

Why Recycle

Community Recycling Champions



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Merry Christmas Champs!

This Christmas edition is all about celebrating the festive season without excess. Are you keen to make the most of the festive season – without the avoidable waste often generated at this time of year? There's plenty of tips how to waste less and enjoy more. Less is more- more or less, right?!

Our our local Community Action Days the residents cleared out ...

At Coleville, Lichfield and Ekin Road:
5,520 general waste
2,660kg wood

Davy Road residents cleared out
1,700kg general waste

Thorpe Way residents cleared out
60kg green waste
383kg general waste
660kg of domestic appliances
980kg metal



Well done champs!

From January to December 2017 the recycling champions have:

Attended 24 events in the City and South of Cambridge

Spoken to over 1000 people

Handed out over 1000 green kitchen caddies

Given over 100 hours of their time volunteering

Thank you very much for your hard work!



Take it or leave it stall at Davy Road



Champions doing a caddy handout at Morrinsons in Cambourne

There are several easy ways to make the festivities a little less wasteful. Check out our 10 top tips for a waste-free Christmas:

1. Buy pre-loved Visit second-hand shops to find unique gifts that are built to last. Someone's trash is another person's treasure.

2. Make memories Go for an experience – like gig tickets, a fancy meal out, a hot air balloon trip or spa day – rather than material things for an unforgettable gift.

3. Add a personal touch Tailor your wrapping paper by personality and give your gifts some flair. Wrap your fashionable friend's gift using an old copy of Vogue, for example, or re-use old comics to wrap kids' Christmas presents or use an old piece of clothing or textile.

4. Make things last Cut down on paper waste by sending e-cards or buying cards made from recycled paper.

5. Add value Give someone the gift that keeps on giving. Memberships or courses, such as sewing, upholstery or bike maintenance, give people the chance to develop a skill as well as indulging in a hobby or passion.

6. Pay it forward Received a gift you don't need but don't want to ask for the receipt? Return it for an exchange, re-gift it if someone else would love it, sell it online or feel great and donate it to charity.

7. Combine and conquer Have fun, save money and get a gift you actually want with a friends and family Secret Santa. Put names in a hat along with a hint of what you would like.

8. Make your own Get creative and give someone a one of a kind gift. Are you a keen cook? Cakes, jams and chutneys can make useful and thoughtful presents, and cut down on food waste.

9. Shop smart Plan your meals before you go food shopping. Writing a list makes sure you don't overbuy saves you money and prevents food waste.

10. Be green Opt for LED Christmas lights. They use 90% less electricity than the normal ones and the bulbs can be replaced. Solar power outdoors lights are obviously an energy free option as well but you cannot change the battery once it's gone and they are not recyclable either. Remember to turn your Christmas lights off when you're out or in bed.



Paper In and Out Shake it All About

Council waste bosses have confirmed there will be no need for South Cambridgeshire residents to use paper caddies from mid-December, in a move to simplify the recycling process.

From 11 December 2017, residents should place used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins for recycling. It is also good to remember not to put the paper or any other recyclable waste in plastic bags but put it straight in the blue bin. Tip don't tie! The withdrawal of caddies also means fewer waste collection vehicles will in future be needed, helping save taxpayers around £670,000 during the next seven years compared to the existing system. This is because trucks which collect dry recycling that is mixed together, rather than separated, don't have split bodies, so can carry more materials.

After 11 December, residents can keep their caddies and use them however they wish. Alternatively, they can be taken to a household waste recycling centre for recycling. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

This means collection rounds will be completed without the need for vehicles to return to base and be emptied as often. Therefore, trucks will cover around 26,000 fewer miles per year on South Cambridgeshire's roads than the current arrangement. The change will therefore also lead to lower fuel costs and reduced CO2 emissions. The paper is still recycled when placed in the blue bin as it gets sorted from other materials at Waterbeach. It then gets sold onto paper mills and made into new paper products.



How will you re-use your caddy?

From 11th December, South Cambridge district council will stop picking up paper caddies to simplify recycling and save money for residents.



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to send South Cambridgeshire District Council pictures of your caddy being used for something new for the chance to win Joseph Joseph 'Stack' recycling bin worth £100 (top right image).

A runner up will receive a Joseph Joseph 'Split' recycling bin (pictured bottom right image).

Entries must be received by 9am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

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Recycle your Christmas Tree



For the third year running the council is working with the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Just Helping to collect real Christmas trees from homes to raise money for the hospice.

In return for a small donation to the charity, they can collect your real Christmas tree from homes in the following postcode areas on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 January: CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22 and CB24. Trees collected will be taken to the Amey Waste Management Park in Waterbeach to be composted.

You will need to book the service on the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's website: arhc.org.uk/treerecycling, and if you are interested in leafleting to promote the scheme or would be interested in offering sponsorship email: bec.beattie@arhc.org.uk or call 01223 675885.

Real trees can also be taken for recycling to Cherry Hinton Hall car park between 26 December and 21 January or to the household recycling centres near Milton or Thriplow.

Alternatively, they can be cut up and put in your green bin with the lid closed. There will be also be two skips at the Arthur Rank Hospice on 5 and 6 January where you can take your real tree for a small donation.

Meet the champion- Mandy

I'm a member of the volunteer recycling champions group and a volunteer for the CCC in different quarters.

I became a member of the recycling champions group through another member of the recycling group where I was doing other volunteer work with the CCC which encouraged me to get involved in recycling and to recycle more. We need to look after this planet which we all live in.

I have realised that everyday small things can make a difference by talking to the general public and encouraging them to get involved to gain more information on recycling, whilst helping to get more volunteers to become members.

We attend community days where there is a take it or leave it stall and by handing kitchen caddies out and giving information.



And finally... if you know of any groups or organisations that would appreciate a talk or presentation on household recycling, please either let us know or ask them to get in touch. Also if you know of any local events where we could have a recycling stall it would be great to hear about them. For those or any other recycling champion related issues or enquiries please contact: Birgitta Laurent on 01954 713 614 or email: birgitta.laurent@scams.gov.uk for more information.