

PRESS RELEASE
SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH
NEW SEVENOAKS REFILL SCHEME

On 17th May Sevenoaks Town Partnership launched its new Sevenoaks Refill Scheme at the Wellbeing Show at the Stag Plaza. The Refill scheme aims to reduce plastic water bottle pollution by allowing people to refill their water bottles at participating businesses.

How you can be involved and help

Businesses can sign up to the scheme by agreeing to fill people's water bottles for free when they come into their shop/place of business. The only cost for the scheme is the water that you use, there is no membership costs. The Refill Scheme is nationwide and has shown that businesses have seen increased footfall and increased product purchases as often people coming in to refill their water bottles buy other products and become repeat customers. As a member of the scheme you will get a window sticker to say you are a member and your business will be listed on posters and the national website giving your business profile a boost.

Businesses already signed up the Sevenoaks Refill Scheme are:

Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve

Café on the Vine

Café at Bat & Ball Station

Rafferty's

Eat'n'Mess

Malabar

The Stag Theatre

The Café & Sandwich Bar

Sevenoaks District Council

Hollybush Café

Liquor Box & Pantry

The Royal Oak – Chapel Wood Road, New Ash Green

The White Horse – Main Road, Sundridge

You can purchase our Sevenoaks Town Partnership water bottles at Café on the Vine and Café at Bat & Ball Station for £4.95 each from Tuesday 21st May.

Find out more about Sevenoaks Refill Scheme and how you can take part visit our website www.sevenoakspartnership.org Visit the Refill website at www.refill.org.uk to download the free Refill app and find out more about the Refill movement.

Natalie Fee, founder of City to Sea, the organisation which is the driving force behind the Refill Scheme, said: “We’ve seen a huge appetite for our Refill campaign across the UK. Refill puts the power to stop plastic pollution in people's hands - it's a fantastically easy way to reduce your plastic consumption and save money at the same time. Businesses can add themselves to the app too and help create the wave of change needed to keep plastic bottles out of our oceans!”

Water UK Chief Executive Michael Roberts:

“As an industry with a strong focus on the environment we are passionate about tackling the problems caused by plastic bottles, which clog up rivers and drains, and pollute our seas. By refilling water bottles, we can all help turn this harmful tide of plastic waste. This country has some of the best drinking water in the world and we want everyone to benefit from it. This scheme will do that by making it easier for people to refill their bottles wherever they work, rest, shop or play.”

Bonnie Tarling
Committee Clerk
24.05.2019

Note to Editors:

- Refill is one of several campaigns from City to Sea, the not-for-profit organisation running campaigns to prevent marine plastic pollution.
- Refill launched in Bristol in 2015, and there are now over 16,000 Refill Stations around the UK registered on the free Refill app which shows you where you can refill your water bottle for free.
- Web: www.refill.org.uk www.citytosea.org.uk
- Twitter: @refill
- A Press Pack with logos and images is available at <http://bit.ly/RefillMediaPack>
- Water UK is supporting the national roll-out of the Refill Scheme, alongside local water companies, with the aim of having tens of thousands of Refill Stations in every major city and town in England by 2021.
- Water UK is a membership organisation which represents and works with the major water and wastewater service providers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Water UK brings people together to create better policies for the future of water. Water UK Communications can be contacted on: 0207 344 1805.

