

# Kitchen tool sharpening at the Kinross-shire Repair Café

## Rules and conditions of the service

**Volunteers involved:** *Booking Volunteer, Registering Volunteer (Reception), Sharpening Volunteer*

## Types of tools serviced

**What we sharpen:** only kitchen and household hand tools are serviced e.g. scissors and kitchen knives

**What we do not sharpen:** ANY garden tools, serrated knives or zig-zag scissors.

**Forbidden tools:** **Banned knives will not be taken (see the Criminal Law description below).** These include but are not limited to: flick knives, combat knives, zombie knives, machetes. We advise that you check on UK Gov website – [Offensive weapons guidance](#) - which knives are banned. We have safety procedure in our repair café described below (Guidance for Sharpening Volunteer) which specifies that all illegal knives brought to the repair café will have to be reported.

## Procedure

We have a booking system in place, in which all knives and other blades must be booked with the Booking Volunteer via email – KinrossrepairCafe@gmail.com.

We can only accept four items per Repair Café for the time being – and only one item from each person. The bookings will be made on first come first serve basis. If you are not able to be served on the date, we will note your name on the reserve list for the next repair café.

Information required at the booking:

- name,
- date of birth,
- contact telephone number
- type and size of blade/tool

Please, be ensured that we follow the rules of GDPR and securely store your private information only for the time of the service. This information will not be held after the sharpening service is finalised and you collected your sharpened tool.

The Booking Volunteer will ensure this is followed, Coordinator/ Reception Volunteer has to check on the arrival.

**IMPORTANT: Only people aged 18 and over are permitted to bring in a tool to be sharpened.**

## Prior to the repair cafe

When you receive confirmation about getting a booking for the repair café you **HAVE TO** package your item(s) safely in a cardboard box or securely wrapped in carboard.

The item must be labelled with the name of the owner. Name of the owner has to feature on the wrapping too.

**We are not responsible for any injury to anyone during the transport of the items to be sharpened. It is the sole responsibility of the customer.**

### At the repair café.

Items(s) must be handed over at the Reception at the beginning of the repair café, no later than 10:15 am. If you come late, we might not be able to accept it. The knives/tools MUST NOT be unwrapped, opened unless specifically asked for.

Reception will have the list of bookings and will mark what was handed in.

All the knives must be collected at the end of the repair café, no later than at 11:45 am.

### Guidelines for the Reception Volunteers

One Volunteer will be specifically assigned to register all handed in knives. The Registration list has to be marked and the customer has to sign the waiver form and be reminded to collect the knife/tool before the end of the café. The knives MUST NOT be shown or unwrapped at the Reception, the Registration Volunteer will be handed the knife/tool AFTER signing the Waiver Form and put it straight into the box and close the box.

At 10:30 am after all the tools were brought, the box is taken to the Sharpening Volunteer station. From then onward, they are responsibility of this Volunteer who will ensure safety at his station. His station has to be in secure distance from everyone in the café. No-one is allowed to come closer than 1.5 m from the sharpening station.

### Guidelines for the Sharpening Volunteer

Sharpening Volunteer will only deal with one tool/knife at a time – unwrapping it carefully, and proceeding with sharpening, following generally accepted guidelines of repair cafes to ensure his and everyone safety. After sharpening each tool/knife, the item needs to be cleaned with spray and wiped, and wrapped in its original package secured with string/tape. It is important that this is done BEFORE the next tool is dealt with. This procedure is to be followed until all the tools are sharpened.

If there is a tool that cannot be sharpen, the Volunteer will provide a note and attach it to the wrapped tool/knife.

**SAFETY: If on the unwrapping the tool/knife the Volunteer observes that the item is classified as banned or not serviced at our repair café, the Volunteer will immediately wrap the item, and notify the Coordinator, who will deal with the situation appropriately. The Coordinator will contact the Police according to the law.**

**Although the service is free, we expect a donation for the continuation of the repair café**

## Legal basis

The **Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995**, the **Offensive Weapons Act 2019**, and the **Criminal Justice Act 1988**

It is illegal to carry a knife in a public place in Scotland without a "good reason," such as for work or religious purposes. The exception is a folding pocket knife with a blade no longer than 3 inches, provided it is not a lock knife. A lock knife is considered an offence to carry without good reason, regardless of blade length.

- It is illegal to carry a knife or any article with a blade or point in a public place without a "good reason" or lawful authority.
- A "good reason": can include use for a "job of work," such as a tool for your employment or a hobby, or for a religious reason or sharpening/ repairing, outdoor activities
- Carrying a knife "just in case": is not considered a good reason.
- Using a legally carried knife in a threatening way: is a criminal offense.

## Exceptions

- Folding pocket knives are generally permitted if they have a cutting edge of 3 inches or less and are not lock knives.
- A lock knife is not a folding pocket knife, and carrying one in public without a good reason is an offense, regardless of the blade length.