

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL
Maintenance Committee : 20 May 2021

MA008/21h) – Request for additional recycling points in the village

Within the Eco Melbourn Facebook group there has been discussion about the recycling of crisp packets (which I understand cannot be recycled using our blue bins). There are Terracycle collection points for crisp packets (amongst other items like cheese packets) in **Royston and Steeple Morden**; however, ideally we would like one in Melbourn to save multiple individuals driving there/back.

I contacted Terracycle about setting up a new collection point but I was told they no longer set up new points.

Therefore (and I hope you don't mind me asking this), we wondered whether the Melbourn Parish Council would be able to assist in setting up an unofficial central collection point that is dealt with by a team of volunteers or if you have any suggestions on how best to go about this?

Many thanks for reading this far. I hope to hear from you soon - we'd love to help make Melbourn a greener village!

Thank you for your quick response and for offering to take this proposal to the Maintenance Committee for consideration. In reply to your questions:

1. Yes, I would expect the collection point/points to have a box/boxes. The type of collection box will largely depend on the collection point location. For example, if the collection point was inside The Hub lobby, then we would not need to worry about weather-proofing the box and cardboard would be feasible. If the collection point was outside at the co-op, then we would obviously need something more robust.
2. Would the Melbourn Parish Council or South Cambridgeshire District Council have any funds that they could allocate to the purchase of a collection point box?

As a rough guide:

a. **A pack of 5 no. 60L cardboard recycling boxes costs approximately £40** (e.g. <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/284246436082?hash=item422e6868f2:g:oiwAAOSwQjpgauEa>)

b. **A 'Large Durable Open Top Recycling Bin - 90 Litre' costs approximately £47** (e.g. <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/363265468659?hash=item54944f28f3:g:CH8AAOSwatda6Bqc>)

c. **'Clear Recycling Bins with Graphics and Liners - 60 Litre' (1no.) costs approximately £114** (e.g. <https://www.recyclingbins.co.uk/clear-recycling-bins-with-graphics-and-liners-60-litre.html>)

Please note that I would expect that I would customise the bin to make it clear it is for crisp packets only and I could supply liners.

In terms of collection - I am hoping that I would be able to set up a volunteer group who could take turns to collect and take the bin contents to the official collection points in Royston or Steeple Morden. If not, I could do it.

3. I think initially and to gauge popularity, we should have just one collection box for crisp packets.
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