

Challenges for Clubs, Churches Community Groups, Organisations



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The plastic problem:	What to do:	Local knowledge and tips (see Directory):
Single use plastics - stirrers, cutlery, cups, glasses, plates, bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use reusable/washable cutlery and crockery * If reusable is not practical, talk to suppliers about recyclable or compostable alternatives made of wood, bamboo or palm leaf * Research and test alternatives to plastics, try other suppliers if your usual ones do not offer alternatives 	Tip: There is a wide range of recyclable and compostable crockery and cutlery alternatives. Search the internet or speak to suppliers
Single use plastics - straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Only provide straws if asked * Provide paper straws instead of plastic ones * Do not offer straws at all 	Did you know? You can buy reusable straws made from bamboo or stainless steel
Single use sauce sachets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do not use single use sachets of sauce, use large bottles of sauces instead * Speak to suppliers about offering all sauces in glass bottles 	
Reusable food containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use reusable containers to store leftover food instead of plastic bags or cling film * Try using beeswax wraps as an alternative to cling film 	Tip: your container could be plastic as long as it can be washed and reused. Look for bpa free plastic.
Hot drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Allow members to bring their own reusable coffee mugs * Offer a discount to members who bring their own reusable mugs * Speak to suppliers and consider selling reusable mugs yourselves, maybe with your own group logo 	Tip: there are a range of reusable coffee mugs available! Join the Refill scheme and let customers know you will use their reusable mugs.
Cold drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use large bottles of squash or cordial preferably in glass bottles, instead of providing individual drinks in plastic bottles * Reduce selling of soft drinks or water in single use plastic bottles, buy from suppliers in glass containers or cans and recycle * Have a water refill station, offer jugs of water with reusable glasses or allow members to refill their own water bottles 	Tip: consider selling reusable water bottles yourselves with own group logo
Milk containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do not use single portion milk pots, use waxed card or glass bottled products instead * Have your milk delivered in glass bottles 	Planks Dairies
Cleaning products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stop using single use products, e.g. disinfectant wipes. Look for reusable or refillable alternatives * Buy products in non-plastic packaging * Make your own cleaning products * Invest in washable cleaning cloths/sponges 	Green Ginger Did you know? Vinegar, water and lemon (50:50 with juice of 1 lemon) makes a very effective all purpose cleaner.
Liquid soap/washing up liquid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Switch to refillable products * Use bars of soap rather than liquid soap * Ask suppliers to offer refillable products/bars of soap with less plastic packaging 	Green Ginger offer lots of refills Did you know? Refills are often cheaper than buying new
Recycling eg at events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ensure that all members, and groups that share facilities, are aware of recycling points and what can/cannot be recycled * Have additional recycling points at event days or matches 	Tip: consider producing a poster or display to communicate plastic reduction and recycling changes
Excess plastic packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be aware when buying group equipment that this may come with excess plastic packaging * Speak to suppliers or wholesalers about plastic waste reduction, packaging alternatives or wholesalers recycling this themselves 	

Our advice: start by changing one thing and build up! Simply get into the habit of looking for non-plastic alternatives, it will soon become automatic.

Want to do even more?

- Write to your suppliers to request the option to have no plastic packaging