

26/01/2010 - Kent Recycles Christmas

Wildwood has been astounded by massive response to our appeal and are so grateful to everyone who both brought in their own Christmas leftovers and also organised their families, friends and neighbours to do so as well. We've had sacks full of tins from everyone in one street, from all members of extended families, a local beaver group organiser who brought in nearly six sacks of tins, cards and paper for us from her children.

Wildwood has so far received:

over 200 tins (and still rising) – including 38 quality street, 33 roses, 14 each of celebrations and heroes, 13 Victoria biscuits, 9 cheese selections and the rest a variety of sweets, shortbread and other fancy biscuits, small, large, round, square, etc, into which we are steadily transferring all our nests and animal artefacts to keep them dust/moth and mite free

16 Ferrero Rocher clear plastic boxes, assorted sizes, which are being used to store and hand round our delicate animal skulls – used in animal adaptation workshops - so that they are no longer stacked on top of each other, which was damaging and breaking them

About 20 plastic pots with lids (assorted sizes), again for storing small animal artefacts like fur samples, plaster casts of tracks etc
Nearly 100 bags of Christmas cards (some of them new and still in their boxes), which it has taken 4 man days to sort through to pick out the best ones for craft activities. They will now be passed to first education outreach and then the Wildwood toddler group for further filtering before the final batch is sent to another charity for recycling

Nearly 50 large sacks of Christmas wrapping paper, including whole unused rolls, which will also be made available to the other departments in Wildwood

About 100 cardboard tubes, both Pringles and wrapping paper tubes, which will be shared between education for crafts and conservation for small mammal homes

"I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has brought items to the park" commented Anne Riddell, Head of Education at Wildwood "as a result of the generosity of the people of Kent we have everything we need for this year"

However, if anyone would like to continue to help us year round, we always need the clear plastic Ferrero Rocher boxes (all sizes, including very the small 4-chocolates only boxes), margarine, takeaway meals and ice cream plastic boxes with snap lids, as lids are prone to damage with regular use, so replacements are always needed.

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