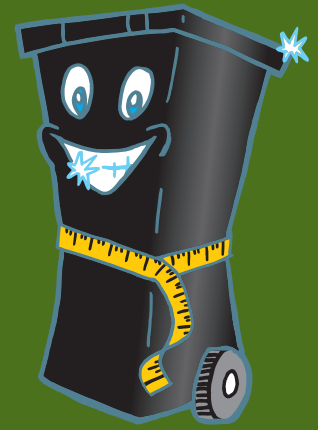




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# Rubbish News... November 2008



## Composting Information Evening

Castlereagh Borough Council recently carried out a survey of residents who have purchased a Home Composting unit from the Council as part of the subsidised Council scheme. Over 40% of owners responded.

A Composting Information Evening took place in the Council's Office on 30/09/08. Over 100 guests attended, as well as Officers and Councillors from Castlereagh Borough Council.

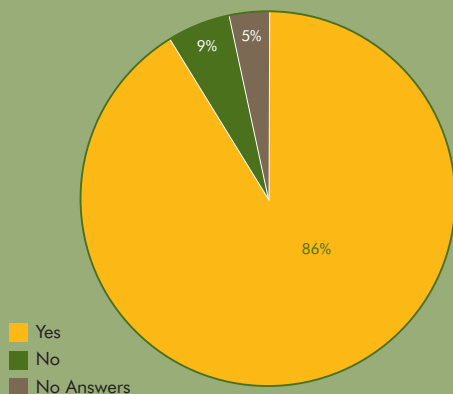
During the evening the results of the Home Composting survey were presented. Guest speakers from Finnis Organic Worms (Ireland's Largest Worm Farm) spoke about the Wormworks. ([www.thewormworks.com](http://www.thewormworks.com)). A Q&A session followed with a panel of experts including Barbara Pilcher, a regular guest on BBC Radio Ulster's Gardener's Corner. The evening ended with a prize draw with prizes donated by Finnis Worms, Hillmount Nursery and Woodlawn Garden Centre.



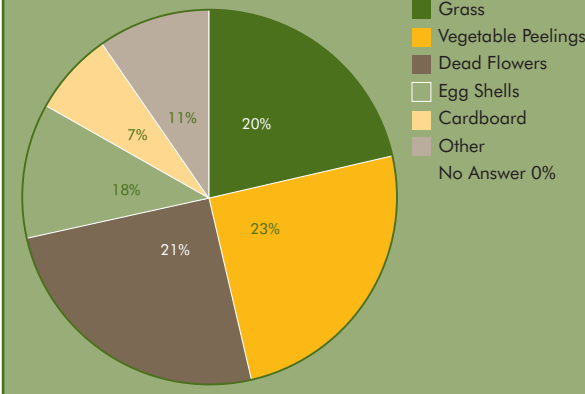
The Mayor of Castlereagh, Councillor Anne Marie Beattie stated 'Composting is without a doubt a good thing. It's good on so many levels, domestically, at a community level, regionally and nationally. Its good for the ground and it's good for the soul. Above all, it's satisfying to be able to use the natural process to break waste down and then recycle it to help plants grow.'

Home Composters are available for purchase from the Council for £5 per unit. The report on the survey is available on the Council's website [www.castlereagh.gov.uk](http://www.castlereagh.gov.uk) or if you wish to obtain a hardcopy please contact contact Technical and Environmental Services on 028 90494600.

Do you feel that your Home Composting experience has been successful?



What materials do you place in your Home Composter?



**Recycling/  
Composting  
Rate**

**38%**  
**Average**

(April 07 - March 08)

**RECYCLE your GLASS BOTTLES and JARS at BOTTLE BANKS throughout Castlereagh!**



**don't delay recycle today**

For more information phone **028 90494600** or visit [www.castlereagh.gov.uk](http://www.castlereagh.gov.uk)



**Focus on GLASS RECYCLING**

Don't forget that all your Glass Bottles and Jars can be recycled at Bottle banks throughout Castlereagh.



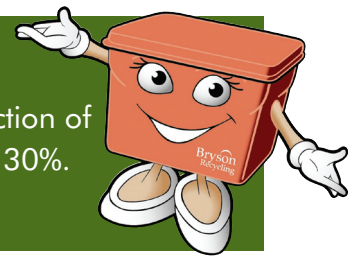
- Jam Jars
- Sauce Jars
- Drink Bottles



- Pyrex
- Ceramics
- Crystal

**Here at Last**

All householders on the Kerbie Box can now recycle Cardboard. Since the introduction of the Red box the total amount recycled through the kerbie box has increase by over 30%. Please ensure that the cardboard is cut to sizes smaller than the lid of the box.



Recycle your used batteries after Christmas. There are battery banks at Cregagh Road & Carryduff Household Recycling Centres.

**Better still, Buy Rechargeable batteries and use them again and again.**



**Winners of the Wormeries and other gardening prizes**

From Left to right. Mr David Smyth, Mayor of Castlereagh Borough Council, Cllr AM Beattie, Bernadette Reid and Artie Woolsey.

**Coming Soon**

**RECYCLING IN MORE HIGH-RISE FLATS**

Breda/Belvoir House will soon have recycling. Householders will have individual reusable bags for their recyclables and communal external recycling bins.



**Focus on FOOD WASTE**

Save money - Make meals from leftovers  
 Save space in your grey/black bin  
 HINT: Check out [www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.uk](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.uk) for recipe ideas and ways to stop wasting food.

**Stop wasting food and money, REDUCING FOOD WASTE can SAVE an average family £610/year!**



**Buy only what you need - Shop Smart!**



**If you have any suggestions for future content of this leaflet, please contact us.**

For further information please contact Technical and Environmental Services on **028 9049 4600** or email [recycle@castlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@castlereagh.gov.uk)



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