

15th February 2023 -HuntsWasteBusters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC
Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC
Chris– Huntingdon
Beccy – St Ives
Tom – Sawtry
Nic – St Ives
Liz – Wyton

Apologies

David – Yaxley
Helen - Yaxley

Danette will be leaving HDC on 17th March to take up a new role with RECOUP
The Waste Minimisation Support Officers post is out for advert and closes on 1st March

Social Media

- New Mascot – this will be on hold until the Waste Minimisation Support Officer post is filled
- Awaiting an update on a possible portfolio holder mini-series.
- More videos providing top tips to followers. Also, snippets showing what happens after the waste has been collected from residents.
- Please continue to share our posts as much as you can.
- Any other feedback? Please send it through

Connections

Publications.

Next article due to be sent out end of Feb. Any ideas or volunteers to write something please just send it across.

Great British Spring Clean – Tom kindly agreed to put this together.
What happens to your waste? – Heidi to share the latest graphic showing what is still going into the grey bins. Tom will start to put together this article too.
Plastic Free July

Talks

- Hilton WI – 14th Feb
- Cambridgeshire Older people Enterprise Talk – 16th Feb
- Stukeley Meadows Beavers – 22 March
- St Peters School Yr 7 Talk(9 classes) – Starting w/c 20 March

Online Talks

Another round of the general online talks planned have been planned. They're scheduled for 16th Feb @3pm, Sat 18th Feb @11am but there haven't been any sign ups as yet

Events

- Dates scheduled for a couple of Market events (St Ives 20th March and Huntingdon Saturday but date to be confirmed)
- The St Ives Repair café 18th Feb
- St Ives Community Day – 3rd March

Litter Minimisation

- Working with local groups regarding capturing recyclables.
- Working with St Ives Against Rubbish, targeting cigarette litter initially, to build a case study to take it further. A letter is being drafted for hospitality businesses in St Ives regarding their responsibility.
- We're designing some new posters for the on street recycling bins that are within the town centres. Our Street Cleaning teams will be undertaking an audit of these bins to ensure poster holders are present, and they the bin is in a good condition
- Huntingdon Litter Picking Group held their first pick Sunday 12 Feb, turnout was really good. Next events will be taking place on 19th March & 1st April
- Promote across the district – possibly a strategy could be implemented
- Great British Spring Clean (GBSC) – working with all groups to schedule in litter picks, ensuring there is one planned for each of the weekend dates during the spring clean. Information about what is happening will be shared and we will be encouraging members to join in with other picks across the district.
- Beccy is looking into arranging a number of Children's litter pick events to take place during the GBSC
- The Great British Spring Clean is not just about litter picking and we could encourage people that when they are having a 'spring clean' at home to donate unwanted food to food banks, and unwanted clothing toys to charity shops.

Any Other Business

- Supermarkets soft plastics recycling lobbying. We have only received one response regarding having sent these out, and it went to two supermarkets (Tesco and Morrisons). We can then share any responses too.
- New project – Working with [Recoup](#) — to increase our recycling rate, moving recyclables out of the grey bin and into the blue bin. Through various channels – events, social media, door knocking. The plan will be developed in the new year. Potential for Hunts Waste Busters to get involved.
- The recycling workshop at the Education Centre, Waterbeach is planned in for 7th March