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Give it Away – Take it Away Day – A resounding success!

Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the first Give it Away – Take it Away Day on Sunday 8th June, at Rock St Carpark in the centre of Thornbury. Community Group, Sustainable Thornbury, promoted the day where people could give and take freely items given, with the aim to keep things out of landfill by giving them a second life with someone else.

More than 350 cars brought items which they gave away for re-use and often then took away other things that were useful for them. Even items too large for people to bring could be taken through phone contacts - they included washing machines, freezers and two cars amongst many others! The fun atmosphere encouraged everyone to stay to enjoy the sunshine and to browse.

Sustainable Thornbury spokesman, Bob Dale, said “we’re delighted with the success of the day – everyone has enjoyed the atmosphere and we are really pleased with the huge number of things which have found a new home rather than being put into landfill. It shows that most people are happy to pass on things which they no longer want rather than cause more waste. We hope that this might become a regular event”

Note to Editor:

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