

# Monday 17 January 2022 – Hunts Waste Busters

## Attendees and Introduction

Danette O’Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC  
Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC  
David – Yaxley  
Chris – Huntingdon  
Nic - St Ives

## Apologies

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

## Social Media

Business as usual

Showing the rejections for specific materials is useful – we have upcoming posts showing contaminated bin stores to show and explain the impact.

Still awaiting December’s MRF data which support these posts

Soft plastics being collected at supermarkets gained a lot of comments/interaction

Volumes of waste to be shared – compared to the size of xxx

Story of what happens to the waste that is collected – pictures/videos.

Process map of where the materials

## Connections

**Publications -**

Article created by Lara about the makeup of the grey bin waste, showing what could have gone into the blue or green bin has been sent out to 9

Next article (deadline in 6 weeks) – potentially lifecycle of materials – please let us know if you would like to write this or something else

Please circulate any other ideas and if you're able to be involved

### **Talks –**

Online talks – 3<sup>rd</sup> took place Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

More to be scheduled. Tom to encourage members of his litter picking group

Talks to have topics and seeing if guest speakers where available

If you have any ideas for specific topics please let us know

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Folksworth Woman's Circle

Educational Resources for school on the HDC webpage – <https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/waste-minimisation/educational-resources/>

### **Competition**

Update at the next meeting

### **Recap Workshop**

2 members have showed an interest in attending. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. We need a minimum of 10 people for this to go ahead

### **Waste Audits**

Tom and Karen and undertaking waste audits and taking pictures.

Initial feedback - Worthwhile exercise

### **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/>

Possibly the A-Z needs to be more prominent

### **Food Waste Trial**

Refuse tonnages have reduced by 22 tonnes (across 12 weeks) in the same period of the previous year

This equates to 2kg per household per week save from being landfill

Garden = 1 tonne less, however feedback from residents suggests that many are reducing their food waste

Survey just completed. – 146 responses – 15% of those who had caddies.

93 weren't previous composting their food waste

20 are still putting into grey bin and some of these are split between both garden and grey bin.

Hopeful that the trial can be extended

Common reason for not doing it as it is 'dirty', 'smelly'.

Need to promote the positives

Chris posted about the Diamond Hampers scheme and savings

Contact has been made with the groups we have contacts for:

[Oxmoor Community Fridge](#)

[The Pantry \(part of Diamond Hampers\)](#)

[Yaxley Community Fridge \(awaiting figures\)](#)

[Godmanchester Foodbank \(awaiting figures\)](#)

If you know of any others to contact, please let us know.

Yaxley Community Fridge – the demand has increased. Promoted as a food reduction scheme

### **Any new ideas**

Dunelm has started collected used duvets etc... within their stores for recycling

Recycling collection points to be updated on the spreadsheet

Hoping to get the Yaxley Repair café up and running again

### **Next Meeting**

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