



## Your 'Leave Only Footprints' Park Cup Frequently Asked Questions

### Why should I use this scheme?

You can do your bit to help the environment in a really simple way by choosing a 'Leave Only Footprints' (LOF) Park Cup.

### What is the difference between this cup and other recycled cups?

**Disposable cups** are manufactured from **sustainable sources** however after use they go straight into landfill.

**Compostable cups**, although they are **plastic free**, they are still single use: they still get used for an average of 15 minutes before they are thrown away. Some think that they will just rot down, but in fact they need to be sent to a specialised composting facility. The reality is that cups thrown away in the town bins have to go to expensive treatment facilities with the rest of the rubbish.

**Bamboo cups** use bamboo grown in China, whereas our cups are manufactured in the UK. The manufacturing process involves binding the bamboo together with large amounts of resin. At the end of their lives these cups cannot be recycled due to the way they've been manufactured.

**LOF Park Cups** are made from 100% polypropylene and are designed to be used hundreds of times, so they are not single use. At the end of its life, the cup is fully recyclable. They are manufactured in the UK to lower the Carbon Footprint.

**That's why the only no-waste solution is to avoid a single use cup and go for REUSABLE.**

### Where can I get a LOF Park Cup from?

We will begin our trial of these cups at Woodpecker Café, Queen's Park, Bournemouth. We aim to roll out the trial in 2021, following a successful trial period. Our website lists all places running the scheme.

### How much does it cost?

You pay just £1 for the 12oz cup. This is a refundable deposit (no receipt required), so you get your £1 back when you return the cup to us for cleansing. There is no time limit on returning the cup to us. Deposits are not returned if the cup is damaged or broken.

### How do I return it, or can I put it in my own recycling bin at home?

Just drop it back to us at the café and get your deposit refunded. You can put it in your recycling bin at home as it is 100% recyclable but you won't get your £1 deposit back. If the café closes before you've finished your drink, just hang onto it until next time to get your deposit returned.



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### Does the cup have a lid?

No. Standard compostable plastic lids for 12fl oz will fit the cup. Return the lid to the cafe and they will be composted in the park.

### How is the cup cleaned and sanitised before it gets to me?

The cups are dropped back to the cafés dirty, during these covid times straight into a return bin. The café crew will rinse and run it through a commercial dishwasher at over 75°C to clean and sanitise for the next use. This reflects standard practice for any reusable china plate or cups in cafés and restaurants.

### How many times has a cup been around the system before me?

This is tough one to answer. The cup is designed to last for hundreds of uses. But we don't track the cups around the system. They get recycled if they become damaged or broken.

### Have more questions?

Hopefully, we have answered all your queries, but if you need more information, please visit the website below, or get in touch with us at [parkcafes@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parkcafes@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)



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