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Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to EASI's Spring 2024 Newsletter. EASI members have continued to keep Earley's streets clear of litter throughout the autumn and winter – no easy task for EASI – so well done all! Spring and summer will bring an increase in outdoor activity by residents and visitors to Earley, so there may be an increased amount of litter to be picked. The mornings and evenings will, however, be lighter and warmer making the job that bit easier. Regardless of the weather, please continue to ensure that you are safe when litter-picking and wear a good pair of gardening gloves, and hi-viz if you have it. This edition of the EASI Newsletter features Earley Town Council's **Huge Earley Litter Pick** to be held in March, the latest news on Wokingham Borough Council's proposed changes to waste and recycling services, as well as an update on what can be recycled under **Ali's Recycling**.

Membership

EASI's membership currently stands at **331 volunteer litter pickers**; an increase of 8 since our Autumn Newsletter. Thank you to those who have joined as a new member and to those who have taken on additional streets. EASI Committee member **Brenda Hill** has continued to contact members to see if they are still able to litter-pick their adopted streets, and to ensure that our records are up-to-date. There are currently **5** streets (listed below) in Earley needing new volunteers, some of which can be grouped together. If you are able to take on any of the streets, or know anyone who would be willing to take them on, or to share streets or work as a group, please get in touch at easilittergroup@gmail.com

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barbel Close off Rosedale Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower Earley Way from Meldreth to Rushey Way (Eastern End)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosedale Crescent, Shepherds Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower Earley Way from Rushey Way (Eastern End) to Cinema Roundabout at Winnersh
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinsley Close off Finbeck Way	

Litter Picking News

The HUGE EARLEY LITTER PICK (H.E.L.P.) Spring 2024

Earley Town Council will be holding its annual spring litter pick covering areas in Earley on **Sunday 24th March**. This date aligns with Keep Britain Tidy's **Great British Spring Clean**; the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. There will be **four** starting locations in Earley, as follows:

- The Interpretation Centre, Instow Road: AM session 10.00 - 12.30 and PM session 14.00 - 16.30;
- Junction of London Rd/The Drive (picking in north Earley and Bulmershe Park); AM session 10.00 - 12.30;
- Maiden Place Community Centre Car Park: AM Session 10.00 - 12.30;
- Chalfont Park Car Park: AM session 10.00 - 12.30.

Staff from the McDonald's restaurant off Chalfont Way will also be undertaking a litter pick. It would be great to have a good turn-out from EASI members for such a large-scale and worthwhile litter pick. Please email us at easilittergroup@gmail.com to let us know at which location and time you will be able to attend. Also, please let us know if you would be prepared to help hand out equipment or help marshal the pick. Litter picking equipment will be provided, but bring your own picker if you prefer, and please bring your own gloves.

Recycling and Waste Collection News



Wokingham Borough Council's February Newsletter on Rubbish and Recycling features the latest information on the borough's proposed changes to waste collection and recycling. **Blue Bags:** A final roll of 20 blue general rubbish bags will have been delivered to most households in Wokingham Borough by Friday 22 March. These are to cover the period from April until mid-August, when the council will be

switching most properties to **fortnightly** rubbish collections from a 180-litre **black wheeled bin** which will be delivered to households from late May onwards. They are not, however, to be used until mid-August. Residents can look up their blue bin bag delivery date on the council's website.

Recycling: Recycling collections are also changing. From mid-August, recycling will be collected **fortnightly** on the weeks when the wheeled rubbish bins aren't emptied. WBC has published an example collection schedule for most households from August 2024 (right). **Food waste** collections are staying **weekly** and there is no change to the subscription **fortnightly** garden waste collections.

	Container	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Rubbish (new container and schedule)	Black wheeled bin	Collected	Not collected	Collected	Not collected
Recycling (new schedule)	Green bag(s)	Not collected	Collected	Not collected	Collected
Food waste (no changes)	Food bin	Collected	Collected	Collected	Collected
Garden waste (no changes)	Brown wheeled bin	Collected	Not collected	Collected	Not collected

WBC's Recycling Rate

Wokingham Borough's recycling rate has increased to 57 per cent compared to last year's recycling rate at 54 per cent, while almost a decade ago it stood at 34 per cent. The borough was most recently placed 42nd for recycling out of 333 English councils, up from 204th in 2018 and 80th in 2020. A recent look through blue general waste bags put out for collection in certain streets found, however, that 62 per cent of the average contents were materials that could have been recycled. This means that there's plenty of opportunity to improve recycling rates. Information taken from Wokingham Borough Council's Website: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-collection/waste-collection-changes-coming-summer-2024>



Ali's Recycling for the Local Community

Ali's Recycling collects a large range of items that can be recycled with **Terracycle**. The money raised goes to good causes. Recycled items can be left in the bin provided at Earley Town Council's Helpshop at Radstock Lane during office hours (9.00am to 4.30pm). The latest list of items that she collects for recycling is shown at the end of this Newsletter. Her Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/AliRecycling/>

Recycling Directory and Contacting EASI



The EASI Recycling database can be found on the **Earley Environment Group Website** under 'Environment' and 'Recycling in Earley – an updated guide'. The link is: <http://www.earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk/Environment/NewRecyclingInEarley.asp>

The **EASI Committee Members** are Chris Bassett, Tracy Collins, Bob Collis, Brian Hackett, Grahame Hawker, Brenda Hill, Stephen Kerry and Richard Tredgett. Contact us on EASI's **Email** address: easilittergroup@gmail.com, or visit the EASI **Facebook Page** 'EASI Litter Pickers – Earley'. Information about waste recycling and reporting substantial amounts of dumped rubbish or fly-tipping can be found, as follows:

- **general information** about rubbish and recycling at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/>
- **report fly-tipping** <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-collection/fly-tipping> the 'Fix-My-Street' App which can also be used to report excessive litter, fly-tipping, etc. <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

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<p>Biscuit, Cracker & Cakes</p> <p>Biscuits, crackers, cake (single & multipacks) cereal bars, rice cakes, flapjacks, scones, mini cheddars, Ryvita types, cheese straws, wafer biscuits, twiglets, breadsticks, Naked bars and other fruity/oaty snack & kids biscuits</p>	<p>Cheese Packaging</p> <p>Any brand of individual cheese wrappers, sliced cheese protective film, plastic nets for mini cheeses, flexible plastic cheese pouches. Only cathedral city brand cheeses nets accepted No cheese tubs, trays, cardboard, aluminium, wooden box, cheese wax or wax paper, cheese slice dividers, squeeze tubes or labels.</p>	<p>Philips Dental Care</p> <p>Electric toothbrush heads & covers, electric flosser nozzles, flossing sticks & interdental brushes, manual toothbrushes, and dental floss containers. No battery-operated toothbrushes, electric toothbrush handles. No bamboo/wooden toothbrushes.</p>	<p>Dishwasher</p> <p>Any brand of flexible dishwasher (dw) tablet, salt bags or stain remover, cleaning product refills. Outer sleeves from aerosol air fresheners & DW tab tubs, DW cleaner outer packaging. No bottles, tubs, cardboard, laundry, bleach, toilet or oven cleaning products</p>	<p>Burts Bees</p> <p>Any brand of flexible plastic & metallic plastic tubes used for body creams, ointments or moisturisers, flexible plastic packaging used for face wipes, lip sticks, lip glosses & lip balms, mascara tubes & wands, lip & cheek, highlighter & bronzer sticks, eye shadow compacts. No glass, plastic that can be recycled, cardboard, no other wipe packets, deodorant, body spray, perfume.</p>
<p>Kinder</p> <p>Kinder flexible plastic packaging, chocolate wrappers, aluminium foil packaging, rigid plastic packaging. THIS BRAND ONLY No cardboard packaging</p>	<p>Warburtons</p> <p>Warburtons wax wrap Any brand of plastic bread bags & closure tags Any brand of bakery plastic packaging (e'g' Pitta bread/tortilla wrap/burger buns etc)</p>	<p>KP Scheme</p> <p>Popcorn, nuts, pretzels, pork scratchings Crisp substitutes e.g., lentil curls, pea, hummus, scampi fries. Multi-pack bags of above</p>	<p>Baylis & Harding</p> <p>B&H liquid hand soap pumps B&H screw tops B&H Flexible plastic lotion tubes and their caps B&H Goodness hand wash refill pouches THIS BRAND ONLY</p>	<p>Babybel</p> <p>Babybel labels, net bags, mini rolls flexible plastic packaging, sleeves & trays, wax, wrappers & metal clasp. THIS BRAND ONLY No cardboard packaging</p>
<p>Optima Water Filters</p> <p>Any Aqua Optima water filters THIS BRAND ONLY</p>	<p>Lavazza</p> <p>All Lavazza eco caps. THIS BRAND ONLY check out Podback.org for recyclingTassimo/Nespresso & Dolce Gusto pods</p>	<p>Disposable Gloves</p> <p>Disposable gloves (latex, vinyl, nitrite, polyethylene, any colour) No cardboard packaging</p>	<p>Marigolds</p> <p>Marigold durable gloves, disposable gloves & plastic packaging THIS BRAND ONLY</p>	<p>Taylors</p> <p>All brands of flexible coffee packaging, ground coffee and coffee bean pouches.</p>
<p>Flash Mop Wipes</p> <p>Flash power mop absorbing pads, speed mop wet cloths, hand & floor wipes. No outer packaging THIS BRAND ONLY</p>	<p>Ferrero Rocher</p> <p>Ferrero Rocher gold plastic tray, aluminium wrappers, plastic box and plastic box wrappers. THIS BRAND ONLY No paper casings or cardboard packaging</p>	<p>Sistema</p> <p>All brands of rigid plastic food storage containers and lids. All brands of reusable plastic water bottles and caps. No glass or flexible plastic bottles or containers.</p>	<p>Pens</p> <p>any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot and tape tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen (cap included) regardless of their composition (plastic, metal). No GLUE sticks please!</p>	<p>Pringles</p> <p>Tube, Foil seal, All sizes. Flattened if possible. No plastic tops THIS BRAND ONLY</p>
<p>Cleaning -Accepted Items</p> <p>Flexible packaging for: laundry washing capsules and pods, wipes Rigid plastic packaging for wipes and tinted rigid plastic tubs used for home cleaning Lenor tumble dryer sheets Plastic air freshener containers, cartridge caps and car air fresheners (except electric plug ins) Tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps.</p>	<p>Cleaning -Not accepted items</p> <p>Aerosols Glass air freshener cartridges Transparent plastic bottles and caps Any other brands of tumble dryer sheets Caps from home cleaning and dishwashing products Any other flexible plastic packaging.</p>			
<p>Other Items I Collect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bras - Stamps - Corks - Metal ring pulls - Small Inkjet Cartridges (No Laser Jet ones, please. They can be recycled at the Recycling Centres) 	<p>Milk Bottle tops red/blue/green/clear tops from supermarket milk bottles only + Arla milk bottle tops</p>	<p>Collecting for SAFE</p> <p>Currency -old and new banknotes and coins, UK & Foreign Gold and Silver – costume jewellery, watches – broken or damaged</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile Phones - Cameras/Video Cameras - Electronic Gaming Devices (Consoles, accessories and Games) - iPod/MP3 Players - Sat Navs -Tablets Computers 	<p>NOT Accepted: laptops, home phones, fax machines, DVD players or DVDs, printers, modems, routers, kitchen appliances, porcelain and glass items, Personal grooming items (razors, hair driers) etc</p>