

Orinoco Swap Shop 14/04/07

98 people came to the Swap shop held at the Bullingdon Community Centre. This is less than our last swap but: we didn't work as hard to publicise this one as the last (relying instead primarily on word of mouth and repeat business), it was held in the middle of the Easter holidays and it was a lovely sunny day.

Despite the lower attendance, we had more stuff donated and more taken away than last time (possibly an increase in our competence in weighing material in).

Recording the weight of donated stuff was difficult but we're confident that we took in around 550kg of unwanted goods. At the end of the swap we were left with around 260kg of goods:

- Waste furniture was taken to the OCVA furniture store;
- clothes and saleable bric a brac was donated to Sobell House Hospice.

120kg were donated on for consumer re-use in this way. 40kg was dumped in the Redbridge HWRC recycling bins (metal & card). 100kg was sent to landfill.

In total the swappers took away 290kg of stuff that would otherwise have been binned. All these lovely items are now enjoying a new lease of life.

Date	Donated on the day (kg)	Collected in advance (kg)	Total (kg)	Taken away on the day (kg)	Donated to Charity shops (kg)	Sent for Recycling (kg)	Sent To Landfill (kg)
10/03/2007	200	700	900	260	70	470	100
14/04/2007	450	100	550	290	120	40	100

The Swap Shoppers spent £76.70 on food & drink. Together with our regular customers, they also spent £272.35 in our shop.

The next Swap Shop will be on Saturday May 12th.