**Something for the weekend.....Action #13: Celebrate and encourage**

SOBO Wastebusters met up with [Dorset and Hampshire Eco Club](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2293919387594291/?ref=gs&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group) this week. It is always wonderful to meet others striving to take such positive action; it provides space to share and encourage; celebrate what we are doing; and recharge our ambitions when energy levels feel a little depleted.

We are after all, every day folk who just want to do good for the future of our people and planet. Support and encouragement is crucial to the success of this kind of work. Constantly pushing boundaries, challenging fixed, uncompromising views and misinformation; sometimes it can feel slow and tiresome, futile even.

This weekend, why not take a moment to acknowledge what / who motivates and inspires you to do the same?

There are 2 upcoming award ceremonies celebrating the work of individuals and groups in the community who are making efforts to recycle more and go plastic free:

1. Organised by [Ideas2Action](https://www.facebook.com/ideas2actioncharity/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARALSh1L3aQTU4rQOtnLZTW-y_Gqs3Ik7M3E5MZEvJhpeSgHYDdmhedZ6XvQqYTqFhb5GWjte4CnUkA4&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group), the Recycling Awards take place on Friday 27 September at 7pm in Poole Civic Centre. If you know of any individuals of any age, teams of people, schools or organisations (voluntary, statutory and private) who you feel go the extra mile when it comes to recycling, please consider nominating them (with their permission). You can of course nominate yourselves! If you do decide to submit a nomination (forms available on the website), it really helps the judges if you can give us as much information as possible about your nominee and why you think they deserve an award for their recycling. [http://www.ideas2action.org.uk](http://www.ideas2action.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3OCxNa2ouBETK72yXx7-Ci2SHEmb26-dXiAfOpY4LjyJ3uQZl85kBxxEQ)

2. Plastic Free Awards:  
Organised by [Surfers Against Sewage](https://www.facebook.com/SurfersAgainstSewage/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARBn1nsJFrBtJsycU8GquUaxyZSZ6LP9UvfbtqQNnRMKqbhXJkEv_wx4pGyZZ3jKPR0jx8tM1eXZcDWW&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group) and held in Bristol in November 2019; this event is celebrating the efforts of those making the biggest contributions to stopping plastic pollution. From local community champions, innovators, campaigners and other leaders across the UK. There are multiple categories - from 'Plastic Free Hero' to 'Plastic production re-innovation'. For more information, visit [https://pfa.pixedo.co.uk/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fpfa.pixedo.co.uk%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1HxJzab2F7EH-i5hNxERF5CR_ebrrezHgGnhbUUSdTjFxxfKMgoOWDYC0&h=AT3EcNKmdW3HJHnP1he9H9OtQ0zbSraLcyf6g8WqsksF755Yq21etIZ-CJ6G5iW9RLlFjr04kyy1cbp5GIYwLLLsbe6go0Ei0sDl_MHTB9cAb4Bpe3v5JSwiC4uX3OxgRbX5yA0kpE_I6UP7K1EeHizWObyOT_sGjN4LOA).

So who might you nominate? Or who would you simply like to mention, to acknowledge the contributions they make? Tell us about them!

And a big shout out to all those we are fortunate enough to be working alongside (you know who you are ).

To everyone who takes an interest in what Sobo Wastebusters do - keep doing what you're doing; however big or small. Set goals and strive to do better; but be realistic and give yourselves and others a pat on the back now and again. Big love.