Merry Christmas Champs!

This issue focuses on reducing your waste footprint over Xmas. I’ve got some handy hints on *ho ho ho* to slim your bin this festive season without compromising on style or effort!

There’s an ancient Japanese tradition of wrapping items in a thin hand towel made from cotton, a *tenugui* (手拭い).

Instead of using tape, why not try the art of wrapping your presents tenugui style. Take a look at the images and start practicing your wrappings skills!

Recycle your Christmas Tree!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is working with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste to collecting your Xmas trees for a donation. Details inside...
My name is Sarah Abel, and I joined the Recycling Champions team last September. Cambridge is the place where I have spent most of my adult life so far: I lived here as a student from 2007 to 2012, then moved back again in 2016 after four years spent training as a social science researcher in Paris. In my research, I look at how people use DNA tests to find out about their origins and family histories – an example of how ordinary people are using cutting edge science to build new connections with communities around the world.

The nature of my work, which focuses on ‘roots’, has also made me think a lot about the places I call home. Since I travel a lot for my research, doing fieldwork in places like Brazil, USA and Iceland, I tend to see recycling as a small way in which I can make a positive social and environmental impact wherever I go. However, the experience of living in different countries has made me aware of the varying quality and efficiency of waste management schemes, sometimes even among different boroughs of big cities like Paris.

Since moving back to Cambridge, I wanted to volunteer as a Recycling Champion to better understand how local councils deal with the economical challenges of waste management, how technological advances are offering new solutions, and how citizens can also help by fostering a culture of recycling, particularly among the younger generations. I hope to be able to use this experience to make a positive impact here in Cambridge, and wherever else I set down roots in the future.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity (AHPC) is working in partnership with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste in collecting your Xmas trees for a donation. To arrange a collection visit: www.charityxmastreecollection.com

AHPC volunteers will collect trees from the following postcodes: CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22, CB23 &CB24 on Friday 11 and 12 January 2019. You can register your tree until 1pm 9 January 2019.

You can also take your tree to be chipped to Cherry Hinton Hall from 24th Dec up to 21st January 2019. Or cut up your tree and place it loose inside your green bin.

Meet the Champion - Sarah Abel

Recycle your Christmas Tree
Green bin collections to be monthly over winter

The city will switch to collecting green bins monthly rather than fortnightly for three months over the winter. This will reduce emissions, fuel costs and traffic. There is a huge reduction in the amount of garden waste collected between December and March. Green bin collections will switch to the monthly timetable from 24 December 2018 until 4 March 2019, when they will return to fortnightly. You can check when your bin will be emptied here: https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/check-when-your-bin-will-be-emptied

Update on Recycling Points

The recycling bins at Tesco Newmarket Rd and Waitrose in Trumpington have been removed because of recurrent contamination and fly tipping. The light bulb and clothing bank are still on their premises.

* A new waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) bank has been installed outside Trumpington Community college.

Glebe drive has got two recycling and one WEEE bank.

Fawcett Road has got three recycling and two electric banks.

Hawkey Road and has three recycling banks and two WEEE banks.

Trumpington Meadows will be open by Xmas and will have one WEEE bank and two textile banks.

Bin collections over the festive period

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SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you know of any groups or organisations that would appreciate a talk on household recycling? Please 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 these or any other issues or enquiries please contact: birgitta.laurent@scambs.gov.uk or call 01954 713614
How do you make the festive season less cluttered and less filled with excess rubbish and recycling? Easy peasy squeeze of lemon. Read the following ten tips on how to keep the bins a bit slimmer this Christmas.

1. **Get creative!** Think outside the plastic wrapping box and get your family or friend an experience rather than a gift. I am thinking a trip to the cinema (buy popcorn!) or a pampering day at a spa or a game of footie maybe?

2. **Make your own gift.** Bake a cake for someone. You can show off your knitting or crochet skills too!

3. **Invite someone out for a meal** instead of a gift. Human contact is always more fun than things right?

4. **Gift a membership** to the cinema, museum or national park. Lots of fun trips to be had.

6. **Donate some time credits,** especially you active volunteers!

7. **Download an album** electronically rather than buying a CD.

8. **Get some useful presents** — e.g. coffee logs for the wood burner. Coffee Logs are high-performance eco briquettes made from recycled coffee grain.

9. **Digital magazine subscription** or a book on Kindle.

10. **The gift of learning:** Is there a better time for someone to learn a new language, private tuition, coaching or give someone formal lessons or a class?