

Reduction of the Use of Single Use Plastic

Single use plastic plays a big part in the litter dropped on our streets. Therefore last year we embarked upon a scheme to encourage people to use less single use plastic, If we succeeded we would gain the Bronze level award for reducing single use plastic in our village. In order to do this we needed to supply:

- * Names three businesses that would reduce their use of single use plastic by three items.
- * Have 10 “allies” who would start to reduce their use of single use plastic.
- * Get the Primary School involved and ask the Parish Council to corroborate what had been achieved in the village.

Unfortunately, although Thom Morton has made huge strides on reducing single use plastic in the village shop, he could not be included as it needed to be independent shops and he is allied to Spar.

Contact was made with the school, and they had a talk from Helen Tandy who is from a group called Eco Communities about plastic waste. They were then given the opportunity to make a large plastic monster as a reminder of the talk and promoting putting their litter in a bin! Since this talk litter pickers and bags have been supplied to the school in order that parents can litter pick the village playground area before and after school.

We have been told that we have fulfilled the criteria for the Bronze level for reduction of single use plastic once the Parish Council have ratified the results and hopefully the participating businesses will receive a plaque to show their commitment to reducing plastic. We have recently had a recycling talk from Tara Dumas the Strategic waste manager from CWAC which was very informative, and she is happy to work with the village on recycling.

90% of plastic is not recycled it is burnt or dumped. Single use plastic e.g. plastic bags, packaging, straws and plastic takeaway containers just break down into micro particles which pollute our waterways and injure and kill marine life. We can all do something to help including reusing or reducing items made from plastic. Please help us remove single use plastic from our village.