



## The Newsletter - reducing, reusing and recycling on Scilly

### ScillyWaste project delivers!



The ScillyWaste project, developed through partnership between the AONB, IOS Council, ReZolve Kernow and DEFRA, continues to deliver practical solutions to the islands waste conundrum. Although the ambitious project only has a year of funding from DEFRA and the

Countryside Agency, to March 2006, it should leave a legacy of waste minimisation on the Islands. This newsletter highlights some of the initiatives that have been started and some of the exciting projects we hope to deliver before the end of the project. We know waste is important to residents, as illustrated by a recent survey which found that 79% of residents would like to recycle more, and 91% would like Scilly to actively promote sustainable tourism. So don't forget this is your project and we want to know what you think....we know there are no easy solutions on Scilly and admit that we don't have all the answers. But with your help and support we can hopefully turn the tide of waste creation.

### Compost your kitchen waste and feed your garden for free!

A series of successful compost bin giveaway days were held on St Mary's, Tresco, Bryher and St Agnes from 30<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, with nearly 300 standard composters, Green Cones and Green Johannas given away to residents. The bins help to divert organic material from the normal waste stream by accepting all garden and kitchen waste (depending on which unit you have), as well as having the added benefit of producing compost for the garden. Green Cones and standard composters are still available, so if you would like one please contact us on 08450 580 551 and ask for ScillyWaste composters. For further information on composting, please visit: [www.ScillyWaste.org.uk](http://www.ScillyWaste.org.uk) or [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com) or phone 0845 600 0323.

### Real Nappies, Real savings!

Three real nappy trial kits and a demo kit are now available on Scilly and can be loaned to parents free for up to a month. The trial kits contain many different brands of real nappy, representing various styles and designs. Using the trial kit can help parents determine which nappy brand suits their child best without spending a lot of money. Using real nappies not only significantly reduces household waste, they also save the typical family up to £500 over a child's lifetime, so they make financial as well as environmental sense. If you would like to try one of the trial kits, please contact the midwife, Kerry Youngman, on 07767 328 8175.

### Glass Crushing comes to St Agnes

Glass crushing on Tresco is alive and well and has already diverted around 80 tonnes of glass from normal disposal routes; used as an aggregate substitute in roads, paths and foundations this has saved Tresco about £25 per tonne.



To build on this excellent example of waste minimisation, a new glass crusher has been ordered for St Agnes to take care of all glass bottles and jars on the island, crushing them into small pieces ideal for use as an aggregate substitute. This will mean less waste being transported around Scilly, reducing emissions from both transport and incineration and save money in imported aggregate. There is also the possibility of a further crusher for Bryher to complete the outer island picture.

### British International get involved

ScillyWaste is working with British International, the helicopter airline, to redesign their boarding cards to contain information on the various ways visitors can help reduce their waste whilst on Scilly. In 2004 127,000 passengers travelled to Scilly with British International and so the potential for educating them with regard to waste minimisation is huge. The new cards will depict messages about recycling and reusing waste and will be made sustainably from

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recycled foamex, a by-product of the print and design industry. Watch this space for further updates.

## Recycled Scilly products

A variety of innovative products made from recycled materials can already be found on Scilly, some of which are featured here.

**Rat Bags** – Canvas bags made from sail off-cuts. Many styles available – call Keith or Carol at the Rat Yard Boat Shop on 01720 422 037.

**Emma Clarkson** – Creates jewellery from coloured plastics washed up on Scilly beaches – available from Emma direct - 01720 423 869; also sold through North Farm Gallery, St Martin's – 01720 423 028.

**North Farm Gallery** – Sue Lewington uses drift wood to create various crafts (available seasonally), and also paints directly on to drift wood to create art – call 01720 423 028 for information.

If you have any more suggestions for Scilly recycled products please contact us.

You can help to close the 'recycling loop' by purchasing recycled products, as this creates market demand which in turn supports further demand for recyclable materials. You're not truly recycling unless you're buying recycled.

## Product Spotlight

**Portable Bucket Barbecue**  
Available from Crocus:  
visit [www.crocus.co.uk](http://www.crocus.co.uk) or  
call 0870 787 1413.



Instead of using a disposable barbecue why not try this innovative bucket barbecue, which helps to reduce waste as well as cooking your sausages to perfection!

## Sue Lewington helps ScillyWaste

Local artist Sue Lewington has provided some fantastic images to help bring the ScillyWaste project to life. Sue provided an original drawing for the ScillyWaste leaflet (available from the AONB and Tourist Office), and is working with ReZolve Kernow on other innovative design ideas.

## Events to look out for

*October 17<sup>th</sup>* – **Nappicino** – Real Nappy workshop, Health Centre Room, 10.30-2pm.

*October 19<sup>th</sup>* – **Composter Giveaway**, Moorwell Depot, 2-6pm.

*October 20<sup>th</sup>* – **Glass Crusher Commissioning** on St Agnes.

*November 16<sup>th</sup>* – **Sustainable Tourism workshop**, Old Wesleyan Chapel, from 6pm.

## Useful Contacts

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For information on Real Nappies please contact:

- Kerry Youngman (midwife) on 07767 328 8175
- Cornish Real Nappy Project, Unit 32, Walker Lines Industrial Estate, Beatrice Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 1RD; Tel: 01208 265 933; Email: [info@crnp.org.uk](mailto:info@crnp.org.uk); Web: [www.crnp.org.uk](http://www.crnp.org.uk)

If you are interested in finding out more about waste:

- Recycle for Cornwall; Tel: 0800 612 0456; Email: [info@recycleforcornwall.org.uk](mailto:info@recycleforcornwall.org.uk); Web: [www.recycleforcornwall.org.uk](http://www.recycleforcornwall.org.uk)
- Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP); Tel: 0808 100 2040; Email: [helpline@wrap.org.uk](mailto:helpline@wrap.org.uk); Web: [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)