

PR Storrington Celebrates

A Cheerful Leap Towards Less Plastic and More Planet-Friendly Living



Left to right: Chanctonbury Leisure Centre staff, Carrie Cort and Karen Dock from Sussex Green Living, District Councillor Emma Beard and Parish Councillor Claudia Fisher

Storrington has something to smile about! On Wednesday 26th November, a lively mix of Sussex Green Living volunteers, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre staff, District Councillor Emma Beard and Parish Councillor Claudia Fisher came together to mark an exciting milestone in the village's eco-journey—the launch of a brand-new *full-time* mini-refill shop right inside the leisure centre.

Thanks to West Sussex County Council's Waste Prevention Community Funding, local charity Sussex Green Living first introduced a once-a-month dry food refill service earlier this year. After six months of enthusiastic support from local shoppers, the project has now grown up and stepped into its next chapter. On 26th November, Sussex Green Living officially handed over the reins to Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, which will now run the refill shop full time. This new hub builds on the popular personal hygiene and household cleaning product bottle refill station installed in 2023.

So what's on offer? For the first time, Storrington residents can pop in with their own containers and top up on everyday essentials—rice, pasta, porridge oats, muesli, shampoo, hand and body wash, bathroom cleaner, washing-up liquid and laundry refills. It's convenient, affordable, and wonderfully friendly, helping everyone cut down on single-use plastic while buying just the right amount.

“Every refill helps keep packaging out of the bin and supports a more sustainable local economy,” said Andi Dunstan, Leisure Centre Manager, who is thrilled to welcome the project as part of the centre's commitment to community wellbeing and greener living.

Carrie Cort, founder of Sussex Green Living, highlighted the broader impact too: “This is the first food refill service we’ve run. We’re currently writing a guide to help others start food and bottle refill services. This guide will be available in the spring, alongside our existing guide on how to set up a repair café.”

And the momentum doesn’t stop there! At the charity’s monthly Sussex Green Hub in Horsham, a new partnership with Savino Gianella of Giannella Olive Oil will soon introduce an olive oil refill station—joining the popular Overherd oat drink powder and their growing range of low-waste household and hygiene products.

With its blend of community spirit, practical action and plastic-busting ambition, Storrington’s new refill initiative shows just how much can happen when local organisations, councils and residents roll up their sleeves together.

Find out more: www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/storringtonrefill

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Notes to Editors:

Sussex Green Living is a Sussex-based environmental education charity working with schools, colleges, households, local government and business. Aiming to create and enable a restorative and regenerative network of communities and local economies. Providing inspiration and motivation for all to live in greater harmony with the natural world, taking action to cut emissions, restore biodiversity, conserve resources, and support sustainable healthy food systems.