



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD AND ABBEY CHURCH ARBROATH

ECO-AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

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SUCCESSFUL BEACH CLEAN

The Old & Abbey Eco Group held a beach clean on Sunday 13th March. Five adults took part in the surveying of 100 metres of the West Links, Arbroath and then general cleaning of litter from the rest of the beach. Many bags of waste were collected and disposed of. The weather was kind and the job was done by 3.30pm. Many thanks to everyone who took part. If you are interested in joining us for the next clean around September, please contact the office (details above). All are very welcome. Fay Forge.



The pictures above show the group removing a variety of items from the beach.

British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House,
Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3PL
Tel: 01584 890801
www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk



Bread & Milk Harms Hedgehogs

Please offer hedgehog food, meaty pet food, chopped unsalted peanuts and only water to drink.

NETWORK MEETING

In March, some of the group attended the local eco-congregation network meeting and heard David Bradwell, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, talk about how we could help through offering time, donations, cash, prayers and using our power to inform and influence discussions. A summary of the talk is available to download here: [160317 DavidBradwell talk to Angus network](#)

This meeting was also Margaret Warnock's last one before she retired. We wish her all the best for the future and look forward to working with her successor, David Bethune. The next meeting will be held on 14th September 2016 in our Church Hall and is open to everyone.

RECYCLING: CENTRE CLOSURES

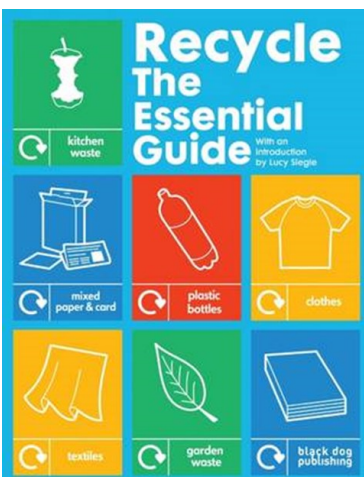


Many of you will be aware of Angus Council's proposal to close Kirriemuir, Brechin, Monifieth and Carnoustie recycling centres, retaining and redeveloping Arbroath and Montrose and building a new centre to serve Forfar and Kirriemuir. While the centres do need redevelopment, the concern is the potential increase in fly tipping across Angus should the centres be closed. After protests through social media and the local press, the closures are on hold while alternative options are looked at. One option could be that residents pay to use the centre each time they visit. While the closures are on hold, the £25 charge to uplift our greens bin and the removal of the food waste service from rural areas have been passed. The green bin charge will be introduced in summer 2016. You can follow the action group's progress on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Save-Angus-Recycling-Centres-1014836751924484/>

RECYCLING IN OUR CHURCH

Continuing with the recycling theme, a reminder that you can recycle your used batteries by popping them into one of the containers in the gallery. Handy if you are not able to get to the recycling centre. The group are currently looking into bins for the gallery and halls for recycling items such as paper as at the moment, the rubbish is not being sorted and we could be doing much more. There is a food bin in the kitchen though so please do use that if you make use of our facilities.

BOOK REVIEW



It's time to wake up and smell the rubbish. It's time to take responsibility for our waste. Recycle is the essential guide for all those who want to take that journey but aren't sure where to start. With detailed coverage on the how, what and where of recycling, it supplies clear explanations of the recycling process and looks at interesting approaches to recycling in countries all over the world. Following the introduction is a comprehensive section of recyclable materials: paper, plastic, metal, glass, household waste and compost. Each material is explained in depth; how it is sourced, its impact on the environment, how the recycling process occurs and what each individual reader can do to facilitate these processes. Available from your local library.