



Eco Community UK CIC

March 2023

An organisation known as Eco Communities and Sustainable Cheshire

About us

Eco Communities

- Founded in 2019 by Helen Tandy and Christian Dunn
- Eco Communities (EC) is managed on a voluntary basis by people who are passionate about helping the planet at a local level
- Our directors have other full time jobs and do not take an income from (EC)



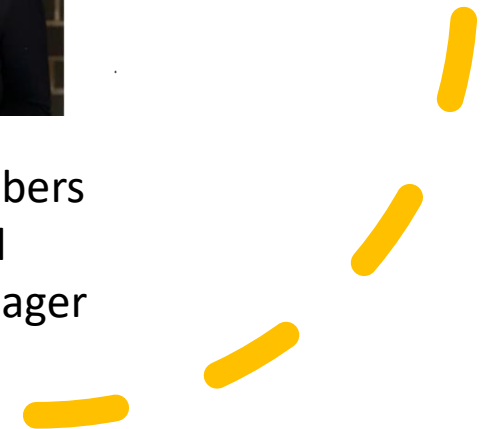
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Director



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Director and
Project Manager



About our work

Eco Communities (EC) is a true community enterprise supporting the whole of Cheshire to live more sustainably. Funded by donations and grants - [donate](#)

Our support comes in a variety of forms from helping organisations to gain plastic free status, providing litter picking equipment to the community or planning and hosting local sustainability events

All our projects are focused on helping individuals and organisations to be more sustainable and have a positive impact on the planet

Over recent years we have increased the support and projects for businesses as we feel there is a lot of organisations who want to do more but don't know where to start or haven't got the time



Our Business Projects

The current projects we are supporting businesses with for 2023 are:

1. Plastic Free Cheshire
2. Sustainable Cheshire
3. Food for the Planet
4. The Cheshire Cup
5. Refill

Project 1: Plastic Free Cheshire

- Having achieved Plastic Free Chester in 2018 via Surfers Against Sewage (SAS).
- We have linked with SAS again to support businesses and communities in achieving plastic free status in Cheshire.
- Our ambitions are to get as many local schools, businesses and organisations with plastic free status as possible.
- We support orgs to eliminate 3 single use items from their business operations. And create a plan for what to tackle next.
- For more info, help or training with your plastic audit please get in-touch office@sustainablecheshire.uk.

Businesses can now also go for higher Silver and Gold accreditations. Contact us for more info



PLASTIC FREE
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SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

We are currently supporting, Chester, Neston, Williston, Tattenhall, Ellesmere Port and Frodsham

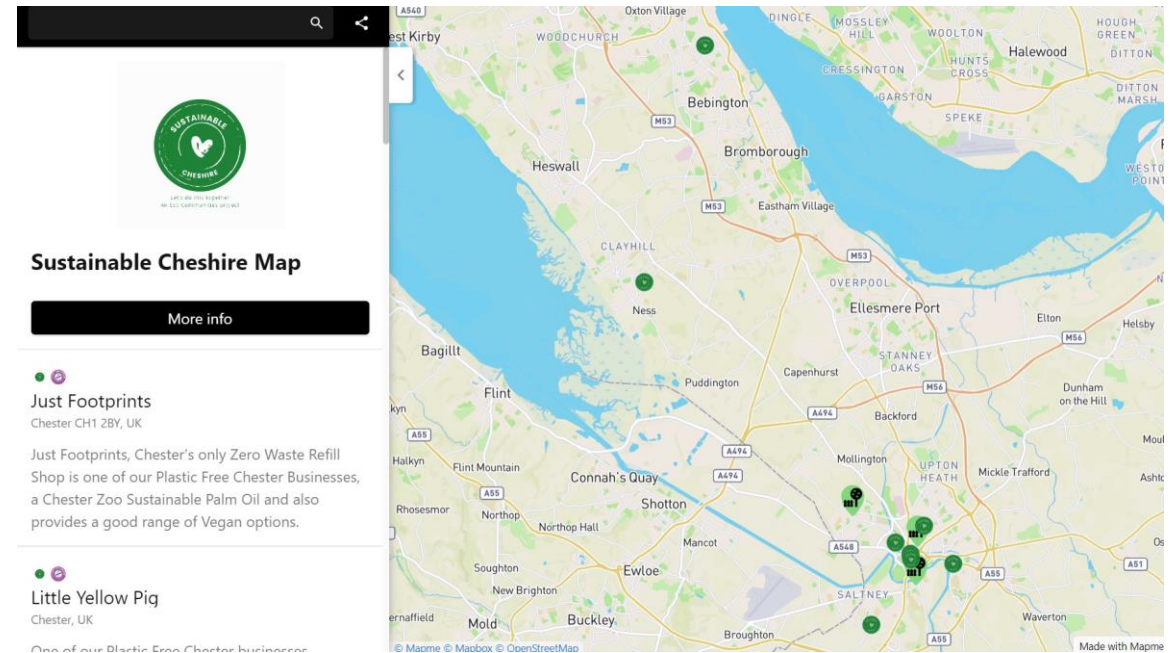
Project 2: Sustainable Cheshire

Sustainable Cheshire is a project of Eco Communities.

- The Sustainable Cheshire Map is a resource for individuals to understand what sustainable businesses they can support in Cheshire.
- It promotes businesses that have one of the following accreditations:
 - Plastic Free Cheshire
 - Those signed up for Food for the Planet in the region
 - Signed up as Sustainable Palm Oil with Chester Zoo
 - Fairtrade Accredited businesses.

If you are already accredited or working towards one of the above we'd love to hear about your business

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Project 3: Food for the Planet

- EC are registered to support the Food for the Planet campaign.
- The project is helping local authorities, businesses and organisations take simple actions to tackle the climate and nature emergency through food.
- We are looking to encourage businesses to act by taking the planet pledge.
- The Planet Pledge for Business invites those who can, to commit to serve more plants, better meat and freshly prepared food from ingredients sourced locally.
- [Complete this form to get started](#) we can then support you to achieve full status between 2023 and 2025.



Project 4: The Cheshire Cup

- In late 2022 we were successful in receiving funding to roll out a circular economy cup scheme, which will be labelled The Cheshire Cup.
- This will help local businesses to reduce waste and have a USP against the big chains. The cups will be rented to businesses, without the need to buy the stock in.
- We will trial it first in Chester, using a handful of businesses who want to remove their single use cup waste.
- Consumers sign up to 'Cup Club' and their token allows them to pick up a cup from a participating location and drop at any other.
- The trial will give us some great learnings but to get the scale that The Cheshire Cup needs, we need more businesses. If you are interested in either the trial or the results for future participation then we would love to hear from you office@sustainablecheshire.uk.



WHY CUP CLUB?

Across the globe governments have already or are about to impose legislation seeking to ban or tax single use items including paper cups.

94% of consumers are still not actively engaging with reusables, the direct ownership model has had limited success. Returnable is more 'to hand', convenient and in touch with consumer needs. If you won't bring a cup, we already have one for you.

Soon it will be against the law or simply uneconomical to offer beverages in a single use solution. Returning will soon become the new normal.

The most cost effective take away solution

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Project 5: Refill

- We are working to support Refill a City to Sea campaign.
- Refill is a National campaign promoting the idea of refill rather than using single use plastics.
- Starting life in Bristol with water refills, the scheme now has over 400 refill stations around the UK.
- Businesses can register to provide refills of water, coffee, groceries or lunch.
- Getting listed on the app can increase footfall, and help your customers reduce pointless packaging.
- Individuals sign up to the Refill app to check where in your area is part of the scheme or look out for this logo
- <https://www.refill.org.uk>





Let's do this together
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