

Monday 13th December 2021 – Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O’Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC
Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC
Chris – Huntingdon
David – Yaxley
Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council
Hannah – Little Paxton
Tom – Sawtry
Lara – St Neots

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
Nic and Heather - St Ives

Social Media

A question from a resident on Facebook generated a number of comments from others, links through to Huntingdonshirerecycles and tags for the team. We would welcome the group to comment on these, tagging us in is really helpful. Also posing your own questions into groups to increase the discussion of recycling and resources.

Trying to increase page shares on Huntsdc socials so that messages are reaching the wider public. This has been raised with our comms team and we will do this again.

Group to highlight particular posts to Huntsdc asking them to share

Which posts are working well – talking about the whole process of things being wasted including the resources which go into these materials.

We welcome feedback on posts and images so that we can better engaged with residents

New Year messages encouraging residents to start a new resolution to reduce their waste and think about being more sustainable

Possible post before Christmas – gifting an experience rather than an item

Other posts to include Food waste stats at Christmas, what to do with the packaging. Selection box packaging

Connections

Publications -

January's article created by Lara about the makeup of the grey bin waste, showing what could have gone into the blue or green bin

Next article - Lifecycle of materials – please let us know if you would like to write this

Talks –

Sawtry Junior School – 13th January

Online talks – 1st – 3 people attended, current Waste Buster and other 2 joining Waste Busters

2nd - Unfortunately, no one attended

3rd is scheduled for Wednesday 15th December

If you would like to attend, email WasteMinimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk for the link.

We will be recording these sessions

Competition

Launched in November – we will get some more feedback

If you're aware of any other groups please pass on their details

Recap Workshop

Details have been circulated. If you would like to join please let us know

Waste Audits

2 householders have signed up to take part. Tom will be starting in the New Year and Karen has started to gather data from her household.

Pictures of waste/bins are good to show what is being generated

Loves Farm Food Waste Trial – Initial data is looking good. Hoping to conduct a survey before Christmas which will reinforce the messaging.

What goes in what bin

Review of what's on the page – can this be simplified. Please pass through feedback on possible changes

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/what-goes-in-which-bin/>

Any new ideas

Litter Minimisation and litter pick collections are to be directed to David.rook@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Happy for you to e-mail wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk too

Food waste collections are due to start from the Community Fridge in Yaxley. Increased footfall in Yaxley. Approx. 500kg a week is being given out. Can data be brought together from the fridges throughout the district?

It would be good if there was a networking group for those who host a community fridge, we would be happy to help with providing link and arranging meetings. If this would be helpful, please let us know.

Group are struggling with bags to be able to provide the food. Possibly requesting people donate bags or boxes

Tom to provide details of his contact for biodegradable bags for community fridges

Renewed Environment Strategy in 2022 – we'll find out more and update the group next meeting

Packaging that isn't needed – making others aware that these are available if anyone needs them

Next Meeting

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