

Plastic Free Report

What is a Plastic Free Community?

We are trying to create a Plastic Free Community campaign to free where we live from single use plastics.

We are tackling avoidable, throw away plastic, for our shores, rivers and green spaces all the way back to brands and businesses who create it.

It's not about removing all plastic from our lives, it's about kicking our addiction to single use plastic and changing the system that produces it.

We are on a journey! Being a plastic free community does not mean there is no plastic. Being a Plastic Free Community means that we are starting work to turn the tide on plastic pollution.

It means we are pulling together different aspects of our community, collaborating and including everyone to bring about the culture change we need to see.

We will also be part of a National Network of Communities all doing the same, backed up by the National Campaigns and Surfers Against Sewage. Which is brilliant!

The Five Objectives Required are:

1. Resistance Hubs:
Work with businesses in our community to help them reduce single use plastic (a minimum of Six are required)
2. Plastic Free Allies:
Inspire the wider community to spread the plastic free message.
3. Plastic free Rallies:
Mobilise our community, hold clean ups, mass unwraps or other events to raise awareness.
4. Set up a Steering Group:
From a group of local stakeholders and meet at least twice a year to keep the campaign going forward.

5. Local Governance:

The local council passes a resolution supporting the journey to Plastic Free Status:

- The Council must lead by example in removing as much single use plastic from their premise as possible.
- The council to encourage plastic free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events.
- A representative of the council must be named on the Plastic Free steering group.
- An official letter from the council supporting the initiative.

End of report.
Cllr Julia Peggs