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## Welcome to our Newsletter.

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You may have seen in the press about the problems of contamination in recycling bins, meaning the whole load ends up going to landfill. Here are some tips to help you sort your recycling:

Items that should NOT be put in your home recycling:

Animal waste

Covid19 test waste

Covid 19 PPE including face masks

Disposable nappies

Glass cookware, Pyrex and ovenware, drinking glasses and ceramics

Sticky tape

Tissues, wet wipes, cotton buds and cotton wool

Pot, pans and cutlery

Always check the local authority website or collection leaflet for specific instructions about how to recycle some items, e.g. lids on/off.

It is also important to make sure you clean items that can be recycled for example ensure tins, plastic food containers, cartons and jam jars have all been cleaned out. If there is a lot of grease on our pizza box you could tear off the greasy sections. Always remember to remove any polystyrene or bubble wrap before putting cardboard into the recycling.

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## Useful Website for finding our more about protecting our environment:

Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Climate Network –

[www.derbynottsclimate.org.uk](http://www.derbynottsclimate.org.uk)

Discover local events & projects

Get tips and advice to take action

Find new ways to make a difference together and get involved

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## Aspire Community Enterprise, Sheffield

Every day forgotten electricals – those dusty dongles, tangled cables and outdated gadgets pile up in the nooks and crannies of our homes. Don't let your old electrical knick-knacks gather dust and clutter your space! Join the movement, recycle with us, and pop by to meet our friendly recycling team.

Check out their web site [www.aspire-sheffield.co.uk/rcycling-for-the-general-public/](http://www.aspire-sheffield.co.uk/rcycling-for-the-general-public/)



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## **Which Report**

### **Green Claims: how to spot possible greenwashing while you shop.**

**Ever got the feeling a product wasn't as eco-friendly as its packaging made out? We looked at a sample of 1,000 online retail listings containing green claims and identified many that were vague, unsubstantiated or overblown. Here we delve into some examples we found.**

Eco-friendly, natural, sustainable, kind to the planet, biodegradable...these buzzwords influence well-intentioned shoppers, often increasing our willingness to spend a little extra. That's not a problem if those claims are backed up.

But a 2021 European Commission study found that more than 50% of environmental marketing claims were vague, unfounded and misleading. The UK has a Green Claims Code: guidance set by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to try to combat this.

We carried out research in October and November 2024 to see how well companies are sticking to it. We trawled through 20,000 online product listings using AI software trained to find green buzzwords, and then our researchers looked at a sample of 1,000 listings containing green claims to identify any that were vague, unsubstantiated or overblown. We found many examples demonstrating how green marketing claims can be confusing or potentially misleading. Nearly two-thirds of products failed our checks for at least two principles of the code, indicating they're less likely to comply.

To find out more about this go to [www.which.co.uk](http://www.which.co.uk)

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### **Where your milk bottle tops go -**

By recycling your milk bottle tops, a total of £13,262 has been raised for Yorkshire Cancer Research. Thank you for your support.

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## **Outing to RSPB Old Moor**

The Eco Church Group is organising an outing to RSPB Old Moor Reserve in the Dearne Valley on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Meet at church at 9.30 am.

Wander through wetland habitats at Old Moor, with sweeping views from the hides, this family-friendly nature reserve is teeming with wildlife. Enjoy idyllic walks, wildlife watching, pond-dipping plus an adventure playground for kids.

Bring a picnic or take advantage of the excellent on-site café.

The site is accessible for pushchairs and motorised mobility scooters are available but need to be pre-booked.

