

Chaddesley cares about Planet Earth

More ways to make a difference

What do you do with your egg boxes? Do you compost them perhaps? Well, try this idea – they make ideal seed trays! When the new plant is ready for planting out, all you have to do is to cut out the shape and pop it straight into the ground. The card from the egg box will gradually disappear. Doing this you avoid damaging the seedlings during the potting-on process. If you have ever tried to plant out seedlings you will know how easy it is to break them. And you are recycling the egg box at the same time.

There is now a collection point at the Post Office for small batteries, such as button, double A and triple A, C, D, Mobile phone and laptop. Once the box is full, it is taken away and a new one supplied, and the batteries are properly recycled, rather than dumped in a landfill site, which is what happens to anything we put into the wheelie bin. Do please use it. This initiative has a small cost that is being born by the Parish Council

While in the Post Office, have a look at the computer. You will find an icon on the desktop to take you straight to the Parish Council web site and the part devoted to Environmental matters. There is a list of useful links, both for more information and also for places to buy eco products. Not sure what to do? - ask Richard who will be happy to help; if he is not running the Post Office and the shop at the same time!

And if you are going into the Post Office, remember to take your old postage stamps with you. Richard is collecting for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and any other causes that take stamps. Each month we may, if we get enough stamps, be able to choose a different good cause. Have you got a favourite? – then let Richard or me know.

You may recall that there was a charcoal burn in the woods last September? Some of that charcoal is still available. With Spring arrived (technically!) and thoughts turning to the B-B-Q, now is the time to buy your charcoal locally, which is also part of recycling the trees that have to be cut down from time to time to keep Chaddesley Woods in trim. The Flower Shop has stocks (in plastic bags, we are sorry to say, but there was nothing else suitable at the time the bagging up was being done!)

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