

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## What we can do:



- Donate anything that can be used again.
- Volunteer for one of the local organisations.
- Help by reusing and recycling as much as possible.
- Think before buying.

## Local Information/Organisations:

- **Cone Exchange:** Community scrap store and the flagship community project of Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate, transforming trash into treasure and encouraging young people to become environmentally aware:  
<https://www.coneexchange.org/>
- **Essential Needs:** Re-use and redistribution of good quality used furniture, household items and white goods to those residents in need of support and to lessen the burden of landfill waste: <https://essentialneeds.org.uk/>
- **Freecycle:** Grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people giving and getting stuff for free – it's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills  
<https://www.freecycle.org/town/RiponUK>
- **Resurrection Bikes:** Recycling donated bikes to raise money for charities:  
<https://resurrectionbikes.org.uk/>
- **North Yorkshire County Council – Household Recycling Centre:**  
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/household-waste-recycling-centres/find-your-local-household-waste-recycling-centre/ripon-household-waste-recycling-centre>
- **North Yorkshire Rotters:** Composting, recycling, and wormeries voluntary organisation: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/reduce-and-reuse/north-yorkshire-rotters>
- **WEEE Charity:** Collection, data cleansing and recycling of laptops, mobile phones and a multitude of other electrical equipment:  
<https://www.weeecharity.com/>
- **Yorganics Compost:** 100% recycled, peat free compost made from Yorkshire household garden waste from the recycling centres:  
<https://yorganicscompost.co.uk/>
- **Charity Shops in Ripon:** Recycle a range of donated items:
  - **Age UK:** <https://directory.ageuk.org.uk/charity-shops/age-uk-shop-ripon/>
  - **British Heart Foundation:** <https://www.bhf.org.uk/what-we-do/find-bhf-near-you/ripon-bhf-shop>
  - **Cancer Research UK:** <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-a-shop/ripon>
  - **Martin House Hospice:** <https://www.martinhouse.org.uk/get-involved/shops/>
  - **Oxfam:** <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/shops/oxfam-shop-ripon/>
  - **St. Michael's Hospice:** <https://saintmichaelshospice.org/stores/ripon/>
  - **Salvation Army:** <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ripon-charity-shop>

- Sue Ryder: <https://www.sueryder.org/support-us/shop-with-us/our-shops/ripon>
- Yorkshire Cancer Research: <https://www.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/shop/ripon>
- YMCA: <https://www.ymca.org.uk/location/ripon-charity-shop>

### Tips and Hints:

- Use recyclable/recycled products where possible; like paper, batteries etc.
- When looking to get rid of something, spend some time looking online where it could be recycled or reused – and give it/donate it to that organisation: Search ‘Recycling in Ripon’ or use one of the organisations listed.
- When needing something look in the local charity shops and those shops which provide eco-friendly services and products first.
- Try reusing and recycling yourself; ‘Mend It’ by Siân Berry, ‘The Sustainable(ish) Living Guide’ by Jen Gale and ‘Practical Self Sufficiency’ by Dick and James Strawbridge to name but a few helpful books.

### Facts and Figures:

- Up to 80% of household items can be recycled (Chambers Waste Management).
- Recycling paper uses 70% less energy than producing it from raw materials (Chambers Waste Management).
- UK households generate 7 million tonnes of food waste annually, equivalent to a kilo of food per person on the planet, costing £7.5 billion (Chambers Waste Management).
- Approximately 50% of food waste is still edible and can be repurposed through food banks, charities, or as animal feed and 50% of the food waste we throw away could be composted (Chambers Waste Management).
- Recycling one glass bottle provides enough energy for half an hour of laptop operation (Chambers Waste Management).
- Recycling one plastic bottle yields energy to power a lightbulb for three hours or more (Chambers Waste Management).
- Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy for 20 hours of TV (Chambers Waste Management).
- The UK discards an estimated 600 million batteries annually, but only 27% are recycled, leading to over 20,000 tonnes of battery waste in landfills (Chambers Waste Management).
- Disposal of 80 million fluorescent tubes annually could recycle up to 4 tonnes of mercury, a valuable natural resource (Chambers Waste Management).
- 25% of our WEEE waste (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) could be repaired and re-used, according to the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP).