

SUSTAINABLE OVERTON



Becoming a single-use
plastic free community





WHAT IS SINGLE USE PLASTIC?



WHY DOES SINGLE USE PLASTIC MATTER?



**THERE WILL BE
MORE PLASTIC
IN THE OCEAN
THAN FISH
BY 2050.**

- WASHINGTON POST



WHAT CAN I DO?



Do a bin audit – identify your main offenders
Can you avoid? If not can you reduce?

Review your food shopping – make one swap at the shop, or use a refill shop

Aim to put your black bin out less often

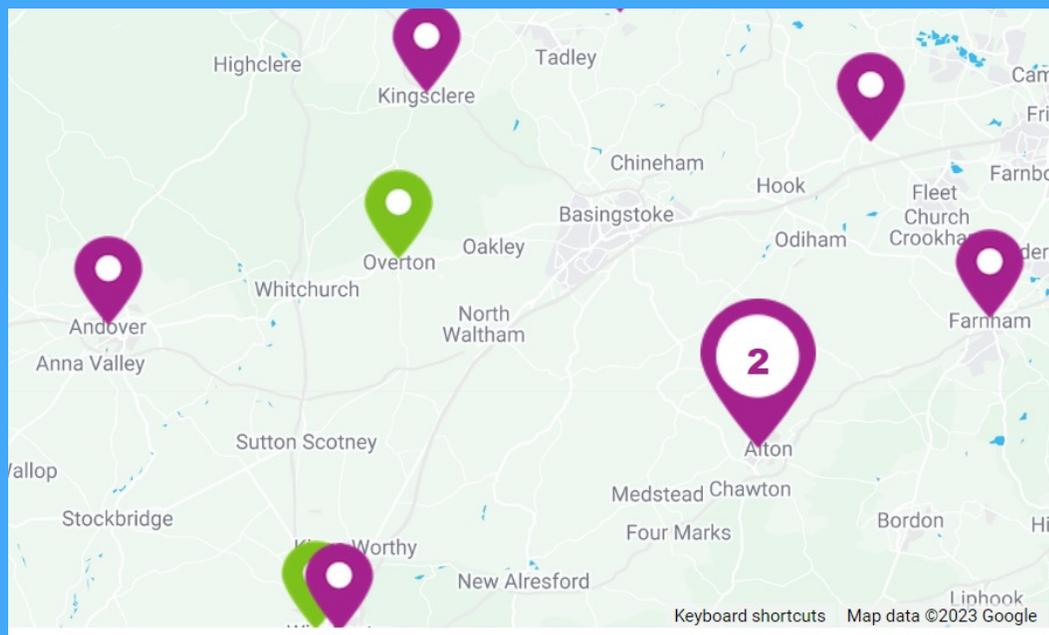
Share – speak to your friends about any changes you make

Use your consumer power wisely

WHY BECOME A PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY?



- Surfers Against Sewage is a marine charity set up in 1990 by a group of Cornish surfers – nearly 900 plastic free UK communities
- Second village in Hampshire to be awarded Plastic Free Communities status
- Businesses, school and “communities” (clubs, societies) in Overton who commit to swapping 3 SUP’s for a more sustainable alternative





1. Get a community steering group to build support around you
2. Get parish or town council commitment
3. Work with the community, for example getting schools to ban single-use plastic
4. Work with local businesses and groups to take further action
5. Run community events such as litter picks in March this year

HOW DO YOU BECOME A PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY?



[Dashboard](#)

[Your Objectives](#)

[Resources](#)

Working with Local Decision Makers
Underway

50% Progress

Community Events & Action
Underway

67% Progress

Business Champions
Approved

100% Progress

Steering Group
Is ready to submit

100% Progress

Community Allies
Get started

0% Progress

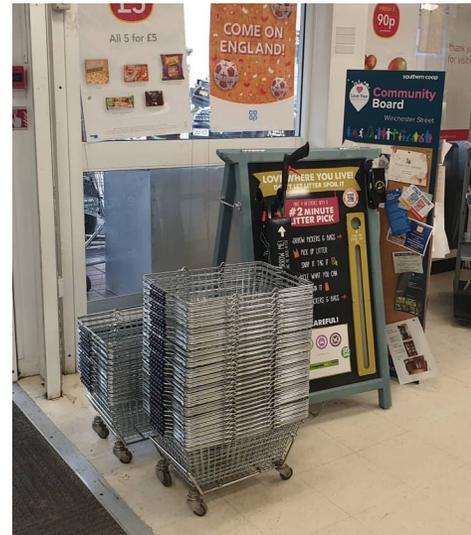
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AS PART OF AN ACCREDITED COMMUNITY WE CAN ALL GET INVOLVED BY REDUCING SINGLE USE PLASTIC IN OUR OWN LIVES AND SUPPORTING ACTIONS THE WIDER COMMUNITY IS TAKING:

- REFILL & REUSE
- SHOP WITH PLASTIC FREE CHAMPIONS
- JOIN A COMMUNITY CLEAN
- TAKE PART IN MASS UNWRAP
- SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL TO PLASTIC FREE SCHOOLS
- SHARE THE WORD WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY



WHAT ELSE HAVE WE ACHIEVED?



ERADICATING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FROM OVERTON



- 5 local cafes – small county councillor grant for 500 cups
- Customers “hire” the cup for £1
- Purchased through the Shrewsbury cup initiative

<http://www.shrewsburycup.co.uk/>



OVERTON REPAIR CAFÉ - MONTHLY 10-12 NOON

- People sign up with parish clerk to get items fixed or just come along
- Grant from HCC waste reduction fund for insurance & supplies
- Fixers are volunteers
- Electrical, sewing, carpentry, bikes etc
- Payment is a donation to charity
- Insurance from the HCC waste Reduction grant

