

Reduce, reuse and recycle around Effingham, Bookham and Horsley

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The following covers services provided in local areas covered by both MVDC and GBC.

Recycling helps to save some of the materials that are thrown away. However, manufacturing products and transporting them to where they are sold uses a significant amount of energy, as does collecting them from residents and recycling them into new products. If we reduce the amount of waste we produce to start with, we can make a significant positive environmental impact.

Let's adopt a **reduce, reuse, recycle** order of thinking!

See also <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/community/climate-change-sustainability/going-green/reducing-reusing-and-recycling>

Reduce

This is about reducing the amount of stuff you create in the first place

- Do you really need to buy it?
- **Avoid single-use items**
 - Drink tap water from your own bottle rather than buying bottled water. Read more about [Refill](#) initiatives below.
 - Take reusable bags and containers with you when out shopping.
 - Use your own cup for takeaway coffees rather than a single-use cup.
 - For devices which need batteries, switch to rechargeable ones.
- **Choose products with less or no packaging**
 - Buy loose produce where possible and use reusable fruit & veg bags.
 - Many products can be bought in different sizes or even refill packs. Opt for the larger packs whenever possible – you are likely to save money as well as producing less packaging waste
 - Avoid products with unnecessary 'gift' packaging
- **REFILL your own container**



[Refill](#) is about **reducing** new packaging and **reusing** your existing containers. Anyone can download the free Refill app to tap into a network of places to reduce, reuse and refill.



Originally just about where to fill your reusable water bottle, it has now expanded to cover coffee cup refills, shops who will fill your own lunchbox and those where you can stock up with certain foods, home hygiene and personal care products. This list will be updated with more options in due course. You can also read more about water refill stations across Mole Valley at [Refill Mole Valley](#).

- **Water – take your bottle along to Bookham shops**
 - Claire’s Café - 8 Grove Corner, KT23 4LR
 - Del Fuoco - 17 Church Road, KT23 3PG
 - Wishing Well – 7 High Street, KT23 4AA
- **Bring along your own containers to refill**
 - ***foods, home hygiene and personal care***
 - [Fetch’em from the Cupboard](#) in **Ashtead** and **Fetcham**
 - ***home hygiene***
 - Parker & Son, The Laurels, 2 The Street, **Effingham** KT24 5LH - Ecover refills of laundry liquid, fabric softener, and washing up liquid
 - ***pet and bird foods***
 - Brackenburys, 17A High St, **Bookham** KT23 4AA,
 - Parker & Son, The Laurels, 2 The Street, **Effingham** KT24 5LH

Reuse

As well as taking along your own bags, bottles, containers and cups when going out (see above), this includes **buying** secondhand or ‘pre-loved’ items and **donating or selling** perfectly good, or slightly jaded, items you no longer need to somewhere where they will be appreciated. If it’s broken, you may be able to get it repaired.

- **Charity shops, Revive shops and other reuse outlets**

First of all, please consider if an item is suitable for ‘reuse’ at one of our local charity shops (when open) or the [Revive shop](#) at [Leatherhead Community Recycling Centre](#) in Randalls Road.

Bigger items such as furniture and white goods may be collected for repair, upcycling and reuse by [Furnistore \(MVDC\)](#) and [Furniture Helpline \(GBC\)](#). Alternatively some of the charities operate their own furniture outlets including [BHF](#), [Furniture Link](#), [QEF](#). See also *‘Bulky waste and furniture recycling’* under section on *‘Recycling’* below.

- **Sell or give it away online**

Check out sites such as [eBay](#) or Freebay and Marketplace groups on Facebook.

- **Repair it**

The lifetime of many items can often be extended through a bit of repair work. Get in touch with your nearest [Repair Café](#) to see if someone local to you has the skills to help. The nearest ones in Surrey are [Dorking](#) and [Guildford](#).

Recycle

In this section we concentrate on where to recycle stuff when options for **reuse** have been exhausted.

- **What can go in your Green council recycling bin?**
 - **Other items for recycling collected from your home by the council**
- **What else can I recycle, and where can I recycle it?**
 - **Recycling of carrier bags and other flexible plastics at supermarkets**
 - **Recycle Now**
 - **Council community and 'bring' recycling sites**
 - **Bulky waste and furniture recycling**
 - **In Effingham, Bookham and Horsley**
 - **Within 10-15 minutes drive - Terracycle**

What can go in your Green council recycling bin?

What can and can't go in our MVDC green recycling bin is detailed below and is correct as of Nov. 2020. For those nearby in GBC territory, they *additionally* take aerosols and food & drink cartons. Both should take any excess recycling in clear plastic bags/sacks if put out with the main green bin. For more information you can consult the [MVDC](#) or [GBC](#) website.

Please ensure containers are rinsed and are dry before putting them in. Lids can be put back on bottles and jars but the lidding film from trays and pots must be put in the black bin.

Please note that the bin men will reject your entire green bin if any of the contents are wet or dirty or if it contains items from the 'no thanks' list below.



Suitable plastic containers may be labelled PET and HDPE which are 'triangular codes' 1 and 2.

RECYCLING BIN NO THANKS		Would you consider switching to washable nappies?		Any grease will contaminate the load	Some garden centres may accept them back
 Black bin bags	 Tissues and wipes	 Nappies	 Polystyrene	 Pizza boxes	 Plant pots and hard plastic

BUT whilst the MVDC Recycling Guide 2021 indicates the following are also not accepted in the green bin, we're pleased to say they **can be recycled elsewhere locally** – see below.

 Plastic bags and cellophane	 Crisp packets and wrappers	 Food and drink cartons
See section on ' <i>Recycling of carrier bags and other flexible plastics at supermarkets</i> ' below	See section on ' <i>In Effingham, Bookham and Horsley</i> ' below	

- **Other items for recycling collected from your home by the council**

Both [MVDC](#) and [GBC](#) run doorstep collections for [food waste](#), [small electricals and batteries](#), [textiles](#) and [garden waste](#). Larger quantities can be taken to the '*Council 'bring' and community recycling sites*' as detailed below.

You may have heard of **compostable** or **biodegradable** plastics like some takeaway coffee cups, plates, cartons etc. At the moment, these can usually only be handled in industrial composters and not home composting or garden waste, so sadly they have to go in the black bin.

- **Recycling of carrier bags and other flexible plastics at supermarkets**

Carrier bag recycling at bigger supermarkets also takes other flexible (but not crinkly) plastic packaging including other plastic bags, bread bags (see section on '*Terracycle*' below), shrink wrap, frozen food bags, dry cleaning bags/bags covering new clothing, magazine and newspaper wrappers, fruit and vegetable bags, bubble wrap. These bags *may* be marked LDPE (triangular code 4) or a recycling symbol confirming they can go in with carrier bags. *Note: You can also use carrier bags and some other plastic bags to line your food waste caddy.*

- **Recycle Now**

[Recycle Now](#) allows you to

- Find out what you can recycle at home and locally – by postcode
- Not sure whether an item can be recycled? Find out what to do with ...

You can also download the ‘Surrey Recycles’ app from your app store.

They also have a [page](#) where you can find all the recycling facilities in the locality including both council facilities and shops/ supermarkets.

Other search tools providing advice on where to recycle specific items include those provided by [MVDC](#) and [GBC](#).

- **Council ‘bring’ and community recycling sites**

Specific details for **Bookham, Effingham** and **Horsley** are given below. For **Mole Valley** in general you can find out about these and what can be recycled there [here](#). This includes links through to the Community Recycling Centres (CRC) in Dorking and Leatherhead and the ‘bring’ locations in the villages where there are assorted large recycling banks in car parks etc. These include **Bookham Lower Shott** as well as **Ashted** Peace Memorial, **Dorking** Reigate Road (behind Dorking Halls/Sports Centre) and **Leatherhead** Randalls Road.

In Guildford the sites are listed [here](#) and include the Slyfield CRC in **Guildford** and ‘bring’ sites in **Effingham** and **East Horsley**.

Note: Please check the websites before travelling to check opening times etc.

- **Bulky waste and furniture recycling**

Both [MVDC](#) and [GBC](#) operate a collection service for a fee. See also section on ‘Charity shops, Revive shops and other reuse outlets’ under section on ‘Reuse’ above.

- **In Effingham, Bookham and Horsley**

For everyday products that are not able to go into the council green bin, several recycling locations are set-up locally to make it much easier for you to recycle your used stuff and these are listed in the table below. Unfortunately some still has to go into landfill, but the good news is that this is increasingly becoming the minority of the things we get through every week:

Item	Options	Comments
Baby yoghurt & baby food pouches	TerraCycle EllaCycle scheme in Bookham raising money for Polesden Lacey Playschool	Via Facebook group – <i>Ella’s Kitchen Recycle Leatherhead & Surrounding Areas</i> <u>or</u> PM <i>Eleanor Pragnell</i> <u>or</u> email pfcbookham@gmail.com

Item	Options	Comments
Batteries (e.g. AA, AAA, C) Small electricals.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the same time as black/green bin collection 2. <i>Alternatively</i> - small electricals (no batteries) can be bagged up and taken to the recycling bank at Grove Corner / Lower Shott car park, Bookham KT23 4LP. 3. <i>Alternatively</i> - some supermarkets and electrical retailers have battery recycling bins e.g. in Effingham there is a bin for battery recycling at Parker & Son, The Laurels, 2 The Street, KT24 5LH. 4. <i>Alternatively</i> - larger electricals and white goods can be taken to Leatherhead Community Recycling Centre 	1. Batteries and small electricals need to be in separate tied carrier bags on top of the wheelie bin.
Biros Other writing instruments	TerraCycle Writing Instruments scheme via Bookham Library , Townshott Close, Bookham KT23 4DQ	May be put through letter box when closed. Email Emily via pfcbookham@gmail.com
Books CDs and DVDs	Bin at Grove Corner / Lower Shott car park, Bookham KT23 4LP	Place in small carrier bag
Bread bags (only flexible), Crisp packets Pringles tubes,	TerraCycle schemes in Bookham raising money for The Grange (crisps/ bread bags) and an Epsom mental health charity (Pringles).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread bags • Crisp packets • Pringles Via Facebook – <i>PM Beth Townend</i> or email pfcbookham@gmail.com
Coffee cups Food and drink cartons	Bin at Grove Corner / Lower Shott car park, Bookham KT23 4LP	e.g. juice cartons, soya milk cartons. Some coffee shops will also take the cups back for recycling. <i>Please note that so-called compostable/ biodegradable cups are not accepted, nor will they break up in home composting.</i>
Household cardboard metal packaging and plastic packaging – <i>in excess of what fits in your green wheelie bin</i>	Take to recycling banks at KGV Car Park, Browns Lane, Effingham KT24 5ND. <i>They are to the left on entering behind the oak tree. If car park closed, park in Browns Lane.</i>	

Item	Options	Comments
Household cardboard & paper, foil, metal packaging and plastic packaging	Can be taken to the banks in the car park behind the shops at Station Parade, Ockham Road South, East Horsley KT24 6QN.	
Shoes (paired) Textiles <i>No duvets or pillows</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the same time as black/green bin collection 2. <i>Alternatively</i> – items can be bagged up and taken to the recycling bank at Grove Corner / Lower Shott car park, Bookham KT23 4LP 3. <i>Alternatively</i> – items can be bagged up and taken to the bin alongside The Village Supermarket, The Street, Effingham KT24 5LH 4. <i>Alternatively</i> – shoes can be bagged up and taken to the bank in the car park behind the shops at Station Parade, Ockham Road South, East Horsley KT24 6QN. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items to be clean & dry and in a tied standard sized carrier bag on top of the wheelie bin.

Within 10-15 minutes drive - Terracycle

A company called [Terracycle](#) recycle the ‘non-recyclable’ (mainly plastics which don’t go in the green bin) by partnering with some of the producers of the packaging and allowing volunteer collectors to raise money for their favourite project or charity by sending them stuff to recycle. Schemes may be **brand specific or open to all brands** and cover the following types of products – *typically they just recycle the packaging but in some categories, e.g. gloves, oral care, toys, writing instruments, it’s some of the products too!*

Food

- Baby food
- Biscuits, cakes and crackers
- Bread bags
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Confectionery and chocolate
- Crisps and savoury snacks
- Pet food

Non-food

- Contact lens and their blister packaging
- Dishwasher, household cleaning, laundry
- Gloves – disposable and durable
- Oral care
- Personal care and beauty
- Ring carriers to hold drinks cans together
- Toys
- Writing instruments

Several **Bookham collections** are given in the ‘*In Bookham, Effingham and Horsley*’ section above and we’d love you to support these. However almost the full range of schemes are available locally with drop off locations in **Ashted, Cobham, Dorking, Fetcham and Leatherhead** as detailed in ‘*All Terracycle Schemes with drop offs near Bookham and Effingham - 4 February 2021.pdf*’ – just choose which is most

convenient for you and takes the scheme(s) you want to contribute to. Just save items up till you have enough to make the journey worthwhile.

At the top of the document there are some [general instructions in blue](#) to make life easier for the volunteers who have to sort and pack them for sending to Terracycle. For each scheme, the document identifies what can and **can't** be accepted, [any specific preparation needed](#), a link to the TerraCycle website for that scheme and details of relevant drop off locations.

Please note

- 1. Some items (crisps and some items in Dishwasher/Household Cleaning/Laundry, Oral Care, and Personal Care & Beauty) can go in more than one scheme.*
- 2. These locations are mainly private addresses so we are not publishing them directly, just pointing you where to find out about them.*