Help to stop Climate Change this Christmas!

By doing any one of the following you can make your Christmas more environmentally friendly:

- Try to buy less gifts made from or packaged in plastic to reduce your contribution to Plastic Pollution.
- Similarly, use cloth string to wrap your presents instead of plastic string and minimise the amount of sellotape you use.
- Buy second hand gifts.
- Consider giving an experience as a present, for example you could take your friend to the cinema, or for a meal at their favourite restaurant. This involves a lot less waste, and means you both get to enjoy the present.
- Get creative, try making a gift rather than buying it. Is there a way you could recycle some items you already have?
- Buy less. You could organise a Secret Santa within your group of friends. This is a great way to reduce how much you and your friends are contributing to the unneeded emission of Greenhouse Gases involved in the production and transportation of the gifts you buy.
- And lastly, don't leave your Christmas Tree lights on all night!

GIFT BUYING GUIDE

BUY ETHICAL
Use the power of your 'Christmas pound' to cast a vote for the kind of world you want
- Organic
- Fair-trade
- Living wage
- Plastic-free
- Sustainable

BUY LOCAL
When you buy from an independent business, the owner does a happy dance. With big chains, not so much.
When you buy local, more of your money stays in the local economy (rather than the pockets of Fat Cat execs

MAKE
Only make something you know someone will love and make use of - it's hugely frustrating otherwise!
- A cake
- Some biscuits
- A meal to put in the freezer for someone who lives alone
- Something useful

BUY SECONDHAND
SEARCH THE CHARITY SHOPS
- For stocking fillers
- For Christmas jumpers
- For something they really want (NO novelty gifts!)
CHECK OUT eBAY
- Search by brand or make, size and age
Remember to tick the 'used' box in the search criteria

BUY LESS
SECRET SANTA
- For work
- For the grown-ups in a family
- For the kids if you have a lots to buy for so they all get one decent pressie
EXPERIENCES NOT THINGS
- Go out for a meal
- Tickets for the cinema or a concert
- Treat them to a day out
- Memberships - National Trust, museums
- etc

Interested in more ways you could help tackle the Climate Crisis?

There's loads more you could do, anytime of the year. Here's a few more general suggestions:

- Share. Use your social media to raise awareness of Climate Change.
- Always bring your reusable Water Bottle when you go out. And you can do the same with reusable Coffee Cups if you often buy hot drinks when you are on the go. This will avoid you having to buy a plastic bottle or non-recyclable coffee cup, which not only reduces your plastic waste but will also emit less Greenhouse Gases in total, as it reduces the demand for more bottles and coffee cups to be produced, which is of course a process that emits unneeded carbon.
- Consider giving any clothes that you no longer want to charity.
- Use public transport as much as you can instead of your car.
- Choose locally grown food.

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