



Aide Memoire – Recycling Opportunities Soroptimist International Bournemouth (SIB)

The Planet Group at SIB has been actively engaging in a variety of projects to help improve the environment. Club members have been encouraged to recycle, repurpose and reuse in a number of ways. This is an aide memoire for club members about the many options available- the what, where and how to recycle.

- Paper, cardboard, cans, bottles- all of these go into council recycling.
- Plastic
 - The good news is that both Waitrose and Sainsbury are doing trials of accepting virtually all plastic for recycling in selected stores. Assuming it is a success, they anticipate rolling this out by the end of 2021 so watch this space! In the interim, there are other options.
 - Plastic bags- stretchable plastic bags and wrappers (for example, shopping bags, fruit bags from supermarkets, bags your online deliveries arrive in) can be recycled in the bins at large supermarkets.
 - Brothers Make- a partnership in Southbourne that makes products for sale which are 100% recycled plastic (plastic types 2, 4 and 5). This ensures suitable plastic is used on our doorstep to create an array of delightful products, ensuring that the plastic does not end up in landfill or the ocean and minimising the carbon footprint and cost of transport. Drop off your suitable plastic at 14 Alexandra Road, Southbourne BH6 5JA in the blue and yellow crate in front of the house.
 - Greenbrick- similar to the above, this Ferndown based group accepts clean types 2 and 5 plastic through the post at High Mead Farm, Ham Lane, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9DR.
 - Ecobricks- this entails the repurposing of non recyclable single use plastic into 'bricks' (plastic bottles densely packed with cut up plastic) that can be used to create structures or installations. This process keeps plastic contained so it does not pollute the environment; the Planet Group will regularly be looking for projects to support that use ecobricks productively.
- Disposable face masks- Wilko has teamed up with Scan2Recycle and ReWorked to collect disposable masks and turn them into boards for building materials. There are Wilkos in Central Bournemouth, Boscombe, Winton and Poole.
- Clothing
 - Under garments (good condition pre-loved bras and new panties) are collected by the club (Tina Crosbie) for the local Sexual Abuse and Rape Centre for women who have been affected and require replacements.

- Pre-loved good condition bras or new under garments can also be sent to Smalls for All, Five Sisters Business Park, Westwood, West Calder EH55 8PN.
- Shoes- the European Recycling Company supports Variety, the children's charity, by recycling shoes. To organise a collection, freephone 08000 902 321. Shoes can often also be recycled in bins outside many dry cleaners.
- Donating- passing on pre-loved good condition clothes to worthwhile organisations is another simple way to recycle. The club supports a number of groups and regularly asks for donations (e.g. Red Cross, convoy to Syria, Wardrobe Foundation).
- Mascara wands- wash in soapy water, pop in a ziplock bag and post to Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary & Rescue, 15 Lincoln Rd, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent DE15 9HP. They are used to clean dirt and insects from rescued small animals like hedgehogs.
- Electrical goods
 - Mobile phones, tablets, wear-ables (smart watches, fitness trackers) can be recycled at O2 in either Commercial Road, Bournemouth or Wimborne Road, Winton.
 - Phones, tablets, head phones, chargers, data cables, TV remotes, cameras, watches can be recycled at Vodafone in Commercial Road, Bournemouth.
 - Small and large electrical goods, TVs, light bulbs and batteries can go to Dorset Reclaim, 88 Stanley Road, Springbourne BH1 4SD.
- Razor blades- collect any type of razor blades or disposable razors and order a prepaid envelope through the Gillette website (allow 2-3 weeks from your request). Place your razors and / or blades inside and post. You can request 4 envelopes per year and each envelope can hold a maximum of 16 razors / blades.
- Ink cartridges- many office supply shops accept used ink cartridges so look out for local options (e.g. the Print Shop in Christchurch High Street). At Tesco you can receive reward points for your used cartridges or sites like the Recycling Factory will give you a small payment in return (therecyclingfactory.com).
- Postage stamps- the Royal National Institute for the Blind accepts used postage stamps for recycling / fund raising. You can get pre-paid envelopes or collection boxes by completing a request form on the RNIB website (rnib.org.uk).
- Spectacles- you can send eye glasses to be rejuvenated and then passed on to deserving causes in Africa. Glasses can be posted to Arthur Blake Ltd, 155 Cheltenham Road, Gloucester, Glos GL2 0JH. Please note that many opticians also accept used specs to be donated to charity.
- Blister packs- Superdrug is working with Terracycle to recycle tablet blister packs. The Boscombe branch of Superdrug has a collection box by the pharmacy. Also, large Boots stores with opticians will take blister packs from disposable contact lenses for recycling.
- Repurposing- a good example of repurposing is using curtains, possibly bought at a charity shop, as fabric for a variety of projects (recovering chairs, making cushions, etc). There are many websites with creative ideas for repurposing that are worth a look.

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