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ReStyle...recycling isn't a chore...it's a lifestyle!

Welcome to ReStyle your monthly newsletter from Recycle for Cornwall

ReStyle - Issue 4

Dear Subscriber ,

ReStyle aims to keep you up to date with the project and how you can play your part to reduce, reuse and recycle in Cornwall. The Recycle for Cornwall project, which is linked to the national [Recycle Now](#) advertising campaign, is run on behalf of the local authorities by two Cornish environmental organisations - [Cornwall Waste Action](#) and [ReZolve Kernow](#).

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Recycle for Cornwall Leads the Trend for the County

We've seen pink ones, blue ones, yellow ones.and now Recycle for Cornwall are introducing a special Cornish black wristband to allow residents and visitors to show their support for the recycling effort in Cornwall. The coloured wristbands were originally made fashionable by stars and celebrities supporting charities but soon became this season's "must have" accessory. Recycle for Cornwall will be the first organisation in England to adopt the black coloured wristband and so these will be a particularly rare version to collect. The bands will be given away free to people at the Royal Cornwall Show who visit Recycle for Cornwall at the County Council stand and to all those making use of the recycling facilities. [Click here for more information on Recycle for Cornwall at the Royal Cornwall Show.](#)



We are also pleased to tell you about a new partner to the list of organisations helping with the recycling facilities. Locally based Eco-Drive will be providing emission free electric vehicles, to regularly service the recycling points. For more information on [Eco Drive](#) call 0845 4 NO FUEL or 0845 466 3835.

We are still looking for willing volunteers to join the "Green Army of Recyclers" at the Royal Cornwall Show so if you or someone you know is interested please get in touch!

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Plastic Fantastic?

Many of you get in touch with us to find out whether plastic packaging is able to be recycled in Cornwall and regrettably we have to tell you that at the present time it can't be. Most plastic packaging is made from a mix of plastics which are very difficult and costly to separate. Due to the difficulty in separating the different types of plastic the end product is not always of a high quality and therefore loses both purpose and economic value. Plastic food packaging also tends to have more food residue left on it, creating the need for further sorting.



Wherever possible try to avoid plastic packaging, opting for a product that uses easily recycled materials instead. If you are unable to do this try and reuse the plastic packaging you create. Ice-cream and margarine tubs make ideal storage containers for food, small toys or craft materials. If you can't

reuse them you will have to put them in your normal rubbish. Please do not include them in your recycling as somebody will have to sort through these items to weed them out!

The good news is that if it's plastic and it's a bottle it can be recycled!! Yes, this means any bottle not just the milk bottles, as all plastic bottles are made from one single type of plastic. You can recycle squash bottles, soft drink bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, milkshake bottles, bleach bottles, washing up liquid bottles and any other plastic bottle that you may have lurking about. Plastic bottles can be turned into all manner of things, the drainage kerbs on the Tamar Bridge or the fleece jackets that keep the Recycle for Cornwall team warm are two great examples! All you need to do is:

1. Check if they can be included in your kerbside collection by [using the map](#) on our home page, if or not find out where your [nearest plastic bottle bank](#) is.
2. Take off the lids and throw these into your normal rubbish, again they are made of a mix of plastics
3. Give the bottle a quick rinse out
4. Stamp on them, squashed bottles take up much less room reducing the cost of collections.
5. Recycle it!!



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Crafty use of Waste

Do you know about the Cornwall Scrapstore? It's an Aladdin's den of unusual materials which are fantastic for craft activities, aspiring artists, those with a fancy dress dilemma or people who just like out of the ordinary, useful things. If you work with children at a school or through a club it is well worth becoming a Scrapstore member which then allows you to delve into the different materials and take away a regular supply. Recycle for Cornwall regularly collects bits of material, plastic buttons and other assortments for children to use at our own [Visitor's Centre](#).



Similarly if you have a lot of something odd that you don't know what to do with, it might be that Scrapstore can take it off your hands. Just recently a caller asked the team what they could do with the left over campaign signs from the recent general election; and was pleased to find out they could be taken to the Scrapstore, where they would be reused and therefore not end up in landfill. To join the Cornwall Scrapstore you will need to pay an annual which could be as little as just £25. For more details call 01726 821161.

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South West's Big Foot

According to a new report, if everyone in the world lived like residents of the South West we would need 2.93 planets instead of just one! More than the UK average of 2.87 planets but significantly less than North America that is using up nearly 5 planets worth of resources. The report, [click here to download the 34 page summary report pdf file](#), put together by Best Foot Forward, measures our 'ecological footprint' through data on the region's usage and consumption patterns as well as the amount of waste generated.



Currently in Cornwall we recycle more than the national average, but there is a still lot of room for improvement. If you already recycle all that you can, why not look into how you can reduce the resources you use? Or buy products made from recycled materials. If you have friends who do not recycle why not tell them about Recycle for Cornwall, and we will see if we can help them.

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Top Tip

Do you know how to find out if your silver foil can be recycled?

Do the scrunch test!

When scrunched, aluminium foil will not bounce back to shape - as with pie trays, kitchen foil and takeaway containers. Items which act in this way can be included with the materials collected through your household recycling scheme or can be taken to the can recycling banks (collect up and seal in a carrier bag). Items such as crisp packets and some chocolate wrappers will, when scrunched return to their original shape. Although they may have foil linings they are also coated in plastic and due to the mix of materials these cannot be recycled.



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It's a fact

Overzealous printing wastes British businesses £230 million each year!

A new 'In Paper We Trust' report recently published which was commissioned by the printing firm Lexmark has found that despite new technologies aimed at reducing paper waste, British office workers accumulate hundreds of pages of unread documents and reports each year. Half of the 500 office staff questioned admitted that their untidy, paper cluttered desks increased their stress levels too. So encouraging your colleagues to reduce their paper waste will not only save money, time and resources but may also increase staff productivity and morale! If you would be interested to find how to set up paper recycling from your office contact [Cornwall Paper Company](#) on 01209212294 or Rag and Bone 2000 Ltd on 01726 860014.



Don't forget to make sure that any paper you do use in your printer or photocopier is recycled.

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We hope you have enjoyed this update on Recycle for Cornwall we would be interested to know if you have any feedback or ideas for next month's newsletter. If so please email info@recycleforcornwall.org.uk

Until then Goodbye from the whole team at Recycle for Cornwall.

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