

Zero Waste Sedbergh

Lots to update you on once more this month! The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick took place on July 6th. Sedbergh's was a small but dedicated team of three. We collected three bags of litter – mostly discarded food wrappers, drinks cartons, and cigarette ends. Thanks to SLDC for the loan of the equipment, and we hope to be doing another one in the autumn.

I attended the Sedbergh Parish Council meeting on July 12th to update the local council on why Zero Waste Sedbergh exists, what it has achieved so far, and what it hopes to achieve in the coming months. I am hoping they will be fully supportive of initiatives to reduce waste in Sedbergh.

One of those initiatives is the new Sedbergh Primary School Uniform Recycling Scheme. Parents are being asked to donate unwanted school uniform at specific points in school. It will then be washed, sorted, and listed on zerowastesedbergh.com where orders can be placed, and collected from school for a small donation (proceeds to the PTFA).

I have been visiting local businesses recently, to talk to them about how they can become part of the Zero Waste community here in Sedbergh. To be honest it is the one job I had been putting off because I was nervous that folk might think I was “interfering” or telling them how to run their businesses! Well I needn't have worried. The vast majority of people were very happy to chat, and more often than not they had already started to introduce changes in order to work towards producing less waste. What an encouragement to see that we are singing from the same (recycled) hymn sheet! Details of the changes each business is making can be found, along with a copy of the letter I dropped off, on our website: zerowastesedbergh.com

Finally, the ZWS group has got to the stage now where I do need some like-minded people to share some of the strain. If you would like to get involved, do please get in touch via the website, social media, or on 0783 3534 710
Thank you,

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