

# GREEN MEMO



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Well done to everyone on the team for your hard work in helping achieve Bargain Hunt's sustainability certification score of 68% for 2020 – 2021! This is excellent news - let's keep up the good work. A huge thanks to our suppliers, crew and the Bargain Hunt production team based at Roath Lock in Cardiff, which is one of the BBC's Green/ Eco sites.

*"A significant contributor to our energy reduction has been the concentration of our operations into fewer, more efficient buildings such as our new environmentally rated sites in MediaCityUK in Salford, Roath Lock in Cardiff, and New Broadcasting House in London. We use rainwater harvesting systems at ... Roath Lock in Cardiff, and our new buildings are designed with fitting to reduce water use, such as low flush toilet cisterns."* Source: <https://intranet.gateway.bbc.co.uk/fo/sustainability/Pages/Progress.aspx>

As a result of your efforts, we have now been awarded the new 'Albert Sustainable Production' logo, which we can use on our end boards and emails for Series 56, 57 + 58



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# What can we do to help?

SWITCH OFF YOUR  
COMPUTER MONITOR  
AND COMPUTER AT THE  
END OF THE DAY

USE RE-USABLE MUGS  
AND WATER BOTTLES:  
BARGAIN HUNT NOW  
HAS BRANDED  
REUSABLE DRINKS  
CONTAINERS FOR  
DISTRIBUTION TO  
CREW

THINK!  
DOES THAT DOCUMENT  
REALLY NEED TO BE  
PRINTED?

COULD YOU USE VIDEO  
CONFERENCING  
INSTEAD OF  
TRAVELLING?

CAR SHARE AND  
REDUCE THE NUMBER  
OF JOURNEYS – E.G.  
COULD YOU VISIT MORE  
THAN ONE LOCATION  
IN THE SAME JOURNEY?

REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE

## COVID-19

Like many other BBC productions, Bargain Hunt has adapted to new ways of working due to COVID-19. Most of us are working from home during these challenging and uncertain times, and as such are reviewing our habits and how we can continue to make the production as green as possible.

At present, employees are not commuting to work or travelling to filming locations, which has significantly reduced carbon emissions. Below, members of the BH team share a few other insights as they remain committed to looking after our planet.

Have a read and you may be inspired!

### CASTING TEAM – Simon & Esther:

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETED ONLINE.**

*We used to receive them via email and print out in the office.*

**ALL AUDITIONS will be done via video conferencing.**

We are using Facetime, Whatsapp, Skype & Zoom, instead of holding regular large face to face auditions.

*As a result we have eliminated travel emissions and significantly reduced our Carbon Footprint.*

### PMA - CAITLIN:

I wear a jumper & scarf at home instead of putting on the heating, plus we've switched to a green provider.  
*What's more* – I wear compostable latex gloves, as a renewable measure for keeping safe under the current circumstances

### DIRECTOR -PAUL L:

Now I'm home I don't use disposable coffee cups and food cartons from the canteen.

**RESARCHER - RHYS:**

With my newly planted salad seeds!

I'm trying to cut down on packaging waste and food miles by growing my own salad. I've only just sown the seeds but in a month or two I should have a selection of salad leaves to eat. If I harvest them correctly they should last me a few weeks.



**SERIES PRODUCER – JO:**

Instead of travelling 150 miles to a dubbing facility near our presenter's home, Jo used Zoom to remotely direct a VO session for five episodes of Bargain Hunt.

**PMA - ELEANOR:**

Enjoying my milk deliveries!

We get our milk & fruit juice delivered in glass bottles to our front door. There are deliveries from a local company 3 days a week.





# What can I recycle?

## Paper, Carboard .

IF IT IS NOT confidential – all waste paper and cardboard should be placed in the recylcing bins – production can take them back to the office.



## Liquids

All liquids should be emptied down the sink and paper cups placed in the recycling bin. We actively remind & encourage our crews to bring their own reusable coffee cups & drinking bottles.



## Food Waste

Please use the Food Waste bin provided on location – rinse your container + clean or recycle it.



## Crisp Packets

**\*\*Cool Alert!\*\*** WE  **CRISP PACKETS!**  
We deliver them in bin bags to a nearby industrial unit that collects them. More information can be found here: <https://walkers.co.uk/recycle>



## Tea Bags + Coffee Grounds



## Drinks Cans

Please empty waste fluids down the drain and use the recycling bags on location. **NO-ONE WANTS TO SORT DIRTY RECYCLING!**



## Eco Bricks

The Bargain Hunt team have been learning how to make eco bricks! See next page.



# ECO-BRICKING

## What is eco bricking?

An eco-brick is a reusable building block created by packing clean, dry unrecyclable plastic into a plastic bottle to a set density.

Unrecyclable plastic includes:

- Rubbish bags, freezer bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, cling film, some shopping bags, single use cheese wrappers (i.e. Babybel), sweet wrappers, bread packaging, tin foil...

A helpful resource listing all non-recyclable materials on page 1 and recyclable materials on page 2: [http://lausd-oehs.org/docs/Recycling/Non\\_Recyclable\\_List.pdf](http://lausd-oehs.org/docs/Recycling/Non_Recyclable_List.pdf)

## What are they used for?

They're used in developing countries to construct furniture and buildings. They're also used in the UK to build children's playgrounds.



## How do I fill the brick?

Please ensure ALL plastic is thoroughly clean & dry before proceeding.

1. Take see-through, plastic, 2 litre bottles (avoid flip-tops or sports caps when sealing your eco-brick as they are fragile and will break easily over time).
2. Use a narrow stick or the handle of a wooden spoon to compress the plastic down. For bottles with dented bases ensure you fill these gaps thoroughly.
3. Fold the plastic first and then continue twisting it in.
4. Squash all soft plastics deep into the bottom of the bottle.
5. Fold, twist, push, cut, squash, compress, push...!
6. Ensure the plastic is compacted the whole way through. But, there should remain 1-2cms between the cap and plastic.
7. Your eco brick is complete!

## Team members hard at

work making Ecobricks



*As a guide:*

A 500ml bottle should weigh around 175g when full.

A 1.5l bottle should weigh around 575g. A 2l bottle should weigh around 660g.



Where can I find more information online?

A useful reference site:  
The Global Ecobrick Alliance  
(GEA) <https://www.ecobricks.org>

Use this link to find your local collection points:

<https://bit.ly/2S2T9HX>

Bargain Hunt has an arrangement with the University of South Wales, Treforest, for dropping off completed bricks.