

# CarryA bag in Chesham

## Some Plastic Facts

- \* The world uses over 1.2 trillion plastic bags a year. That averages about 300 bags for each adult annually — or 1 million bags per minute.
- \* On average we use each plastic bag for approximately 12 minutes before disposing of it. It can then last in the environment for centuries.
- \* It is estimated that over one million seabirds choke or get tangled in plastic debris every year, and about 100,000 whales, dolphins, sea lions, seals and sea turtles suffer the same fate.



- \* After plastic bags kill an animal, its body decomposes but the plastic bag is released back into the environment where it can kill again
- \* Most plastics do not biodegrade, they photo-degrade, breaking down into smaller and smaller toxic pieces that contaminate soil, waterways, oceans, and entering the food chain when ingested by animals.
- \* Research suggests that plastic pollution in the world's oceans is increasing by 100% every 3 years.

Alternative CarryAbags available from our website  
Keep up with our latest news on the website BLOG!

CarryA bag is a team of local residents who would like to see Chesham join the growing list of plastic bag free towns.

The aim is a simple one but the effect on our environment will be enormous. Just take a look at the Plastic Facts and you will get an idea.

It's an easy way to help the environment and it's something the individual can do to make a difference.

Chesham is already a **FairTrade** town, let's make it a **Plastic Bag Free** town, too.

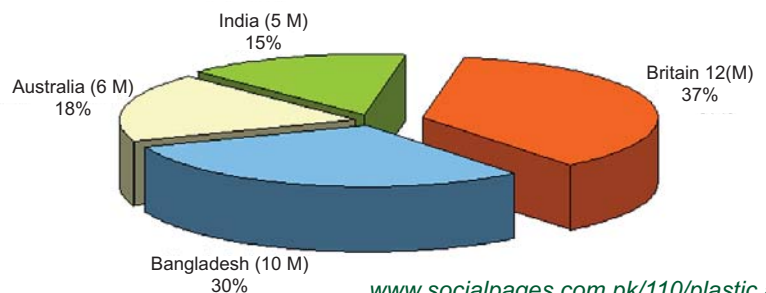


## What can we do?

- \* **Carry our own bags**
- \* Use Bags for Life, fabric bags, turtle bags, paper bags and cardboard boxes.
- \* **Show support to Shopkeepers by saying that we prefer not to use plastic carriers.**
- \* **Recycle the plastic bags already used – not throw them in the bin.**
- \* **Register support for a Plastic Bag Free Chesham by logging on to our website.**

## Don't Throw it all Away

A recent survey in Pakistan showed that Britain has a high discard rate of plastic bags when compared with Australia, India and Bangladesh. The figures below are in millions per year.



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