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Light Up Our Town

Upcycled and Sustainable Lantern Parade



Lantern
Instructions



Tuesday 29th October, 2024

6pm

Refurbs Repair and Reuse centre with Caffi Cyfle
Buckley, Brunswick Rd, Buckley, CH7 2EF



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'LIGHT UP OUR TOWN'

Join Us for the 'Light Up Our Town' Lantern Parade!

The community of Buckley is invited to come together for a magical evening at the 'Light Up Our Town' Lantern Parade, set to take place on **Tuesday 29th October, 2024** from 6:00 PM. The event will commence at Refurbs Repair and Reuse centre, located on Brunswick Road, and promises to be a heart warming celebration of creativity and community spirit.

This inclusive event is designed for everyone in the community to join and participate. In the interest of safety, we request that attendee's book in advance.

The event is funded by UK Government Share Prosperity Fund and Flintshire County Council with additional support from the Blakemore Fund, Spar, Brunswick Road.

As part of our commitment to engaging the community, we are offering a limited number of free lantern making workshops on a first come first serve basis. These workshops are available to interested schools and community groups. We will provide all necessary materials and guidance to create beautiful lanterns for the parade.

Event Highlights:

- **Start Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Starting Point:** Refurbs Repair and Reuse centre with Caffi Cyfle Buckley, Brunswick Rd, Buckley, CH7 2EF



HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- **Participate in the Parade:** Booking is required to ensure numbers and safety measures are met.
- **Attend a Workshop:** Book a free artist led workshop for your school/community group at your venue. **Limited availability!**
- **Attend Refurbs Repair & Reuse centre, lantern making workshop:** book on to one of our free workshops on **26th** and **28th October**. *On **Saturday 26th** you can meet and join resident artist Zoe Matthews in making our large signature lanterns.
- **Sponsor a Lantern:** Be a Buckley Business Angel and Support the event by sponsoring a larger artist-made lantern.
- **Volunteer:** Help us to make the parade a success! We need marshals and helpers for the event.

For more information or to book your place in the parade or workshop, please contact Amanda at events@refurbs.co.uk or visit our www.refurbs.org.uk. For additional information and updates, follow us on socials @RefurbsBuckley



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MAKE YOUR LANTERN



Colourful eco lanterns made from recycled plastic pop bottles and balloons

RECYCLE:

Transform common household and readily available materials like plastic pop bottles into fun and creative lanterns. Decorate them with old ribbons, buttons, autumn leaves, string and anything else you can find around your home.

MATERIALS

- Plastic pop/juice or water bottle (any Size)
- Small stick or cut bamboo for handle
- Balloon
- Balloon Light

***Note - you can pick up a free balloon and light on the night at Refurbs Buckley**

DECORATIVE SUPPLIES:

Decorate with items you might already have around your home. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

Ribbons, buttons, fallen leaves pressed flowers, beads, old jewellery, cut out shapes from old paper and packaging, inside out crisp packets for sparkle and anything else you think of.

TOOLS:

- Sharp blade (adult helper only)
- Scissors
- String

MAKE YOUR LANTERN

PREPARE THE BOTTLE: 01.

- Clean and dry the plastic bottle thoroughly.
- Using a craft knife (adult), cut small vertical slits in the bottom of the bottle. Cut where the straight sides of the bottle begin to curve into the base.
- Use the scissors to cut longer vertical slits into the bottle, starting from the bottom up towards the neck. Space these slits evenly around the bottle. These will help the bottle expand into a lantern shape when the balloon is inflated inside.



PAINTING AND DECORATION (OPTIONAL) 02.

- You can paint the exterior of the plastic bottle if you want. Choose light or thinly apply colours to allow light to shine through.
- Let the paint dry completely. Use additional decorations like markers, stickers, or glued-on paper cut outs to enhance the design.

BLOW UP THE BALLOON INSIDE THE BOTTLE 03.

- Carefully place the balloon inside the neck of the bottle, allowing the neck of the balloon to stick out.
- Inflate the balloon while it is inside the bottle. As the balloon expands, it will push the slits in the plastic bottle outward, creating a lantern shape.
- Once the balloon is fully inflated and the bottle is expanded to the desired shape, tie the balloon to keep it secure.



ADD DECORATIVE ELEMENTS:

04.

- Attach ribbons, string, or wool to the bottom edge of the lantern. You can use a hole puncher to make holes at the base of the bottle and thread the ribbons through.
- Glue or thread decorative items to the hanging ribbons for added flair

ATTACH A HANGER:

05.

- Punch one/two holes in the bottle top.
- Thread a piece of string or ribbon through the holes and tie it to form a loop for hanging.

ILLUMINATE AND DISPLAY:

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- **Drop into Refurbs Buckley on the night of the parade to pick up your free sustainable balloon and led bulb**
- With the LED light inside the balloon, inflate the lantern and it will glow from within.



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