

Tuesday 14 March 2022 – Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer
HDC Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC
Chris – Huntingdon
Nic & Heather - St Ives
Hannah – Little Paxton
David – Yaxley
Jeff – St Ives - keen recycler and interest in the environment

Apologies

Jo – Warboys
Anna – St Neots
Marcus - Hemingford
Chloe – St Neots
Jenny – Holme
Helen – St Ives
Richard and Pia – St Ives
Joseph – Yaxley
Karen – Yaxley
Betty – Warboys
Tom – Sawtry
Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council
Lara – St Neots

Social Media

Our social media channels are back running as it was.

Tips and ideas you would like to share about reducing food waste please share these.

Active dialogue with the HDC comms team who are now sharing 'HuntingdonshireRecycles' posts on the district council socials

Food waste trial ends 16th March – Survey will be circulated to Loves Farm residents. Please share this if you have links with residents in this area.

Connections

Publications -

Latest Article – 'There is no such things as away' highlighting that materials will be around for a long time has been circulated to 11 publications – To be circulated to the group More than half have confirmed that they will include in their next editions 6 weeks until the next

article is needed

Talks –

Planned Talks -

- 29th March – St Ives Rotary Club
- 6th April – Stilton
- 12th April – Eaton Belles WI
- 23rd April – Offord Parish Council
- 4th July – Needingworth WI
- 5th July – Alconbury WI
- 4th October – Ellington WI
- 13th Feb 2023 – Hilton WI
- Bushmead Primary School – before Easter?
- St Ivo – maybe after Easter

Online talks – today's compost session has been rescheduled until Wednesday 4th May as part of National Gardening Week. Trying an evening session 6.30-7.30.

To be planned – Reusable nappies & reusable period products (still looking for a guest speaker) Any other themes please let us know

– Anglian Water – water waste and flushable wastes.

Events – none scheduled as yet, however the following are possibilities –

Yaxley festival – 13th-15th May

Huntingdon Eco Fair – 16th July Great British Spring Clean

Competition

Nothing to report

Waste Audits

Following the success of Karen's waste audit, it would be great to do more. If you would like to take part, please let us know.

What goes in what bin Webpage

Suggestions for changes was circulated to the group for feedback Extra mentions to the A-Z was helpful

Terracycle and Bring Site spreadsheet

Spreadsheet circulated to the group for feedback – uploading to Google docs and everyone should have editable rights if you wished to add/amend any sites - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y9NZVRUXqO76JTeU9rrn8-P7E-hWjwrn/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100902664262589488966&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Add Co-op St Ives for plastic packaging

Battery recycling banks – many sites but too many to mention

Food Waste Hubs

The ones we are aware of are:

- Oxmoor Community Fridge
- The Pantry (part of Diamond Hampers)
- Yaxley Community Fridge
- Godmanchester Food bank Awaiting tonnage information
- Yaxley – since April 2021 – over 20 tonnes – David to confirm figures

Any new ideas/updates

Fruit mesh – no known route for recycling. A few options for reuse, but be aware of forming microplastics.

Soft plastic recycling points at the supermarkets – set up as a point to recycling the harder to recycle materials that are often found in supermarkets.

Laptop batteries – should be able to be taken back to PC stores

Yogurt pot tops – plastic tops can be taken to the soft plastic bank at supermarkets, Foil lids can be recycled in the blue bin.

Environment Strategy survey is ongoing and can be accessed via the HDC website and socials and they're running several events throughout this district - <https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/environment-and-climate-strategy/>

Next Meeting

We'll send around a Doodle Poll for the next meeting