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Riddifords

Unlike many supermarkets, customers can purchase loose fruit and vegetables and place them in paper bags rather than plastic packaging. Milk is available in returnable glass bottles, eggs can be purchased in reusable cartons, and items such as cheese can be wrapped in paper rather than plastic. The business makes a conscious effort to minimise the use of single-use plastics wherever possible.

By providing practical alternatives to disposable packaging, it encourages customers to reduce waste and make more environmentally sustainable purchasing choices. Its commitment to reducing plastic use demonstrates how small changes in everyday shopping can have a positive impact on the environment.



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Bark Raw

A local independent business with 2 branches catering for our dogs and cats needs. They have been a member of Plastic Free Thornbury for several years and have achieved the top award of GOLD for their outstanding work in reducing and removing as much single use plastic as they can from their business and hence the environment.

As well as this they have initiated a carrier bag re-use system for customers - if a customer comes in with an old carrier bag they receive a roll of dog poo bags for free. The business then uses these carrier bags when their customers do not bring in a bag of their own. This keeps the carrier bag in circulation and means the business do not have to charge customers who need to buy a bag for their goods.

They have supported Plastic Free Thornbury by always having available Plastic Free communities leaflets and posters.

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Surroundings

Surroundings is a well-established local business in Thornbury and has been a member of Plastic Free Thornbury for several years.

The business has recently achieved the highest level of recognition, the Gold Award, for its outstanding efforts to reduce and eliminate single-use plastics from its operations wherever possible. Through a commitment to sustainable practices, Surroundings has demonstrated how local businesses can play an important role in reducing waste and protecting the environment.

Richard, from Surroundings, has actively supported a number of environmental initiatives within the town, including attending events organised by Thornbury Town Council's Climate and Nature Committee, such as this year's Earth Day event. Together, Richard and Emma have shown a strong commitment to sustainability by working closely with suppliers to explore opportunities to reduce or eliminate single-use plastic packaging.

As well as making changes within their own business, they have helped raise awareness of environmental issues and encouraged more sustainable practices within the wider community.

Through their leadership, commitment and practical action, Surroundings has made a valuable contribution to reducing plastic waste and promoting environmental responsibility in Thornbury, making them worthy nominees for recognition.

Surroundings

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Evermore Mortgage Brokers

Greg Robinson, through Evermore Mortgage Group, has been a strong supporter of Plastic Free Thornbury since its relaunch in 2022. Operating a local independent business from Thornbury, Greg has been a committed advocate for reducing and eliminating single-use plastics, both within his business and personal life, as well as through his voluntary work with Thornbury Radio.

Evermore Mortgage Group has achieved Plastic Free Thornbury's highest level of recognition, the Gold Award, in acknowledgement of the significant steps it has taken to remove or replace single-use plastics. The business continues to review its practices and identify further opportunities to reduce its environmental impact.

Greg actively supports Plastic Free Thornbury's campaigns and initiatives, including signing relevant petitions and sharing information and updates that promote the reduction of single-use plastics. By helping to raise awareness amongst clients, colleagues and the wider community, he has contributed to encouraging more sustainable choices locally.

Through his commitment to environmental responsibility and his willingness to champion positive change, Greg has demonstrated how a small local business can make a meaningful contribution to reducing waste and protecting the environment. His continued support for Plastic Free Thornbury makes him a worthy nominee for recognition.

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View Architects

View Architects is nominated for a Mayor's Award in recognition of its valuable contribution to Thornbury, and in particular for the expert advice it has given the Town Council on Biodiversity Net Gain.

As Thornbury continues to improve and develop its outdoor spaces, it matters that projects protect and enhance the natural environment rather than simply build on it. View Architects has helped the Town Council do exactly that. Its guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain has been especially valuable on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), where the practice helped ensure that the needs of local people were balanced with the need to safeguard and improve wildlife habitats.

Its advice has helped the Council understand its responsibilities, make informed decisions and plan outdoor projects that deliver lasting benefits for both the community and the environment. This has been offered with real commitment to the town, and it reflects a belief that good design should work in harmony with nature.

As a Thornbury-based practice, View Architects shows how a local business can use its professional expertise to serve the wider community. Its support has helped make public spaces in the town better for people and for wildlife, and it is a thoroughly deserving recipient of a Mayor's Award.



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Calm Nessy

Calm Nessy is an independent local business that has been supporting Plastic Free Thornbury for several years. They achieved Plastic Free Communities Gold Status in a remarkably short period of time through their commitment to removing and replacing single-use plastics and their active support of Plastic Free Thornbury's initiatives.
As a beauty salon, Calm Nessy has faced particular challenges in finding suitable alternatives to some of the plastic products traditionally used within the industry. However, they have shown real determination and perseverance, replacing as many plastic-based items as possible and continually seeking more sustainable alternatives.

Their commitment to sustainability extends throughout all areas of the business. They are constantly looking for new ways to reduce their environmental impact and have recently introduced plastic-free laundry sheets as part of their ongoing efforts to eliminate unnecessary plastic use.

Calm Nessy also acts as an important advocate for Plastic Free Thornbury, regularly displaying Plastic Free Communities leaflets and posters for customers and helping to raise awareness of local environmental initiatives. They actively engage with the campaign and support its promotion through local channels, including listening to Plastic Free Thornbury broadcasts on Thornbury Radio.

Through their continued dedication to reducing waste, embracing sustainable practices, and championing environmental awareness within the local community, Calm Nessy serves as an excellent example of how small businesses can make a meaningful contribution to a greener future.