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Don't be a Waster – Reduce, Reuse, Respect campaign encourages us all to Make do and Mend

This next focus for Ryedale District Council's Don't be a Waster – Reduce, Reuse, Respect campaign is 'making do and mending'.

During May the campaign is encouraging residents to make do and mend, or repair and reuse – something already made very popular by the local group, the Kirkbymoorside Environment Group who organise regular Repair Cafes – the next one is on Saturday 12 May.

Councillor Luke Ives, Chairman of the Council's Policy and Resources Committee, said, "We're lucky in this area in that there are lots of community groups who are really positive and proactive in the way they encourage us to do this.

"There are lots of options in the Ryedale area for donating your unwanted items to others to reuse. And we want to encourage as many people as possible to think twice before automatically dumping unwanted items in the bin or at the HWRCs. Can the item be repaired? Could someone else use my item?

"Can it be given away, sold at car boot sales or given away to family, friends or through sites like Freecycle and Freecycle as well as local charity shops? If we could all just take a moment to think twice before dumping an item that can be reused, we can have a positive impact on reducing waste."

The Kirkbymoorside Environment Group also run the popular Give or Take Days at the Memorial Hall, where unwanted goods are given, and taken, by local residents. These happen twice a year in April and October – and they keep a tremendous amount of items in use rather than just being thrown away.

You can also take items that can be reused to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) – all HWRCs in North Yorkshire have areas for reuse, if you think your item is in good reusable condition then please speak to one of the site staff.

Another useful resource is the North Yorkshire County Council's reuse directory which lists the local charity shops that take items for reuse. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/ways-reduce-and-reuse>

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