

# Plastic Free Brockenhurst

## Who are we?

We are a group of local residents concerned about the use of single use plastics. We are part of Greener Brockenhurst.

## What are we trying to achieve?

We live in a plastic world. It's an extraordinarily useful, versatile, cheap material. It's everywhere - One in ten barrels of oil is used to create new plastic and production is set to soar in the next 5 years ... contributing massively to climate breakdown. We want to work to reduce the use of single use plastic here in Brockenhurst

## How are we going about it?

We have joined the nation-wide "Plastic Free Communities" campaign, calling ourselves "Plastic Free Brockenhurst". Plastic Free Communities is a grass roots campaign, started by Surfers Against Sewage, that helps communities to reduce the use of avoidable, throwaway plastic. It provides us with a useful framework for engaging and mobilising the whole community in single use plastic reduction through the setting of 5 key objectives. When these objectives are achieved, Brockenhurst is awarded Plastic Free status.

The 5 objectives cover:

1. Working with the local council – Our Parish council has already passed a motion to support us
2. Encouraging local businesses to reduce single use plastic – We already have several businesses onboard and signed up
3. Signing up community groups, schools and organisations – hence we are coming to you
4. Holding events and actions
5. Setting up a steering group to drive the movement

We are one of nearly 1000 communities across the country that have signed up to work towards Plastic Free Status and around 150 of them so far have already received the award. Locally, Lymington, Milford on Sea and Ringwood already have achieved their Plastic Free award.

## What exactly would we like you to do?

We are looking for you, one of our key local organisations, to support for us on this journey.

Specifically, we are asking that you agree to support Plastic Free Brockenhurst in the following ways:

1. Work to remove at least three single-use plastic items from our day-to-day activities
2. Commit to include our stance on single-use plastic in communications.
3. Raise awareness and support plastic free initiatives in the community