

6th March 2023 -HuntsWasteBusters

Attendees and Introduction

Danette O'Hara – Waste Minimisation Support Officer, HDC

Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC

Chris– Huntingdon

Nic – St Ives

Liz – Wyton

Helen – Yaxley

David – Yaxley

Lara Davenport-Ray - St Neots

Apologies

Tom - Sawtry

Social Media

- New Mascot – this will be on hold until the Waste Minimisation Support Officer post is filled
- Just over 4k followers on Facebook and receives the most comments and queries, 700 followers on Instagram with some comments coming through this platform, Twitter 400 followers but with very little interaction
- 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.

May - 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 – Volunteer?

Talks

- Stukeley Meadows Beavers – 22 March
- St Peters School Yr 7 Talk (9 classes) – Starting w/c 20 March

Online Talks

No takers for the previous talks

None Scheduled as yet

Events

- Dates scheduled for a couple of Market events (St Ives 20th March and Huntingdon 1st April)
- Need to look into a stall in St Neots Market – Lara happy to attend too
- All to note the proposed Climate Conversation events which will be in

November

Litter Minimisation

- Continuing to work with local groups regarding capturing recyclables. If you're in doubt about how clean materials are then place these in the general waste.
- 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 - Next events will be taking place on 19th March & 1st April
- 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.
- Yaxley's litter pick taking place on 3rd April

Any Other Business

- Supermarkets soft plastics recycling lobbying. [Morrisons](#) have acquired a partnership with a UK based recycling firm to recycle soft plastics from their stores
- 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. Pledge to recycle survey.
- The recycling workshop at the Education Centre, Waterbeach is planned in for 7th March. 3 attendees from Huntingdonshire
- Lara thanked Danette for her work and on bringing this group together and getting everyone talking
- Yaxley's Food Waste Trial – on hold
- Chargeable garden waste collections are a proposal at the moment
- Blister packs – there is a possibility that Terracycle are working with pharmacies. Liz has contacted the local Health Care board to ask about this. The health care board's email address, should others wish to do the same, is cpicb.contact@nhs.net.