## Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

| Update from                | Recycle for Wiltshire Joint Venture |
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| Date of Area Board Meeting | 9 May 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, Westbury and Calne.

- New team member Freya has begun a series of waste free sessions at Lydiard Millicent Pre School.
- We've started a series of waste free workshops at Broad Town Pre School.
- We ran a waste-free workshop with Lyneham Rainbows group, helping them to achieve their Plastic Free badge. Over the coming weeks sessions are booked in with other youth groups in the area.
- The posters from our 'Drop the Rubbish Attitude' litter and recycling campaign, run with students from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy and Town Cllr Sue Hughes have been printed and put up around town.
- We joined the popular Royal Wootton Bassett 'Great British Spring Clean' and recycled many bags of litter such as plastic and glass bottles and tin cans. We had a display in Borough Fields courtyard about reducing litter by reusing, refusing and recycling and talked to a number of people about this topic.
- We met with a representative from the Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church to discuss ways to increase recycling and reduce rubbish at the Church and talked about the possibility of bringing together people interested in environmental issues locally to form some kind of 'Green Group'.
- We ran a busy and fun Upcycled Gardening session in Royal Wootton Bassett library during the Easter Holiday, making bug homes, bird feeders, planting seedlings in newspaper pots and upcycling glass jars into herb pots.
- We've been out putting up posters in the area showing what can be recycled and the benefits of doing so – hopefully you've seen them about? Please let us know if you could display one.
- We sent out the Spring issue of 'Slim Bins' our quarterly e-news all about cutting down on household waste and recycling more in Wiltshire. If you'd like to receive this newsletter, please email rethinkrubbish@wiltshirewildlife.org