WHAT-WHEN-WHY-HOW – FOXTON LOCAL RECYCLING – HARD TO RECYCLE PLASTICS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Raise Awareness and engagement in Recycling/Plastic use
- Accessible make it as easy as possible to recycle
- Low Carbon footprint- Network Hub/Spoke

HOW did we do it:

- Engaged with Parish Council project plan and reports
- Publicised in Village posters, leaflet drop
- Adverts in Parish Mag every other mth (free)
- Posted on FB Foxton, Fowlmere, Thriplow, Barrington, Shepreth
- Talked to neighbouring interested villagers
- Did engagement events at primary school for all classes
- Offered doorstep collection for older people (med pckts) & linked with over 60s support team who deliver prescriptions (unfortunately now discontinued)

WHAT did we do:

- Idea came from Terracycle logo on Digestive biscuits (lockdown2021)
- Registered with Terracycle.co.uk as local/public drop off point
- Realised need greater bulk to make worthwhile
- Suggested idea on Foxton Res FB page to test support for Village Scheme
- Recruited a helper to thrash out practicalities
- Sought Parish council support
- Publicised
- Set up Bins
- Developed informal network of like-minded neighbours
- Empty Bins weekly, sort and pack contents for despatch
- Raised £100 to date for Foxton PreSchool

WE LEARNT:

- Lots of people want to recycle but don't know how, or it's not easy
- Time & commitment IS required, preferably more than 1 person
- Recycling environment constantly changing
- Effective networking makes a big difference
- Wider knowledge of recycling schemes/environment which we can share