

Compost Pilots - Briefing Notes for SHDC Councillors Jan 2024

With the support of South Hams District Council, Sustainable South Hams is conducting a series of compost pilots in the region. The pilots are starting at a small scale in a few locations, but if successful, will be rolled out more widely. Composting provides a valuable and easy way to reduce carbon emissions, increase soil fertility and encourage community engagement in climate and nature action.

This document provides information about how and when parish and town councils may wish to become involved.

The objectives of the pilot programme are

- To increase the knowledge and support for community composting schemes.
- To put redundant brown bins to good use
- To inspire and inform residents about home composting
- To explore ways to offer street level composting of food waste

Project	Description / Activity	How can parish and town councils help?
Community Composting Support	SusSH is supporting the establishment of a community composting facility at Marldon. Lessons learnt about the “barriers to entry” will be documented in fact sheets by end April 2024 and will be available for any community wishing to replicate the project.	To receive fact sheets, register here
	Scale solution to other groups / sites. Keep a register of interested sites for subsequent rollout.	Nominate a community composting champion to attend the course. To express interest, register here
	<i>Community compost training course 27/28th April South Brent.</i> In depth course led by Nicky Scott & Ben Bryant. Suitable for all communities interested in community composting.	

Brown Bin Conversions	SusSH is demonstrating the best methods for repurposing redundant brown bins to a) Wormeries, b) Rainwater butts and c) Compost bins. This knowledge will be shared at a course. All attendees will leave the course with the knowledge and equipment necessary to convert brown bins in their own communities.	
	<i>Train the Trainer Course. Venue tbc Sat 23rd March and/ or Sun 5th May</i>	To nominate Trainers who will be prepared to share the knowledge in their communities, please register here .
Public Engagement Programme for Home composting	SusSH has developed a popup roadshow, suitable for events, which engages and informs the public about household composting.	To express interest for your community, please register here .
	SusSH is working with Sustainable South Brent to create a “Home composting demo site” displaying various composting methods. If successful this could be offered to other communities.	To express interest for your community, please register here .
Food Waste Compost Club (In-vessel)	SusSH is working with one or two sites to trial food waste Compost Clubs, either: a. Neighbour / Street Level or b. Small businesses Commercial waste	If you know of a site or community that would like to be involved with the trial, please register here .

If any community would like to register interest in any of the above pilots, [please complete this feedback form](#).

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