

Water Refill Station at the Sambrook Centre

I would like to propose that the Sambrook Centre become a refill station enabling people to refill their water bottles. See <https://refill.org.uk/>.

We would like to install a mains fed unit, supplying cold filtered water on the coffee bar to encourage the public (and staff) to refill their water bottles.

This proposal would give the following benefits:

- Refilling water bottles helps keep the number of single use plastic bottles down and is good for the environment. The average person in the UK will use 150 plastic bottles every year, if one in ten people refilled once a week we'd have 340 million less plastic bottles in circulation.
- Becoming part of a national network of Refill Stations: increasing footfall; good news story/publicity

The Parish council currently spends about £250 per year on (recycled) bottled water, using a local firm. Costs for a mains fed unit are detailed below.

Refurbished water cooler (counter top), including 12 months warranty, initial filter and cooler kit	£250
Installation (If within 3m of usable water supply)	£100
Filter change / clean (6 monthly)	£101.60 per year
Total cost year one	£400.80 plus water
Annual cost	£101.60 plus water

I have looked at purchasing promotional re-useable bottles either to sell or as marketing. Prices start at £5 depending on quality and quantity. If the council wishes to consider this I can look at costs / designs in more detail.

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