

## Recycled Waste - Where Does It All Go?

A recent TV programme shown on the BBC has made people think about where their recycled waste goes.

If Allerdale's residents have stopped to think about what happens to their plastic bottles, baked bean cans and newspapers after they have been taken away, then they can be reassured that their efforts are not in vain.

Thanks to the residents of Allerdale, the Council has exceeded the recycling target for 2005/6, set by the Government, of 25%. The recycling rate for this year is now standing at an impressive 29%. This means a reduction in the waste that would normally be sent to the local landfill site, of a massive 2,105 tonnes.

Six different materials are recycled in Allerdale: paper/card, garden waste, glass, cans, textiles and, quite recently as a pilot scheme on some sites, there is now a facility for plastic bottles.

The Council is committed to not only looking after the environment by recycling as much waste as possible, but to also supporting local businesses and jobs, by recycling the waste at facilities in the county where possible.

Paper/card is sent to one of two facilities in Allerdale: one where it is shredded and used for animal bedding; at the other, it is baled and sent to the south of the county to be reprocessed back into newspapers and magazines. The total amount of paper/card sent for recycling so far this year is 2,514 tonnes.

Two local outlets process the garden waste that is collected from households in Allerdale. The aim is to be able to produce a high enough quality of compost to use as a soil conditioner. The amount of garden waste collected this year so far is 4,939 tonnes.

All food and drink tins can be recycled in the community recycling banks, as well as pet food tins and empty aerosol cans. These are processed locally where the aluminium and steel are separated for recycling.

## Pensioners Christmas Party



Report by: Maureen Irving

Photo of Pensioners Helpers by Bill Allan

In the absence of the Chairperson Diane Shaw, Maureen Irving Vice Chairperson of Silloth and District OAP's Association welcomed 120 guests to Stanwix Park for their annual Christmas Party.

Special thanks were given to the ladies who have helped throughout

the year at the monthly coffee mornings and the Christmas Party. But not forgetting Tim Barker and the four male students from Solway Community Technology College. There are only eight committee members and extra help is always appreciated.

A delicious tea was

provided by Yvonne of the Curzon Grill, Maryport, with music and dancing with Jacie Atkinson.

The afternoon ended at 7:30pm with everyone joining together on the dance floor for Auld Lang Syne. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

The aluminium is then sent to Warrington, where it is made into new aluminium sheeting. The steel is sent to Corus at Rochdale, where it is made into girders.

Glass is one material that cannot remain in the county for recycling. The glass collected is sent to a reprocessing plant in Scotland, using a local haulier. The glass is melted at a very high heat and re-formed into new glass jars and bottles.

Clothes and textiles collected from Allerdale's recycling banks are sent to one of a number of charity shops locally.

Plastic is a very high volume - low weight material and therefore can be costly and difficult to recycle. We now have three plastic skips for recycling plastic bottles. These are situated at B&Q and Tesco in Workington and at the Co-op in Maryport. Residents can place all plastic bottles in the skips, but are asked to rinse them out and to squeeze the bottle so that the air is taken before they are placed in the skips. Currently, the plastic is recycled by a company in Skegness.

## Tot's & Toddlers



Silloth Tot's & Toddlers held a used toy sale at the school on Monday 14th November and raised £58 towards some new toys for all children to enjoy. Thanks to all who helped and

attended and to Silloth Primary School for the use of their hall.

## Tip for the Top

Don't get stuck in a rut. When it comes to styling your hair for a special occasion it is a good time to experiment with a new look. Find some examples and ideas you really like and take them to your hairdresser to discuss them and then to try them out.

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