

CCPC Environment Group Action Notes
In Person Meeting 15 June 2023 7.30pm
Mortons Manor Hotel

1. Intros

Present – Helen, Richard, Luke and 9 members of the public.
Apologies received from 2 people.

2. Speaker - Household waste and ways to reduce, reuse and recycle by Amanda Evans, Dorset Council Recycling Officer

Amanda introduced herself and even before the presentation started she was tackled with questions about what could or couldn't be recycled! It proved to be a very interesting talk with lots of Q&A during and afterwards. Thanks go to Amanda for coming to speak and staying quite late to answer all our questions.

Below is some of the information from Amanda's talk, and some tips on what to do with your waste! Amanda has also kindly shared her presentation with us.

- Dorset Council recycles 59.8% of the county's waste, against a 65% target, and is one of the better performing local authorities in England.
- The government may require Local Authorities to standardise their waste collections. If this happens and includes, for example, soft plastics, the government will have to provide funding. This has dissuaded councils from starting to collect waste that they don't already.
- Amanda is not aware of any firm plans to convert the waste vehicle fleet to electric power.
- If residents have more recycling than can be put in their recycling bins, this can be placed out in a bag or box next to the bins and will be collected.
- There are no active landfill sites in Dorset, with most non-recyclable waste going to the Energy from Waste incinerator in Bridgewater, and the remaining 2% of waste going to landfill outside Dorset.
- Try out the Olio community sharing smartphone app to offer, or find offers of, food waste. This means that food that might otherwise be thrown out can be collected and used by someone else.
- Dorset have a Zero Waste map, on <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/dorset-zero-waste-map>, which provides details of waste free shops, repair cafes, milk vending machines, etc.
- Why not try Litter Lotto, on <https://litterlotto.com>, Bin It to Win It! Just for throwing away litter.
- Small items, <5m, will probably fall out of the recycling processor, and so should be put into or on something of the same material or that goes through the same recycling system, so for example put lids on to tubs, pots and plastic and glass bottles, push metal lids back on to beer bottles, put small pieces of paper or shred paper in an envelope. But remove plastic lids from glass bottles and jars, take the paper / card insert from inside the lids and put in the recycle bin.
- Receipts should not be put in the recycling due to the thermal printing chemicals in the paper.
- All food pots, tubs, bottles and trays can be recycled, including block or brown trays. Any film lids should be torn off and put in the soft plastics recycling.
- Tin foil, cartons, tetrapacks, pringles type tubes and non-compostable coffee cups should not be put in household recycling, but can be recycled in special bins at the local tips.
- Plant pots are the wrong type of plastic and can't be recycled, but local garden centres like Norden host a plant pot exchange area.
- Bear in mind different supermarkets take different types of soft plastics, e.g. some won't recycle crisp packets, so you need to check with your local supermarket to make sure they accept the type of soft plastic your saving to recycle.
- The trigger spray on household cleaning products won't recycle, so that needs to be taken off and throw in the non-recyclable waste bin. Better still, refill you cleaner bottle and use over and over again! Also rip off any soft plastic sleeves from hard plastic bottles.
- If cardboard or paper are contaminated with food or grease, don't recycle it. The contaminated pieces can be torn off, and some of it recycled. Similarly, greaseproof paper can't be recycled.

- Gift cards with plastic covers and any glitter or other embellishments should be separated, and just the card recycled. Stiff paper that won't tear, or that has layers that separate when twist should also not be recycled. Any foil or glittered gift wrap can't recycle.
- Jiffy bags should ideally be reused, or taken apart and paper placed in domestic recycling and the bubblewrap taken to supermarket soft plastics recycling.
- Cosmetics and toiletries containers and toothpaste tubes can be taken to larger Boots stores, and advantage points can be earned on these too. Bare Necessities also accept toothpaste tubes for recycling.
- Tablet blister packs can be taken to larger Superdrug stores with a pharmacy for recycling.
- Why not try different cleaning and laundry products, e.g. Eco eggs for laundry, SMOL for laundry and dishwashing.
- To reduce unwanted mail, register with the Mail Preference Service, or write "Return to Sender" on the envelope and pop it back in the post box. Envelopes with plastic windows in them can now be recycled whole, no need to separate out.
- To avoid plastic milk bottles, try buying milk from a vending machine such as the one at Norden, and one of the local dairies is investigating milk in glass bottles being delivered.
- Rather than recycling glass jars and their lids, try offering them to local groups, or on local facebook pages or the Olio app.
- Pet food pouches can be recycled at Pets at Home.

Ricard agreed to look into the costs and arrangements for a Terracycle bin for the village. **ACTION** Richard

3. Feedback on last EG Meeting actions, next meetings and AOB

Helen and David have completed the survey of the area adjacent to the ditch in Gods Acre, and David is going to ask Jim White if he might have a look as some of the species growing there, especially grasses, could not be identified. **ACTION** David.

It was agreed we don't have capacity to organise an autumn energy event, but would instead make up an energy information display board, for use at our stalls. **ACTION** Helen.

4. Sharing your ideas and AOB

None, due to the late hour!

5. Dates of next meetings and events

- **20th July** – Helen to ask Dilys Gartside from the Dorset 20s plenty Campaign.
- **10th August** – St Edwards Church Fair stall
- **September / October** – to be discussed.

Suggestions for future meetings are a speaker from Sustrans, from Poole Harbour Trail or zero waste shop(s), and another talk by Jim White

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