

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Recycle for Wiltshire Joint Venture
Date of Area Board Meeting	21 March 2018

Headlines

Wiltshire Council funds Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Waste Education Team to educate and encourage school children and communities throughout Wiltshire to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their household rubbish. Currently the project is working in Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade and Westbury.

- We recently gave an assembly to 360 pupils at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, to raise awareness about the impact of our rubbish and ways to reduce it and recycle more.
- We've visited primary schools in Royal Wootton Bassett where we've not yet worked to encourage them to book us to come in and run our free workshops and assemblies on reducing and reusing waste and recycling more – they can contact us on rethinkrubbish@wiltshirewildlife.org
- The final designs from our 'Drop the Rubbish Attitude' litter and recycling campaign, run with students from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy and Town Cllr Sue Hughes are printed and ready to be put up around town. We are talking to the school to get pupils involved in putting the stickers/posters up.
- Thames Pre-School in Cricklade have really taken on board the waste-free activities the team have been running with them and are going for our Wiltshire Waste Watchers Setting Award.
- We ran a waste-free workshop with Cricklade Beavers and Cubs to encourage them to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their rubbish.

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- During February we ran the #Waste Free Feb campaign - over one hundred people signed up to the challenge of producing only a jam jar or small tub's worth of rubbish during the month or to be more aware of how much they were throwing away. Those taking part saved two tonnes of rubbish from going in the bin during the month! Gemma, who ran the campaign, got lots of local publicity appearing several times on BBC Wiltshire where one of their presenters took part in the challenge and in local papers.
 - The Team took residents from the area on a tour of Wiltshire's Landfill site and Recycling Facility on 8 February – the group had an interesting and informative visit which was so popular that we're planning to run another tour in April.
 - With Lyneham Community Centre we organised a 'Waste Free Lunch', cooking up a lovely veg stew, tasty soup and delicious banana pancakes with ingredients given to us by the local Co-op store who would have been throwing them away. Lots of local families came and we talked to them about ways to use up left-over food, buying food with less packaging along with other fun activities.
 - We have some posters to encourage recycling, please ask us for one if you know somewhere you could display one.
 - We're planning some Easter upcycled gardening fun in Royal Wootton Bassett library – come along to this free session on Wednesday 4 April from 10am to 12pm.