

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

In our hearts we all know that Christmas is an overly indulgent time. Yet, don't beat yourself up as you deserve a treat! It's been a cruel couple of years.

COP26 also brought home to many of us that the climate emergency is not just about us and those that we love, but about others and the planets future.

Archenfield Community Environment Group (ACEG) is a small collection of people who live in the Parish and want to try to make a difference in our lovely community. Recycling and reusing are ever more important, so here's a few tips for the Yuletide period.



Wrapping paper: generally shiny paper is not recyclable, the "scrunch" test helps. Scrunch it into a ball and if it stays in a ball its recyclable, if not...well..it's not. Remember to take off any Sellotape.

OR wrap with non-shiny brown paper, or eco paper, and tape with eco-friendly paper adhesive tape, after all its what's inside that counts.

Christmas Cards: Glittery or shiny ones are non-recyclable, plain ones are.

OR Email seasonal greetings instead, or save the cards so that you can cut out the front as gift tags next year, and create fun room and tree decorations? It's called upcycling!

Toys: any unwanted toys or toys from last year that are still in reasonable shape can be donated to many charity shops. Too many kids go without.

Ribbons & Gift decorations: save and re-use endlessly!

Batteries: many toys and electrical stuff need batteries, so at Christmas we can go through a lot. Recycle at the Ross recycling centre or check if your chosen supermarket is doing this.

Wine: if like us you only drink wine at Christmas (ho-hum), the screw tops can now be recycled. Just rinse the bottle and screw the top back on loosely.

Food waste: the County will be making your lasagne recyclable in the future, well actually by the end of 2023... In the meantime, do compost all your veggie and fruit waste. The turkey alas will have to wait.

Christmas Trees: please don't burn them, take them to the Ross recycling centre. You can wrap them in an old sheet so that your car doesn't become full of needles.

OR buy a potted tree that you can reuse again and again (might need to repot it) or get creative and use a fallen tree branch?



And finally...

Cans and tins: As we operate 'single stream' recycling here in Herefordshire (one bin for all recycling), cans should not be (completely) flattened or the machine may not recognise them, and then the next destination is landfill. Tins can be flattened as they are magnetic, and so be identified by the.... magnets. Get it?

We will issue a follow up newsletter in the near future on recycling items that will not go in your green trolley bin or the recycling centre. You will be amazed at what can be recycled, and we intend to make it very easy to do that with a community recycling project.

Archenfield Community Environment Group

If you would like to know more about what we are hoping to do please email us putting **YES** in the subject line. If you would like to join our small group, please email us and tell us. Thanks ArchenfieldCEG@gmail.com

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