

28th February 2024 - Hunts Waste Busters

Attendees and Introduction

Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC

Auriane – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC

Lewis – Project Abundance

Chris – Huntingdon

Liz - Wyton

Ann - St Ives

Mary – St Ives

Richard - Huntingdon

Representative of Kimbolton Primary Academy

Alan - Brampton Parish Council

Representative of Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council

Steve M.

Zena C.

Jill – Great Staughton

Mike – Brampton Parish Council

Alison – Alconbury Parish Council

Mick M.

Carol M.

Andy H.

Barbara H.

Margaret P.

Kelly B.

Steve I.

James F.

Councillor Rogers - Folksworth & Washingley Parish Council

Caroline P.

Josephine B.

Judy J.

Apologies

Jane W.

Wormery Workshop

As a response to the new subscription services for our green bins, the waste minimisation team has decided to invite Lewis from Project Abundance to our next waste busters / waste minimisation meeting. The aim being to explore alternative ways to dispose of food waste.

What is a wormery?

A wormery, also known as a worm composting bin or vermicomposting system, is a container or system designed to compost organic waste using worms. These worms, typically red wigglers (*Eisenia fetida*), break down the organic material into nutrient-rich compost, which can then be used to enrich soil in gardens or potted plants.

A wormery will recycle your food waste to create fertiliser. They can be ideal for small spaces: they're compact, odourless, and produce compost faster than conventional composters.

Some residents have had issues with their wormeries: some had their worms escape and other had them dying.

Outcome of this workshop

Almost 30 people attended the in-person event and left with their own wormery. Thousands joined via Facebook Live, though some commented on the poor sound quality.

While attendees enjoyed exploring new waste disposal methods, some told us that their mini wormeries didn't survive in warmer weather.