

Current and future Plastic Initiatives

- **Refill Scheme**
In our district we do have a few businesses taking part; these can be seen on the refill app. This scheme will be promoted during the ECC reuse campaign which is due to launch in Q1 of 2019.
- **Uttlesford Life**
This year the recycling focus is on 'Say no to a single use plastic Christmas'. Giving alternative ideas to residents about how to cut their plastic waste during the festive season.
- Contact has been made with SWACC (Saffron Walden against Climate Change) who are very keen to get involved as 'waste busters' and help at events across the district.
- 'The problem with plastic workshop' was very well received at school. More sessions have been booked in.
- The writing instrument recycling programme is being offered by teracycle to schools. They will accept any pens, highlighters, correction fluid pots and marker pens. This is being promoted to schools when the waste and recycling officer visits and will be ongoing throughout 2019.
- Ella cycle- Terracycle and Ella's kitchen are working in partnership to create a free recycling programme for any brand of baby food pouches and Ella's snack wrappers. There is currently one collection point in the district. This scheme could be expanded upon across the district In Q1/2 of 2019.
- **Trade Waste Recycling**
We currently do not offer a trade waste recycling service. Potential to divert more plastic waste (amongst other items) to the recycling facility. This will be investigated in Q1/2 of 2019.
- **Litter Bin Recycling**
Currently the waste from the litter bins in the district is not recycled. There is the potential to speak to town councils about introducing dual bins for recycling -Q2 of 2019.
- **Alternatives to plastic at the council.**
The potential to look at what plastic items (especially single use items such as straws, stirrers, disposable coffee cups and plastic cups) are used at the council offices and investigate any viable alternatives. Q1/2 2019