After researching local recycling, in East Hampshire, Alton Climate Action & Network (ACAN) found that 17% of recycling in East Hampshire is "contaminated" with the wrong waste type. This “contaminated" waste along with "mixed-up" waste from refuse bins is sent to an incinerator at Chineham, near Basingstoke. T**here is only one landfill site left in the whole of Hampshire**.

So as individuals, we need to do more to ‘recycle, reuse and reduce’. The Parish of the Resurrection (POTR) Eco church team is working alongside ACAN and others to raise awareness of this important aspect of caring for Creation. The following information has been gathered together from the Alton Society, ACAN, Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI), POTR and individuals who are passionate about caring for our World. It is displayed with their permission. It is not exhaustive. If you have any other links please let us know at https://potr-alton.co.uk/eco-church

This is what you ***can currently*** put in your recycling kerbside collection bins:
**Glass bottles and jars** in their own recycling box
**Steel and Aluminium** cans
**Plastic bottles** (and their coloured lids)
**Paper and cardboard** (not shredded)
**Garden waste** in its own brown bin, this is a paid for service.

**In addition to the kerbside collections, we also have lots of local shops, groups and individuals promoting ways to ‘recycle, reuse and reduce’ here are just some of them.**

**Toothpaste Tubes** recycle at The Resurrection furniture shop in Alton High Street; it also collects quality furniture, pictures and bric-a-brac for resale.

**Mascara wands** ‘which have been used and washed’are being collected by one of the local wildlife trusts to help clean the animals, contact Lynn from ACAN at Lynnbonsey@gmail.com

**School Uniforms** are collected by the Alton Foodbank as well as **Store Cupboard Items** which can be donated via collection points at Harvest Church, c/o the Maltings, the Resurrection Furniture Shop, the Vicarage at Holybourne and Sainsbury’s Alton, as long as they are within the sell-by date.

**Extra Produce from the Garden** can be given to Alton’s Community Cupboard – contact

<https://potr-alton.co.uk/alton-community-cupboard>

**Kitchen Items** - donate to charity shops, especially in late summer when students are furnishing new accommodation in university towns. The local Alton Charity shops also accept **Clothing, Shoes, Jewellery and Books.** Oxfam even has a designated **ragbag for clothing** **beyond reuse**, but the **Buttons** can be cut off and donated to Knitters anonymous just leave them on the back pew at All Saints Church, Alton.

**Batteries** – Recycling box at Waitrose + M &S Alton, as well as at Alton Waste Disposal site see: [Alton Household Waste Recycling Centre (recycleaid.co.uk)](http://www.recycleaid.co.uk/site/alton-household-waste-recycling-centre/) for opening times.

**Left Over, Unused or Unpicked wool;** just leave it on the back pew at All Saints Church, Alton for Knitters anonymous. They knit for the homeless, premature babies and refugees. Any **Buttons and Haberdashery Items** can be added to Twiddle Muffs, knitted by Knitters Anonymous, for those with dementia, but charity shops also accept **Haberdashery, Crafts and Sewing Fabric**

**Garden Items such as Garden Pots and Containers** can be bought as well as donated at Alton’s Waste Disposal site. See [Alton Household Waste Recycling Centre (recycleaid.co.uk)](http://www.recycleaid.co.uk/site/alton-household-waste-recycling-centre/) for opening times.

**Plants** benefit from splitting, so share your treasures with friends, donate to the POTR Monthly market and take part in the Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) yearly seed and seedling swap https://altonlocalfood.org.uk.

**Repair Clothes, Textiles, Fabrics, Small Electrical and Mechanical items, plus Bike Repairs** for a small donation to cover costs at Alton Recycle café <https://altonevents.co.uk/events/repair-cafe-june-2021/>

‘Offer’ or ‘request’ any items by joining a Freecycle site. The POTR Freecycle site can be accessed by emailing familyhowe@talktalk.net

**Borrow Toys, Games and Activities** free of charge for up to four weeks, from The [Alton Community Share](https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Local-Service/Alton-Community-Share-100592971690567/) which is open twice a month, see <https://potr-alton.co.uk/alton-community-share>

See the ACAN website for **further local information on events, talks on climate change, reducing energy consumption, plus much more and for more details on how to ‘reuse, recycle and reduce’ our impact on the environment** <https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk>

See the POTR website **for an update on what we are doing as a Parish** **of the Resurrection** to work alongside other local organisations and individuals to care for our World. <https://potr-alton.co.uk/eco-church-one-year-on>

**Bread bags, biscuit wrappers & Pringle tubes can all go to Terracycle.** These items cannot be recycled so are made into picnic tables, fence posts etc. all of which should last several lifetimes and sequester the plastic for a very long time. Tall white collection boxes can be found in the library, Resurrection furniture shop, Community Centre and Energique, Alton

In addition, some other, **clean** soft plastics can be recycled locally –

**Marks & Spencer –** carrier & on line delivery bags food or household cleaning pouches, chocolate, crisps, biscuit & sweet wrappers, film from the top of food trays, clothing multipack bags including inbuilt hangers and wraps from bakery, food, household and beauty items

**Aldi** – crisp packets, plastic film from food trays, pet food pouches, sweet wrappers, plastic bags, biscuit wrappers & bread bags.

**Aluminium Foil, Aluminium Cans, Copper, Brass, Lead, Stainless Steel, Gold or Silver (including items that need 'breaking up' e.g. computers)** are being collected by Metal 4 Uganda – drop off at Harvest Church at the Maltings Centre. For larger items call John on 07970 540 961 – but no fridges or freezers please. They can recycle tools, watches, car batteries, mobile devices, copper or lead pipes, taps, desktop computers, computer components, cutlery, any electrical cables, domestic wiring, electrical items, pots and pans, stainless steel sinks and lead balloons.

**Eliminate wasteful Plastic Packaging** by using **The ‘FillUp’ shop** (Alton High Street) where you take your own containers and fill them up, Louise Bagnall is the founder and owner.

**Plastic Litter Patrols-** happenon the 1st Thursday of every month 10am-12noon, organised by ACAN for information, contact plasticacan@gmail.com

**Ink Cartridges** – collected at Alton Methodist Church for Anna Chaplaincy or recycle at Alton’s Waste Disposal site. See [Alton Household Waste Recycling Centre (recycleaid.co.uk)](http://www.recycleaid.co.uk/site/alton-household-waste-recycling-centre/) for opening hours and for full list of items that are accepted