

Orinoco Swap Shop 10/03/07

150 people came to the Swap shop held at the Bullingdon Community Centre. At times, our car park was so full you could hardly move. Most amazing piece of rubbish was definitely this necklace (pictured). A lady came in, dropped it off and left without saying a word. Watch this space to find out if it turns out to be real.



Recording the weight of goods donated was difficult but we're confident that we took in around 200kg of unwanted goods. At the end of the swap we were left with around 90kg of goods. 4 bin bags of clothes were sent for sale or recycling, 1 box of household bric-a-brac was sent for possible resale. 50kg was sent to landfill.

Prior to the swap, Orinoco collected approximately 700kg of office supplies from an Oxford company – principally unwanted box files and ring binders. Around 250kg were taken away on the day and we disposed of 450kg for cardboard recycling. In total the swappers took away 260kg of stuff that would otherwise have been binned. All these lovely items are now enjoying a new lease of life.

The Swap Shoppers spent £71.62 on food, drink and a raffle. Together with our regular customers, they also spent £355.34 in our shop.

The next Swap Shop will be on Saturday April 14th.