

19 April 2023 -HuntsWasteBusters

Attendees and Introduction

Heidi – Waste Minimisation Officer HDC

Chris– Huntingdon

Nic & Heather – St Ives

Tom – Sawtry

Beccy – St Ives

Apologies

Helen – Yaxley

Social Media

- 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
- Posts Scheduled until 30 April – specific ideas for future posts include more video's and a competition (HDC will be part of a countywide Food Reduction Pledge launching on 1st July)
- 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 April.

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.

July - Plastic Free July – Volunteer?

Further planning needed for themes for future publications

Sept –

Nov

Waste Min are catching up with the Hunts Post to reinstate the Green News page

Talks

- Talks to the year 7 pupils at St Peters School went well
- Meeting with Astrea to discuss working with their schools
- Possibly linking up with Sawtry Secondary School

Online Talks

None Scheduled as yet

Events

- The St Ives and Huntingdon Market Events went well. We'll look at having more events soon
- 13th May – Houghton Eco Pop up

- 17th June – St Ives Repair Café
- 9th July – St Ives Carnival
- 15th July – Huntingdon Eco Fair – currently not booked

Litter Minimisation

- Update on Great British Spring Clean – There was lots of activity during the fortnight from volunteers across the district. However, litter is a never ending issue. The Waste Min team will work on a litter campaign, refreshing signage on bins and putting more information out
- St Ives trial with businesses – still waiting for feedback – will escalate
- [PlasticBlitz](#) – annual event aimed to engage as many community groups and Environment agency teams as possible to take part in a simultaneous litter pick and around their local river– 27 May-11 June – to take part contact sarah.thornley@thames21.org.uk.
- Proposal for a joined-up initiative between STAR and Huntingdon Green Team – joining up in Houghton. Date to be arranged

Any Other Business

- Electric vehicle trial – top speed 37 mph – avoid A1/A14 kept to local routes. Unfortunately, the charger blow up!
- Recycling Site map – access via [here](#)
- Vapes – Partnership comms plan, looking in to providing some bins in town centres
- Waste Minimisation Support Officer starting 24th April
- Compost Awareness Week – 7-13th May. Chris to provide the contacts for Godmanchester Community Nursery
- WOW – Reusable wet wipes trial – 45 of our 50 packs have now been distributed to new parents. Feedback will be collated after 4 months.
- There are proposals for a Huntingdon Repair café.
- 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. – Heidi to find out more