

# DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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My role at ***It's All About You*** eco shop by Gilli Gore

It's Monday morning and off I skip to work down to Dronny Bottom with a smile on my face. From 10.00am - 2.30pm I can be found at Unit 24 happily packing up another box for a customer of the Refill Store. Essentially an online store with a shop front I work approx three days a week in a variety of roles from packing orders, serving customers, chatting, running up and down the stairs, hoovering, and recycling.

When Andy accepted the call to Dronfield Baptist Church I was overjoyed to meet other like-minded eco folk, those that are passionate about recycling, fair trade, cruelty free, organic and eco goods. Now during my new role, I have met more - it is not just me. In fact I'm a novice in comparison.

*It's all about you* endeavours to be zero waste and as plastic free as possible, offering a wide range of foods such as pasta, rice, nuts and grains, cereals, coffee beans, teas, herbs and sweets which can be ordered in paper bags or pop in and refill your tupperware, kilner jars, bags and tubs. Generally organic and as locally sourced as possible.

Alongside the foods there are cruelty free refills of shampoos, conditioners, cleaning products, body lotions and, amongst my favourites, toothpaste in a jar, and deo in a tin.

Bunmi, pronounced Boomi, my boss is an inspiration, working hard to enable us all to access products and facilities that we wish for and cannot otherwise purchase! I do not need a plastic bag of pasta, but a paper bag, yes please! Why do I need to buy a new plastic bottle every time my shampoo runs out when all I need is the liquid inside? Now you can. You could even try a shampoo bar.

All of the products available are online at [www.itsallaboutyou.co.uk](http://www.itsallaboutyou.co.uk). You can click and collect, pay the postage or pop into the shop. Opening hours are generally 10 - 2 Monday to Saturday. If the flag is flying we are open.

## **TRAIDCRAFT UPDATE:**

**Give your well-loved wheels an eco-friendly send off.**

Traidcraft are proud to be partners with the innovative GiveACar - who can turn your car into a charity donation via recycling. There are an estimated 3.2 million cars in the UK that are registered off the road - so if you've got a spare Subaru rusting in a garage, or a rusty Datsun on the drive - you can visit [giveacar.com/traidcraft](http://giveacar.com/traidcraft) and turn metal into a donation.



**All that Glitters** can be recycled and turned into a donation towards trade justice. Just download a freepost label from Traidcraft's website and pop it on an envelope full of unwanted jewellery and our recycling partners will do the rest. Declutter for a good cause. Find

out more about all Traidcraft's recycling schemes at:  
[traidcraftexchange.org/recycling](http://traidcraftexchange.org/recycling)

### **Fairness in the Products we buy**

2022 could be the year the Government sets up a fashion watchdog – that would be a huge step forward in the movement against fast and exploitative fashion. It could be a big year for justice for the people who pick our tea. Or it could even be the year were human rights abuses, committed by UK-linked businesses are finally taken seriously.

Traidcraft are active in all these areas. Check out their website for updates.

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### **Sustainable Farming – BBC News**

A mother-and-daughter farming family is among the first in the country to be part of a government pilot scheme.

Dairy farmers Tracey Langton and her daughter Jess, from Langley Mill, Derbyshire, are trialling a new way of paying farmers for land management.

The family welcomed the pilot, which aims to make farming more sustainable. A spokesperson for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said the scheme would eventually be open to all farmers.

The three-year pilot is for a scheme known as the Sustainable Farming Incentive, which is part of plans to replace the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Under CAP, farmers received taxpayers' cash proportional to the amount of land they owned.

But the government plans to make payments for protecting species, planting trees and hedges, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and protecting water courses and the soil.

Jess said: "Today we have been planting some silver birch trees.

"We don't really use the area where we planted them and we would like to use it to become more regenerative and sustainable and tackle the challenges of climate change.

"By incorporating sustainable practices on our farm, we are more likely to be able to do our bit for climate change."

Her mother Tracey added: "To be honest, the woodland just happens to be here and we don't see it as such a valuable asset but now, as farmers are learning, these are probably our most valuable assets."

She said the details of the new payments had been slow to be revealed. "I think the detail has been a little bit late, but that's why we jumped straight onto the pilot as soon as we could," she said.

"We're getting the information and we're getting it first."

The new initiatives have their critics, with some - including wildlife trusts - branding them "unambitious".

Jess said there were challenges involved in how farming should respond to the threat of climate change.

"If we're talking about rewilding a lot of the land, then that land can't be used for food production and therefore we have to import more [and] the carbon footprint is raised from the fuel costs," she said.

A Defra group spokesperson said: "The Sustainable Farming Incentive will fund sustainable farming activities, and will eventually be open to all farmers.

"We are designing it in partnership with farmers and it is all about supporting the choices they take for their own holdings."