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Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (the 3Rs) has become a mantra at Hill House and we are always looking for ways to be more environmentally friendly. Recycling is at the forefront of this three-fold approach and we are now adding batteries to our "living more sustainably" challenge!

Did you Know ...

Each year in the UK we throw away around 600 million batteries. Laid end-to-end these batteries would reach from the UK to Australia and back again. That is a lot of batteries!

Batteries can be found in every room in the home. They are used in electrical and electronic items, such as toys, remote controls, mobile phones, alarm clocks, and even doorbells. Most batteries are put into rubbish bins and then taken to landfill sites. There are different types of batteries which can contain dangerous chemicals including: lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and even mercury. When batteries begin to rot away in landfill sites these chemicals may leak into the ground, which can cause soil and water pollution. When chemicals contaminate soil and water animals, humans and the environment can be harmed.



WHY WHICH WHERE

Recycling is a great way to help protect the environment. Each battery placed in a recycling bin will be taken apart and the materials will be used to make something new.

Which types of batteries can be recycled?

- ♥ All household batteries including 'button' batteries from watches.
- ♥ Battery packs from laptops, power tools and remote-control units.
- ♥ Car batteries can be recycled at designated collection points.

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You can recycle batteries at many Household Waste Recycling Centres. Just type your postcode into the [recycle-more recycling or recycle now](https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/batteries) locators to find where you can recycle your batteries.

Most shops and supermarkets that sell batteries also have collection bins in-store for used household batteries. In addition, local town halls, libraries and schools may have also set up collection schemes.

We are excited to announce that this includes Hill House School too! Just look for the new collection box in the front office.

How can I reduce the number of batteries I use?



♥ Use rechargeable batteries wherever possible or plug electrical equipment into the mains electricity. The yellow radios in use at Hill House now all use rechargeable batteries with charging points available in lots of handy locations.

♥ Try to buy appliances that use renewable energy - a wind-up radio or torch, dynamo bicycle lights or solar powered garden lights.

BIG BATTERY HUNT

Hill House are taking part in this year's Big Battery Hunt! The Hunt is a nationwide programme to educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries and make a real difference to our planet.



Over the next few weeks our young people will become Battery Hunters and will be looking out for batteries being used in our homes and classrooms. Then the hunt really begins as we start collecting used batteries for recycling to do our bit in helping the planet.

Big Battery Hunt Boxes are available from the front office! Pick yours up today.

