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Plastic Recycling Scheme

The pilot scheme for the recycling of floral tributes being carried out by Brian Keep and the team at South West Middlesex crematorium and Agriplass (the scheme provider) are at a point where we are now in a position to measure the viability of a National Plastic Recycling Scheme for cemeteries and crematoria. **Therefore expressions of interest are sought.**

Should sufficient interest be registered and the scheme becomes viable –

This is what you will need to do:

- Separate green material from tributes and recycle this through your authority's own scheme or compost and re-use on site.
- Remove oasis and dispose of via traditional waste stream (however, a low cost method of compressing oasis at your site to drive out water and hence significantly reduce volume is being investigated. Reducing this volume will provide significant cost savings for your authority).
- Store plastic trays and containers on site for collection by the scheme operator.

As there is little re-sale value in plastic the scheme will not cover the cost of collection therefore a charge will apply. However, the more authorities that join the scheme – the greater the savings on waste disposal costs through economy of scale. The initial expressions of interest will be used to identify the initial cost of removing plastic from your site however this cost should reduce as more authorities join the scheme. **The environmental benefit of the scheme is its primary purpose.**


Whilst outlets to re-use plastic are limited an expression of interest has been received from a company that manufactures plastic drainage panel some of which have been used in cemetery projects therefore potential exists for at least some waste plastic might be of use to our service.

Those wishing to express interest in the scheme should email timiccm@btinternet.com and provide the number of burials and/or cremations that you carry out annually.

Agriplass, the scheme provider, will be happy to discuss your specific requirements in detail, and are more than willing to visit you at your premises to demonstrate the proposed system. Please contact David Brown, the Managing Director, directly on 07773 426821 or 01287 640286 should you want more information at this stage

The Institute will continue to campaign and encourage the floristry industry to manufacture and use biodegradable trays and containers and find a degradable oasis material.

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