**Can you help us with a “Christmas Waste Watch”**

Cheshire and Chester West Council – your council – has called a Climate Emergency and we want you to help us take action to reduce our impact on the planet.

We are launching a competition this January to find an aspiring climate activist, like Greta, to be in a film we are making about where the rubbish that cannot be recycled in Cheshire and Chester West goes.

We want you to keep a Christmas Waste Watch to track how much waste we produce at home.

This could be a diary about how much your family puts in the recycling bin and how much goes into the waste bin over a couple of weeks, it could be a story about where you think your recycling goes, you could even draw a picture of all the materials your family recycles.

It is up to you.

Keep your Waste Watch diary over the next 2 weeks so that you can enter our exciting competition.

If you need more information, please email serviceliaisonteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

And if you want to find out more about how we recycle as much as we can here in Cheshire and Chester West then click [here](https://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/recycle-first/recycling-information/the-recycling-journey/stage-four-reprocessing/)

**Competition time!**

**Open for entries on Monday 20 January 2020.**

So how did you get on with your Waste Watch diary?

We are hoping you found it a useful way to help you think about the amount of recycling and waste that we all create over Christmas and that you have lots of ideas of how you can reduce the waste and recycle even more?

If so, we want to hear from you…

We want you to create a 1 minute video, on a phone or tablet is fine, telling us about your Waste Watch – you can tell us about how much waste you created and how surprised you were or can you tell us what you did at home to reduce your waste; you can tell us of an imaginary journey about where your recycling goes; or you can present us with a news report on the climate emergency we are all facing and what we can all do every day to help.

It’s up to you.

And what is your prize?

Well, we are looking for one child who is passionate about the planet to help us create a short 5 minute video, which will be made available to all the schools in Cheshire and Chester West as well as being used on social media, to tell the story about where all of our waste goes.

The lucky winner will join us at our Chapterhouse Waste Facility on (date) to help us make the film – this will be in school hours and should not take more than 3 hours, a teacher and/or Parent/Guardian can accompany you.

So get filming your Waste Watch videos now… we can’t wait to hear from you!

**Terms and Conditions**

        The competition opens for entries on Monday 20 January 2020

        Entries will be accepted up until 5.00pm on Friday 14 February 2020

        Entries should be submitted to this email address liz.ellis@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

        The competition is open to all children in Years 5 and 6 who live in the Cheshire and Chester West Council area.

        Entry is open to all children in Years 5 and 6 but please ask the permission of a parent or guardian before entering.

        The winner will be decided by a panel of experts, their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

        The winning will appear in a video telling the story of where waste in the area goes, there is no prize or cash alternative and copyright for the vide will belong to Cheshire and Chester West Council and FCC Environment.

        The winner will be invited to take part in and to cooperate fully with reasonable publicity and to the use of their name and photograph in such publicity, including on social media.

        Data Protection - the information entrants provide will be collected and stored by Cheshire and Chester West Council and FCC Environment and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 under current GDPR rules. We will only use your personal information for the purposes of administration of the Competition (including publishing your name if you are the winner) and any other purposes to which you have consented.

        We will not pass your details on to any third party.

        All submitted videos via direct email which were not successful will be removed within three months from the competition’s completion date.

        If you would like to remove your entry from the competition, you can do so by emailing liz.ellis@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk by no later than 5.00pm on 14 February 2020.