



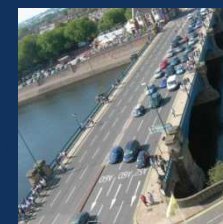
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# Single Use Plastics Update for Community Development Group 18/9/18

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## A Few Facts

1,000,000 plastic  
bottles purchased every  
minute worldwide

Average household uses 480  
plastics bottles a year but only  
recycles 270



500 billion disposable  
cups consumed every  
year

8-12 million tonnes of  
plastic end up in the  
oceans.

***“Rushcliffe Borough Council resolves that in response to growing global concerns about single use plastics an item be placed on the Community Development Group scrutiny work programme for 2018 to consider the following objectives:***

- a) *Assess the current use and feasibility of reducing single use plastic in relation to Council activities*
- b) *Consider the mechanisms to ban the use of Chinese lanterns and helium balloons on Rushcliffe Borough Council land and open spaces*
- c) *Consider the provision of Council advice and information on single use plastic, Chinese lanterns and helium balloons for local residents and businesses*

## Assess and reduce the amount of single use plastic we use as an organisation

- Audit of single use plastics currently being used:
- Drinks machines
- Stationary
- Waste disposal

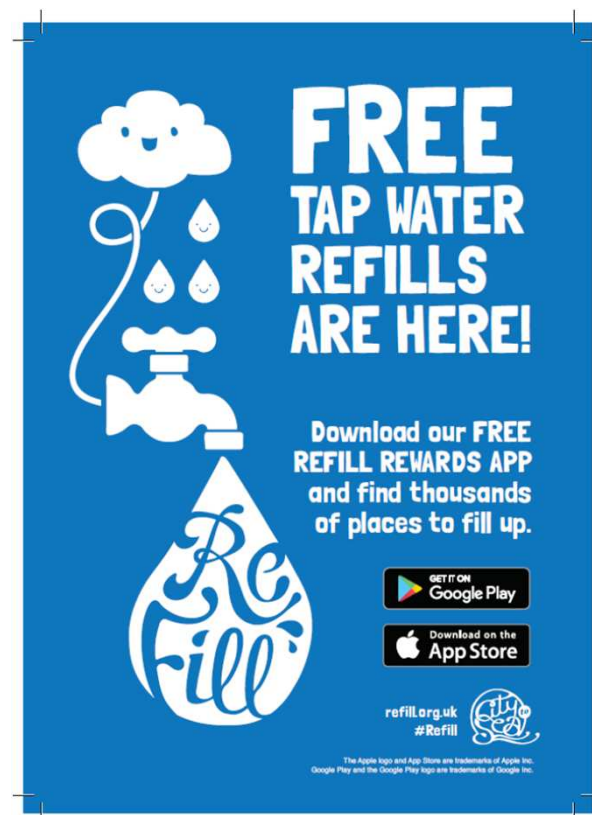
## Assess and reduce single use plastic use by our key partners and contractors (supply chain)

- Parkwood Leisure have agreed a number of steps including:
  - Wooden cutlery
  - Compostable paper cups
  - Stopped using plastic food containers
  - Poolside Overshoes
  - Working with partners e.g. Zoggs
  
- Build conditions within new contract proposals



## Encourage others to reduce use of single use plastics

- Community Leadership Role
- Press releases, social media
- Parish Councils
- Local Businesses (Corporate Social Responsibility)
- Consider prohibiting SUP with street Traders
- Refill Rushcliffe

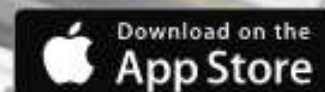




## FIND YOUR FILL

Using the Refill app, anyone with a smartphone can quickly see where they can top up their bottle free.

Without a smart phone? Just look out for the Refill stickers displayed in shop front windows.





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## Assess Use of Plastics at Council Events and Venues

- Ban on sky lanterns and helium balloons from Council parks
- T & Cs for events to encourage traders to minimise use of plastics at our events



- Continued roll out of Refill Rushcliffe across the Borough
- Ceasing plastic wrapping of Autumn gardener magazine
- Supporting other District Councils
- Close the task and finish group and mainstream activities as part of business as usual