



Readstone Environment Group

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When we protect Nature we protect our breath, food, health and future. Anon

Coming up very shortly –

Friday 19th June, Visit to Monk Hall Farm. Briercliffe. BB10 3PJ.

We need to meet there at 6.30pm. However, we intend to car share so please contact us for a lift or directions. Everyone welcome. You don't have to be a member.

Dress appropriately for the weather. We need to wear footwear that can go in the boot wash (for biosecurity).

This small farm is run by Magnus and Helen Hird, first generation farmers who are into nature friendly farming. They consider their life there an adventure, sustainably rearing native and rare breeds of cattle, goats, pigs, poultry, and sheep. They also sell meat, eggs, fleeces and wool. The grassland is managed to encourage plant diversity and they are working towards the re-establishment of species-rich upland hay meadows. We are looking forward to yet another interesting visit. They are on facebook and www.

July Walk

Date TBA. This will be to gaze at the horticultural delights of Langho in Bloom.

Balsam Bashing

This is in full swing. Another ditch is being tackled at Law Farm. A pleasing visit to a small wood near Read Hall Lodge revealed less than 20 plants. It's very satisfying to see this. Please get in touch with us if you would like to come bashing with us!

Gardening and Litter Picking continue...

Thankyou everyone for your work in improving the village surroundings for all the residents and people passing through, it is much appreciated.

Been and Gone

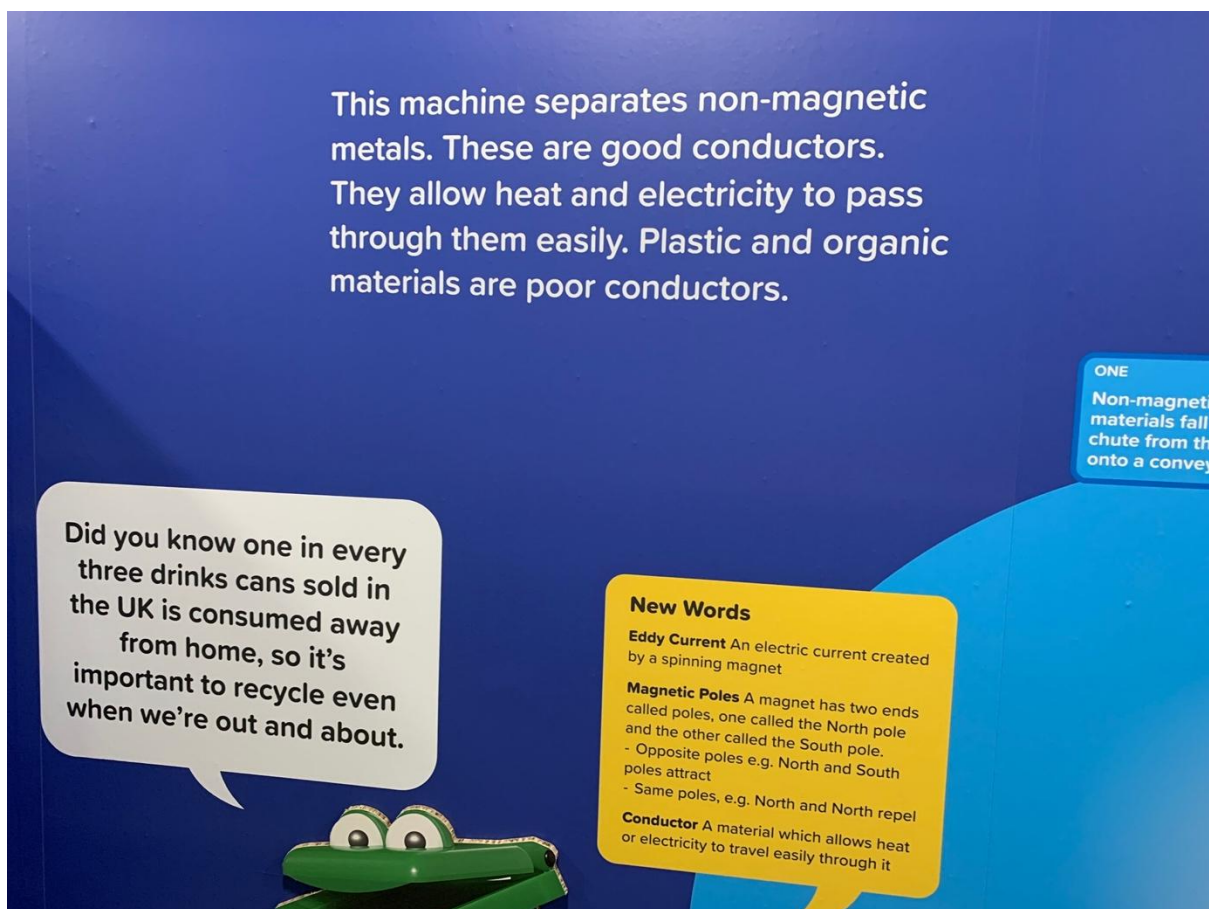
Eco Town Centre Visit – Farington Rd. Waste Recovery Site. 17th May 2026

What an amazing place to visit. This proved to be much more interesting than anticipated! We were warmly welcomed and taken on an informative tour of the various recycling processes and found out all that happens to our household waste in Lancashire.

The household waste from all over Lancashire is taken to the Farington Rd Waste Recovery site in Leyland and another site on the Fylde. These are the only two sites for the whole of Lancashire. At the end of the process there is nothing left to be got rid of. Most of the waste is bought by outside parties to be recycled in various ways. This has partly come about as landfill sites are now very expensive leaving LCC to say they are not buying any more green sites for landfill. Hurrah!

Good news in that there will be no sites giving off unwanted emissions, no leachate going into streams and rivers and no litter escaping from sites.

The air from the plant is cleaned before exiting and people go outside a couple of times an hour to check the fumes/smell.



The plant does not make a profit and is even at the moment making a loss, however as processes move along the biogas (methane) creates energy produced from the new food waste process. This will help to generate electricity to run the plant and may eventually help to reduce the £11,000 **daily** electricity bill. So when we get our household food recycling bins in the Autumn we will know how important it is to recycle our food waste. If the plant achieves 32,000 tons of food waste to generate electricity that will generate £2 million of savings per year on electricity bills.

Did You Know?

Plastic caps are tethered to the bottle to stop plastic being wasted and enable it to be recycled.

Empty toothpaste tubes and bleach bottles **can** be put in the recycling and also your empty hair spray and deodorant spray cans.

Glass and aluminium can be recycled to infinity (and maybe beyond!). It is very important to recycle glass, this is made into loft wool insulation, tiles and used in sand blasting. It is possible there may be a national sand shortage in future for building and glass manufacture. Most paper cups cannot be recycled in household recycling as they have a waxy or thin plastic inner lining. (Companies are green washing us into believing they are being eco friendly! However, Starbucks does collect them and sends them off for recycling). Paper/card associated with food cannot be recycled if it has been marked by the food and will "spoil" a bale leading it to be wasted.

Pringles tubes can now be recycled – bottom part - paper waste, lid - plastic recycling, seal/foil - general waste.

Tetra packs can now be recycled, put them in general household waste.



82% of homes in the UK put one or more items in the recycling that cause contamination. Perhaps they are guilty of 'wish' recycling.

Yoghurt containers – 7.4 million are **NOT** recycled yearly as they are thrown into general waste. Please rinse them.

Virgin plastic is cheaper than using recycled plastic. (Making it even more important to use less single use plastic).

Recycled aluminium can be back on sale within 60 days of passing through the plant.

The plant has been open for ten years, 24hrs per day, 365 days per year. At the moment all the waste from Lancashire that is processed at the plant amounts to 55,000 tonnes per month.

There is currently not a lot of profit in recycling, however in the past ten years new developments have helped to recycle more items in a more efficient way and as time progresses this **circular economy** will take on more importance in our economy as a whole in addition to providing jobs in the future.

Garden waste does not enter the plant but is sent to outside takers it is laid in rows, turned, sieved and bagged and sold in Reuse shops as compost.

Waste that cannot be recycled there goes to a private waste energy centre at Leeds, the left over ash goes into road construction.

Recycled plastic can be made into attractive long lasting benches and many other items.

Farmers take some end products for free as it helps to boost nitrogen in the soil.

Some articles are taken to Reuse Shops as seen at Burnley Waste Centre recycling and some articles go to Reuse Hubs where the plant works with Social Care teams to support people in

need in the community.

This is an excellent place to visit on many levels. Whoever would think that recycling could be so interesting! It is a good example of the **circular economy**, recycling items to make new items or help in other processes that benefits the people of Lancashire. It is well worth a visit, if you cannot join a party then go in the school holidays where you will be part of a larger group.

You will come away knowing how to be a better recycler and more informed of how our taxes are spent and know also how you can help to save money for the Waste Recovery Plant and our council taxes. And hopefully you will become more of an Eco Warrior to help preserve even more of our beautiful environment.

To book a visit see <https://ecotown.lancshirerenewables.co.uk>. It is a very child/school friendly place and is safe for children to visit, as visitors are contained in corridors overlooking the various processes.

Craft and Plant Stall. We made about £55 at the Wednesday coffee morning at the Village Hall in May. Thankyou to all who supported us.

Environment days for your diaries

There is surely something here for everyone - where we can start or continue to help the environment.

World Swift day, Oceans day. Big Green Week. 16th World Refill Day – a chance to cut down on single use plastics. See what Prospects of Accrington have on offer.

In July

There is Plastic Free day in July and Bees Needs Week amongst others.

See more posters from Farington below.

we all have a role to play

We sometimes think that the Earth has endless resources but really, there's only so much of everything and we are using up natural resources such as oil, coal, natural gas, and metals faster than the Earth can replace them.

That's why it's important to think about how much we use and what we throw away.

Living in a way that protects these resources is called being sustainable. This means we are all responsible for making choices that limit the use of these finite natural resources, and reduces waste and pollution to make sure there's still plenty for people in the future.

When we throw things away, we waste all of the resources that went into making them. One of the best ways to be sustainable is by recycling what we already have and reducing waste.

By recycling, we give materials another life and help keep our planet healthy!



Materials Recovery Facility

This facility receives the recyclable materials that have already been separated at home.

They are sorted and baled at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), ready to be sent off to be recycled into new things.

Within the Lancashire Network more than 170,000 tonnes of kerbside recyclable material, including garden waste is collected from households each year. The Farington MRF processes over 50,000 tonnes of this material, recovering products for recycling and reject materials.

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