

Tuesday 22 February 2022 – Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer,
HDC Heidi Field – Waste Minimisation Officer, HDC
Chris – Huntingdon
Nic and Heather - St Ives
Helen - Clerk at Yaxley Parish Council
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
Hannah – Little Paxton
Tom – Sawtry
David – Yaxley

If you are aware of any of your neighbours not having a recycling bin, please advice that one can be ordered free of charge via HDC

Social Media

HuntingdonshireRecycles socials are currently inactive, we'll be able to provide more information in due course

Helen said – “post from HuntingdonshireRecycles are the ones that the parish council share the most as they feel are the most informative ones and gain an interaction with residents

Chris echoed this and felt it was a shame.

We're hoping to communicate Food Waste top tips via our socials when we're back up and running. If you want to share any recipe idea, please send them over.

Connections

Publications -

Beginning of March – Lifecycle of different materials. If anyone would like to write this please say by the end of Friday

An alternative article could also be about food waste

Parish Council newsletter contact but only 150 words so will include the top tips from any article and refer to the website

CAPALC - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough association of Local Councils would be good to contact to gain connection for future articles

The team will be attending the Parish Council Forum in June which will also be a good opportunity to make connections

Talks

Unfortunately, not a great turnout but those who have attended have only had positive comments about these. Hoping more will be scheduled soon

Spring Cleaning with Aromotherapy, composting and other themed talks to be possible online sessions

Planned Talks -

- 29th March – St Ives Rotary Club
- 12th April – Eaton Belles WI
- 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

Competition

Nothing to report

Waste Audits

Really good feedback from Karen's audit. Tips have been provided which has enabled her to further reduce waste.

If anyone else would like to do one, please let us know.

What goes in what bin

Some comments received about possible changes and enhancements but if there are any more please let us know by the end of February

Food Waste Hubs

We're compiling a list of these throughout this district to enable us to contact to gather information on the amount of food waste saved through these schemes

The ones we are aware of are:

- Oxmoor Community Fridge
- The Pantry (part of Diamond Hampers)

- Yaxley Community Fridge
- Godmanchester Foodbank

Terracycle and Bring Site spreadsheet

Needs a bit of TLC to ensure it is a bit more user friendly.

Many of the streams are changing in the next month or two. Crisp packets and baby food pouches will be ending as these can now be recycled through the supermarket scheme.

Terracycle scheme champions in Ramsey and St Neots may have more details, we'll contact to get more information on these changes

Any new ideas/updates

- Repair Café in Yaxley is to be relaunch on 6th March
- Yaxley community litter pick this weekend
- Yaxley community Fridge – lots of food being handed out over 60 bags twice a week
- Hunts Post – article last week about the Food Waste Trial, Lara contacted by the Hunts Post directly to give a resident's perspective
- St Ives Eco Action Group – repair workshops are being formulated

Next Meeting

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