

# Challenges for Clubs, Churches and Community Groups



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The plastic problem:	What to do:	Local knowledge and tips (see Directory):
Single use plastics - stirrers, cutlery, cups, glasses, plates, bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use reusable/washable cutlery and crockery</li> <li>* If reusable is not practical, talk to suppliers about recyclable or compostable alternatives made of wood, bamboo or palm leaf</li> <li>* Research and test alternatives to plastics, try other suppliers if your usual ones do not offer alternatives</li> </ul>	Tip: There is a wide range of recyclable and compostable crockery and cutlery alternatives. Search the internet or speak to suppliers
Single use plastics - straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Only provide straws if asked</li> <li>* Provide paper straws instead of plastic ones</li> <li>* Do not offer straws at all</li> </ul>	Did you know? You can buy reusable straws made from bamboo or stainless steel
Single use sauce sachets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Do not use single use sachets of sauce, use large bottles of sauces instead</li> <li>* Speak to suppliers about offering all sauces in glass bottles</li> </ul>	
Reusable food containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use reusable containers to store leftover food instead of plastic bags or cling film</li> <li>* Try using beeswax wraps as an alternative to cling film</li> </ul>	Tip: your container could be plastic as long as it can be washed and reused. Look for bpa free plastic.
Hot drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Allow members to bring their own reusable coffee mugs</li> <li>* Offer a discount to members who bring their own reusable mugs</li> <li>* Speak to suppliers and consider selling reusable mugs yourselves, maybe with your own group logo</li> </ul>	Tip: there are a range of reusable coffee mugs available, even collapsible ones which are light and space-saving!
Cold drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use large bottles of squash or cordial preferably in glass bottles, instead of providing individual drinks in plastic bottles</li> <li>* Reduce selling of soft drinks or water in single use plastic bottles, buy from suppliers in glass containers or cans and recycle</li> <li>* Have a water refill station, offer jugs of water with reusable glasses or allow members to refill their own water bottles</li> </ul>	Tip: consider selling reusable water bottles yourselves with own group logo
Milk containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Do not use single portion milk pots, use waxed card or glass bottled products instead</li> <li>* Have your milk delivered in glass bottles</li> </ul>	Planks Dairies
Cleaning products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Stop using single use products, e.g. disinfectant wipes. Look for reusable or refillable alternatives</li> <li>* Buy products in non-plastic packaging</li> <li>* Make your own cleaning products</li> <li>* Invest in washable cleaning cloths/sponges</li> </ul>	Green Ginger Did you know? Vinegar, water and lemon (50:50 with juice of 1 lemon) makes a very effective all purpose cleaner.
Liquid soap/washing up liquid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Switch to refillable products</li> <li>* Use bars of soap rather than liquid soap</li> <li>* Ask suppliers to offer refillable products/bars of soap with less plastic packaging</li> </ul>	Green Ginger offer lots of refills Did you know? Refills are often cheaper than buying new
Recycling eg at events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ensure that all members, and groups that share facilities, are aware of recycling points and what can/cannot be recycled</li> <li>* Have additional recycling points at event days or matches</li> </ul>	Tip: consider producing a poster or display to communicate plastic reduction and recycling changes
Excess plastic packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Be aware when buying group equipment that this may come with excess plastic packaging</li> <li>* Speak to suppliers or wholesalers about plastic waste reduction, packaging alternatives or wholesalers recycling this themselves</li> </ul>	

**Our advice:** start by changing 1 thing and build up!

Simply get into the habit of looking for non plastic alternatives, it will soon become automatic.

**Want to do even more?**

- Write to your suppliers to request the option to have no plastic packaging.

- Join Transcoco! Investigate local and national groups that are taking action, e.g. join the Transcoco litter pick or encourage your club, church or community group to organise one themselves

## Directory:

The following directory is intended as a local reference guide to shops/businesses/cafes that can help with reducing plastic waste. It is a currently produced by Transcoco based on their own experiences. Please get in touch if:

- You are mentioned below and offer more than we have listed
- You are keen to reduce plastic waste, or are already doing so, and would like to be in our directory!

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### Always remember -

- Reduce - remember your reusable shopping bags, opt for refills, buy in bulk, refuse plastics that cause damage, e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons
- Reuse – what you already have
- Recycle – when it cannot be avoided dispose of your current plastic waste responsibly
- Ask! You will find that most places are happy to help if you explain what that you are trying to reduce your plastic waste.

### Council Kerbside Recycling:

- You are now able to put lots more plastic items in your blue bin, including margarine tubs, juice cartons, plastic pots and much more. For more info see - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling-new-services>

### Co-op Supermarket:

- Have a recycling point for plastic bags.
- Many of Co-op's packaging such as cereal bags are also recyclable, check the packaging before binning
- Are happy to put loose fruit and vegetables through the tills in no bag

### Toby Haynes Family Butchers:

- Sell cloth bags
- Accept reusable containers
- Provide meat wrapped in biodegradable and compostable paper
- Provide paper bags to carry your shopping in

### May's Greengrocers:

- Provide paper bags for your loose fruit and vegetables
- May be able to offer a spare cardboard tray for your shopping or plants
- Are happy to put loose fruit and vegetables through the tills in no bag

### Green Ginger:

- Offer lots of refillable products, including washing up liquid, shampoo, conditioner and hand wash
- Sell bulk products, such as oats, nuts, seeds, as well as herbs and spices. Paper bags are available.
- Sell many products loose, e.g. soap
- Sell products in cardboard packaging, such as laundry powder
- Sell machine washable cleaning cloths and sponges.

### Deli:

- Accept reusable containers

### The Pound:

- Offer discounts to customers who bring their own reusable hot drink cups
- Will refill water bottles
- Only use glasses/china for beverages

### Further afield:

- Green Bumble sell re-wraps, fabric squares coated in beeswax, jojoba oil and pine resin which can be used to replace single use plastic for wrapping sandwiches, bread, fruit/veg or for covering a bowl, etc. For prices and to order, email [GreenBumbleUK@gmail.com](mailto:GreenBumbleUK@gmail.com)
- Planks Dairies supply milk to your doorstep in glass bottles
- Larger supermarkets with deli/meat counters will let you use your own containers, e.g. Sainsbury's in Chippenham