

## Shopping

Remember to take your own bag with you when you go shopping to reduce the number of plastic carrier bags that end up in your bin. You can purchase a canvas shopping bag from the Waverley Recycling Office for only £6. To order one telephone 01483 523397.

Avoid excess packaging. Buy loose produce instead of pre-packaged goods.

The LibDems are currently calling on the Government to impose a small levy on excessive carrier bag use to encourage supermarkets to promote less use of carrier bags.

## Junk Mail

Stop junk mail by writing to:

Mailing Preference Service

Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ

Web: <http://www.mpsonline.org.uk/>

## What about plastics?

The Liberal Democrats are working hard to find a way of introducing plastics recycling locally. There is very little capacity within the UK and the cost is high, partly because the Government base recycling targets and quotas on weight not volume.

We are hopeful that some plastics facilities will be installed at some of the bring sites soon.

Please watch out for our local *Focus* newsletter and other literature for progress with this.

## Further Information

Contact Waverley's recycling team on 01483 523397 / 523440.

Email: [gclark@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:gclark@waverley.gov.uk)

[www.waverley.gov.uk/waste/recycling.asp](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/waste/recycling.asp)

## Additional Information Sheets

from the Liberal Democrats



Garden Waste and Composting



Recycling Sites across Waverley

(including the facilities at each)

Both of these leaflets, and further copies of this one, can be download from:

**[www.swsurreylibdems.org.uk](http://www.swsurreylibdems.org.uk)**

(Then go to 'Download Area')

Or contact our local office:

Liberal Democrats

Liberal Club

South Street

Farnham GU9 7RP

Tel: 01252 723549

Simon Cordon is keen to find out your ideas for more recycling

If you have any ideas for further ways to increase recycling locally, or cut down on usage of materials, then please let out local Parliamentary Campaigner, Simon Cordon, know. Simon can be contacted at the above address or by email: [simoncordon@swsurreylibdems.org.uk](mailto:simoncordon@swsurreylibdems.org.uk).



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## SOUTH WEST SURREY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



# Waste Tips

**Ways of recycling more  
and saving on waste  
ending up in landfill**

In addition to Waverley's kerbside recycling scheme, extended this year by the LibDems to every home in the Borough, this leaflet contains ideas promoted by Waverley for recycling other materials and cutting down on waste that otherwise would end up in landfill.



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## THE KERBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEME

**Newspapers** and any **paper** that meets the 'white tear test' can be placed in the closed lid basket. The 'white tear test' is if, when you tear the paper it is white inside, then it can be recycled in the bin. This can include heavily printed material like shop catalogues. **Shredded paper** is also acceptable in small quantities.

Both aluminium and steel **cans** can be recycled. By recycling aluminium cans there is a 95% energy saving on the production of new cans. Both aluminium and steel cans should be washed and squashed otherwise air will take up valuable space. **Night light candle metal bases** may also be recycled in the same bin. (Place in the same bin as the papers).

Recycling **glass** reduces the quarrying of raw materials. Waverley collect 3 colours of glass (clear, green and brown). These are placed in the basket of the kerbside collection scheme. Certain glass cannot be accepted - window glass, light bulbs, Pyrex or Visionware cooking dishes, ceramic or glass crockery items - because their 'make up' consists of different chemicals. Pharmaceutical, food (e.g. jam jars) and household items packaged in glass are all recyclable as well as drinks bottles. These rules apply to the bring sites as well.

## MATERIALS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED AT BRING SITES OR 'COUNCIL TIPS'

### Books

Old novels can be placed into the Oxfam Book Banks for sale in their charity shops. Text books or manuals are not suitable.

### Cardboard

All cardboard can be recycled but because it is a much lower grade of pulp care

should be taken to ensure that it does not enter the paper banks. Cardboard banks can be used to recycle any brown envelopes without windows, **coloured paper, Yellow Pages** and cardboard. In Waverley cardboard banks are painted brown and can be found at a number of the bring sites.

### Foil

Aluminium Foil is a thin sheet of metal which gives unrivalled barrier properties for food protection. It should not be confused with the metallised plastic film often used for crisp packets and biscuits which cannot be recycled. *Scrunch test* - To test if the material is foil or silver coloured plastic (e.g. crisp wrappers) scrunch it up into a ball and if it retains its shape as a ball it is foil, if it returns to its original shape then it is plastic and cannot be recycled.

### Old Engine Oil

Recycle your waste oil at one of the 'Council Tips'. Never pour your old engine oil down the drain it causes serious environmental damage to streams and rivers and the wildlife they support - you can be prosecuted!

### Telephone directories

You can recycle your old white pages telephone directory by putting it in your kerbside recycling box with the other white paper or by taking it to your nearest paper recycling bank. *Please remove the blue front and back cover first and put the covers in one of the bring site cardboard banks.*

### Textiles

Good quality old clothing and paired shoes are separated out and sorted for re-use by UK charities and in the developing world. *Worn or damaged items* are

separated into their material types such as cotton, nylon etc. and used to make industrial cleaning cloths. Other suitable materials are graded for fibre for use as insulation or filler.

### Old Toys

Soft toys can be put into the textile banks.

### Shoes

Each and every year in the United Kingdom over 260 million pairs of new shoes are bought, later they will be discarded. Some will be incinerated. Most end up on rubbish dumps. Shoes that can be reconditioned and reused are sold to companies and individuals in developing countries, who repair and refurbish the shoes and then sell them on at affordable prices to those who otherwise would go without.

The scheme is self-funding, professionally organised and achieves very worthwhile objectives.

## OTHER WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON WASTE GOING TO LANDFILL

### Mobile phones

Abracadabra will be pleased to receive all your old mobile phones. They will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way and revenue raised will go towards building the new Children's Centre at Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

Send Freepost to: Fundraising Department  
Royal Surrey County Hospital  
Egerton Road, Guildford  
Surrey GU2 7XX  
Web: <http://www.royalsurrey.nhs.uk/>

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