

Plastic Free Party



**Great parties don't need to
cost the earth**



Why bother?

Kids' parties are some of the most wasteful few hours of the year, disposable tablecloths, balloons, plates, cutlery and party bags, all used once and binned. It doesn't have to be that way. With a bit of planning, you can throw a party that's just as fun (arguably more fun) without the mountain of single-use plastic at the end of it. Here's how.

1. Invitations

- Go digital where you can, a group chat, an e-vite, or a phone call saves paper and plastic altogether.
- If you love a paper invite, make it from recycled card, or get the kids involved designing their own.
- Mention it's a low waste or plastic free party on the invite it sets expectations gently and often inspires other parents too.



2. Decorations

- Swap plastic banners, streamers and balloons for reusable bunting, paper pom-poms, and fabric decorations you can use again and again.
- Buy decorations built to last, not to bin, a good set of bunting will see you through years of parties, and can be borrowed between friends and family. (See our shop, we offer bunting as part of our kits)
- Natural decorations work beautifully too: foraged greenery, flowers from the garden, or homemade paper chains.



3. Tableware

This is the big one, and the easiest win. Disposable plates, cups, cutlery and tablecloths are the single biggest source of party waste.

- Swap to reusable plates, bowls, cups and cutlery. Melamine or bamboo sets wash up in minutes and last for years of parties. **Better still hire one from Eco Communities** or another member of the Party Kit Network.
- Serve drinks from a jug rather than individual cartons or bottles, kids love pouring their own, and it cuts packaging completely.
- Finger food needs no cutlery at all, sandwiches, fruit skewers and veg sticks keep things simple and low-waste.

4. Food

- Keep the menu simple: sandwiches, chopped fruit and veg, and a homemade cake go a long way.
- Buy snacks loose or in bulk where you can, rather than individually wrapped multipacks.
- Serve squash or juice from a jug with cups, not cartons with straws.
- Set out clearly labelled bins for recycling, food waste and general rubbish, so clean-up is easy for everyone.



5. Games and entertainment

- Classic party games, musical statues, musical chairs, pass the parcel, need no plastic at all.
- For pass the parcel, wrap in newspaper or recycled paper instead of layers of plastic wrap, with a small treat or token between each layer. You can also get reusable wrapping for Pass the parcel.
- Outdoor parties (den building, treasure hunts, a good old-fashioned water fight) often need the least "stuff" of all and are usually the most memorable.
- Eco Craft kits are a great way for everyone to be creative at the party. See what we have on offer, or hire someone to manage the activity for you.



6 On the day

- Set out container/ large tubs clearly and let helpers know the plan, a quick word before guests arrive means less gets thoughtlessly binned.
- Send guests home with leftovers in a reusable container, rather than throwing food away.
- Pack decorations away carefully at the end so they're ready to use again next time, that's the real secret to a low-waste party: buying things built to be used again and again, not once.
- Wash up those hired reusables party kit items, ready to be returned and used for another party soon. Complete the return check list to show everything is accounted for.



The golden rule

You don't have to do everything on this list to make a difference. Pick two or three swaps that feel doable, and build from there. Every reusable plate instead of a disposable one, every paper bag instead of a plastic one, adds up.





We are not just about Kids Parties.

Check out our Adult Reusable party Kit
Reusable pint, half pint, wine and hot drinks cup.

So whether its a milestone birthday, baby shower or just friends catching up
our reusables can help...

Returnables

Managing Hot and Cold
Beverages at Events



How Eco Communities Can Help



At Eco Communities, we've made it easy to throw a brilliant plastic free party without the planning headache.

Hire our Plastic Free Party Kits

Everything you need in one box, reusable plates, cups, bowls and cutlery, designed to be used party after party rather than binned after one. No plastic, no fuss, just wash up and return for someone else to use.

Bunting, Jugs & Extras Add reusable bunting for gorgeous, long-lasting decorations, and jugs for serving squash and juice without a single carton or plastic bottle in sight.

Party Kit Hire

- 📌 Hire our reusable party kits for easy, stress-free planning
- 🍽️ Reusable plates, cups, bowls & cutlery , wash up and return
- 📍 Local pick-up and delivery around Cheshire West



Who are we



We're a volunteer-run initiative with one mission: to reduce single-use plastics, and make sustainable/circular living easier for everyone. Every purchase/hire fee goes straight back into growing the project and supporting environmental action in our community.

Plastic-Free Parties — Buy once. Party again and again.

Shop our reusable bunting and party bag fillers online, everything you need for a brilliant, plastic-free celebration. Hire our Party Kits, Jugs and Bunting for your party and ditch the single-use.

We have a growing range of plastic free party bag treats and favours, so you can send guests home happy without the plastic tat.

Ready Made Party Bags

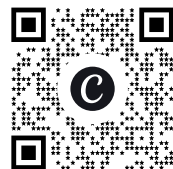
Short on time? Our ready made kits, bundle together everything for a stress-free, plastic free party, just order and go.

Party Bags, Bunting and More — check our online shop

- Check out our range of plastic free party bag fillers
- Our ready-made party bags
- Buy your own reusable bunting to use year after year



**Check out
our Website
and Shop**



Circular Living

Every Party Kit you hire from us keeps single use plastic out of waste bins.



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