



PENZANCE
COUNCIL



Event Charter

Penzance was the first community in the UK to be awarded Plastic Free Communities Approved status by Surfers Against Sewage, in recognition of our work to reduce the impact of single-use plastic on the environment.

As a community we are bringing people together on a journey to tackle throwaway plastic, from the beach all the way back to the businesses and brands who create it. It's not about removing all plastic from our lives. It's about kicking our addiction to throwaway single-use plastic and changing the system that produces it.

This means we ask everyone who lives in and visits our town to do their bit to help reduce disposable plastics. Events have a huge role to play in that – and this charter sets out our expectations.

Our Focus

We are focusing on ten main 'offenders'.

These are:

- Plastic drinks bottles
- Plastic carrier bags
- Disposable coffee cups and lids
- Single-use plastic cups
- Plastic food or product packaging
- Balloons
- Plastic straws
- Plastic cutlery
- Sachets
- Bathroom plastics

[Find out why we are focusing on these ten main 'offenders'](#)

Three Things You Can Do

There are three things we ask you not to supply at all at your event. These are:

1. Plastic carrier bags
2. Balloons
3. Plastic cutlery

There are three things we expect you to encourage and work towards at your event:

1. Re-usable cups for hot and cold drinks
2. A reduction in the number of plastic bottles of drink on offer
3. A reduction in unnecessary plastic packaging

Where to Get Help

You can get tips and advice on how to reduce plastic at your event, including a copy of the Plastic Free Communities Business Toolkit, from Plastic Free Penzance. Just email them at: plasticfreepz@gmail.com

By signing up and taking at least three steps to reduce plastic you can also be awarded the Surfers Against Sewage 'Plastic Free Champion' plaque and certificate to display, joining a nationally recognised network of organisations and businesses taking the lead on this increasingly pertinent issue.

Taking Things a Step Further

In future your event may be asked to take further action on throwaway plastic in line with the aims of Plastic Free Penzance and our town. We do not expect everyone to get rid of unnecessary plastics overnight, but we do want to see progress, sending a strong message about the kind of town we are and the kind of environment we want to live in.

Join us to free where we live from single-use ... one plastic bottle at a time!

More Information

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