

Amersham Before Plastic



Community Board
Amersham

Intended outcomes

- To develop our collection relating to local shops and shopping
- To explore shopping and consumption in the past, to influence people today
- To work with Sustainable Amersham to increase local knowledge & understanding
- To gather people's views to inform Sustainable Amersham's campaign to achieve single use plastic free status
- To consider how we can improve our sustainable practice in the museum



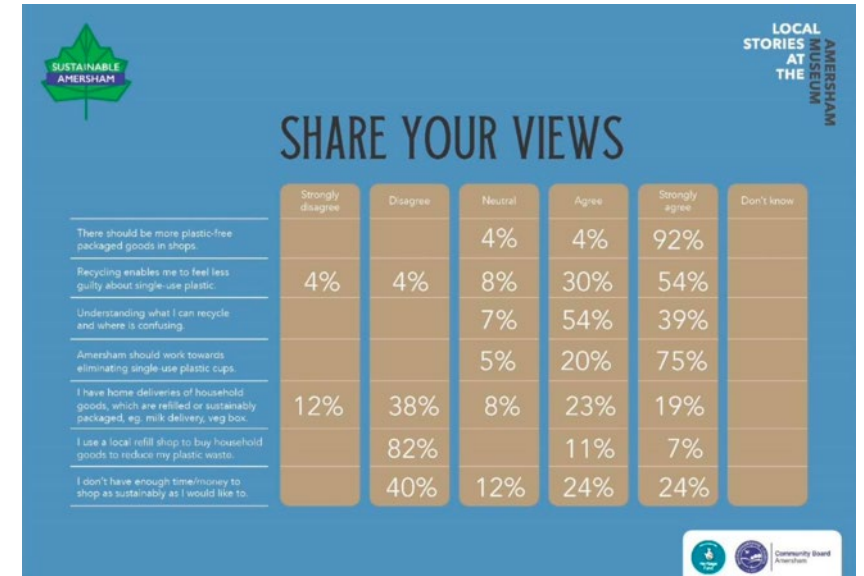
Activities & outputs

- Explore the Museum's collection & interviewing older people
- Create a visual record of shops in the local area today
- Produce the Amersham Before Plastic mobile museum exhibition
- Take the mobile exhibition out & about
- Hold an exhibition in Amersham Museum
- Produce a challenge pack for local people
- Develop & deliver outreach sessions for KS2
- Measure the Museum's carbon footprint & consider wider sustainable practices



Findings & results

- Oral history
- Donations for Museum collection
- 620 photos of local shops today
- Contact with 280 people through mobile exhibition
- Gathered views from 73 people, shared with Sustainable Amersham
- Change and pledge cards



Findings & results

- Museum exhibition developed by Young Curators
- 100% visitors learned something new
- Over 300 children reached through school visits
- Exploration of Museum's current practices



Next steps

- Mobile museum exhibition
- Museum collection
- Online exhibition
- Sustainable practice
- Schools offer
- Partnership with Sustainable Amersham



SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC USE

LOCAL
STORIES
AT THE
MUSEUM
AMERSHAM



It can be difficult knowing where to start because single use plastic is everywhere, but taking that first step is the most important and every action counts. Individually and collectively, we need to act now. Here are some ideas you can use to make a difference today.

We invite you to **pledge** to do some or all of the following and let us know how you get on. Tick each pledge as you achieve it and send to us at www.amershammuseum.org/exhibitions/amersham-before-plastic

No more plastic water or soft drinks bottles



I will use a refillable bottle and take it with me everywhere I go.

Ditch the disposable coffee cup



I will always use my own refill coffee cup when I need a take-away coffee (if I forget I will opt to 'drink in' instead)

Avoid excessive food packaging



I will buy more loose, unwrapped groceries wherever possible

Refill cleaning and laundry products



I will keep my plastic containers and refill them

Say 'No' to plastic shopping bags



I will keep a re-usable bag with me for my shopping

Refuse plastic cutlery and straws



I will only use my own cutlery or request a recyclable alternative

Re-use and then Recycle responsibly



I will check which items can be recycled before I discard them, so I don't contaminate the recycling collection

Banish clingfilm wrapping



I will use alternative wrapping and food covers instead of plastic clingfilm

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