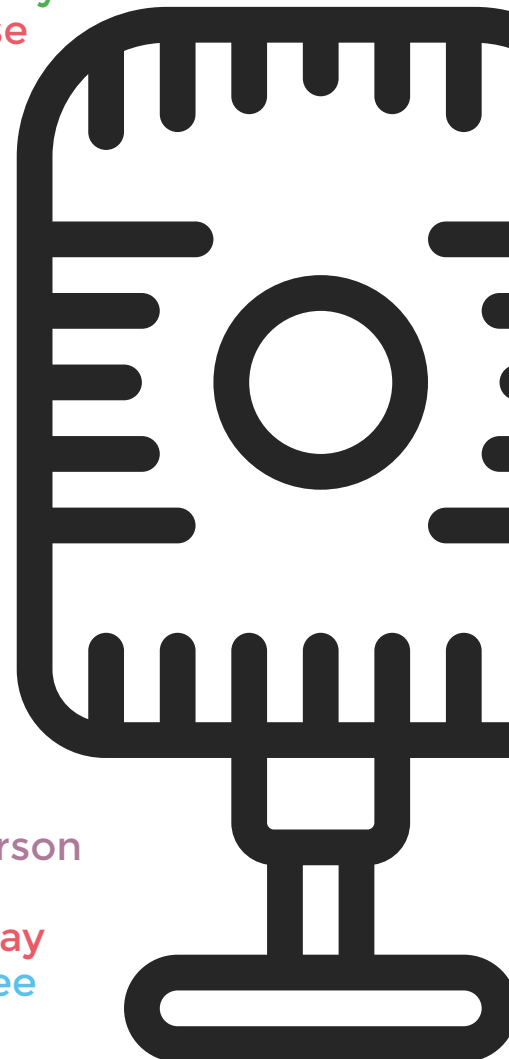
**ITEMS SAVED  
FROM LANDFILL**

## OTHER EVENTS

We hosted a Big Lunch event in The Square outside BDB. We have partned with other community groups and participated in other events such PlayDay2018 (with Scrapstore) and the Manor St. Market (Union Corner).



Plymouth City Council - Santander - Rob Wick - Marcus Shirley  
Garry Hunt - Sol Moyano - Matthew Jaques - Rachel Dobbs  
Natalie Preston - Tamora Sita Burn - lyssy13 - Charlotte Holloway  
Justin Robbins - Hannah Harris - Kate Raworth - Mike Cobb  
Cathryn Bishop - Helen McHarry - Derengweryn - Paul Cox  
Stephen John Goldthorp - Agostina Turchetti Diez - Jacqueline Jones  
Chris Hunt - The Stoke Inn - Neil Stevens - James Watson  
Lynne French - Cliff Wright - Matilda Bradford - Ksenija & Belen  
Mark Leahy - Kitiana McEwan - Christopher Weight - Ed Whitelaw  
Andrew Whitehouse - Jesse Holliland - Lorna Dallas - Sue Cheney  
Sue Timothy - Dave Kilroy - Helen Waddington - Paul Tyson  
Joshua Griffiths - Rae Porter - Alex Forbes-Perry - Melanie Birwe  
Hannah Sloggett - Cathy McCabe - Gareth Hart - Jenny Bishop  
Darren Fisher - Joe Fogey - Joanna Shepherd - Tim Nurse  
Elizabeth Hardwell - Hannah Fleming-Hill - Reetta Griffiths  
Nick - Caroline Blackler - Joe Fogey - Hilary Megoran - Dawn Bebe  
Roger Higman - Kerry Priest - Matt Birchall - Sue Timothy  
Jenny Martin - Dave England - Michele Kiernan - Kate Smith  
Helen Timpson - Matthew Travis - Charlie Williams - Elizabeth Francis  
Ian Ames - Jane Hitchings - Treaclespike - Debs Ruth Appleby  
Claire Honey - Hannah Ames - Katie Brookes - Andy  
Katharine Willis - Marilyn Goldsbrough - Kat Nurse  
Heather Williams - Coralie Selby - Franqui Janes  
Glamina Shinola - Wendy Hart - Jessica Sneyd  
Adhyskonydh - Sue Brain - Diyafury - Bill Wroath  
James Gilbert - Kirsty - Jo Collins  
Phil Rushworth - Tony Edwards - Silvia Pardo  
Kevin Bowler - Jo Higson - Joe Meldrum  
The Muirs - Nadine - Helen Williams  
Marcella Finazzi - Iustin Trotus - Gilly  
Trudy Houghton - Jamie Hook - Charlotte  
Amy Lynn - Jo L - Mel Tucker  
Elizabeth Ann Cheeseright - Niki Solomon  
Rachel Taylor - Rayargent - Lisa Butt  
Nick Wade - Sabrina Simpson - Andy Mantell  
Scott Noskills - Claire - Anya Lewin - Neil  
Hazel Gibson - Sarah A - Adam Dew  
Gemma Brice - Ben Dyson - Stephen Amor  
Katja Mordaunt - Sue Kay - Francesca Crickmere  
Martin Howitt - Gemma Smith - Mauricio McPherson  
Bea Rogers - Jemma Knowles - Katie Bennett  
Leanne Congdon - Jennifer Harrison - Anna Murray  
Stephanie 'Neffy' Redmond - Pippa James - Si Dee  
Mike Turner Steven Baker Lee Stammers



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