

Green and Clean Forum August 2024

On Saturday 10th August 2024, we had our latest Green and Clean forum in Cardigan House where we were pleased to be joined by speaker John Cossham, who gave a very detailed and animated presentation on composting.



Figure 1 John 'Compost' Cossham

John Cossham, a dedicated environmentalist and green activist, told the group how he first discovered the world of composting. As a young child intrigued by collecting different materials and watching them 'rot' in jars, a love of biology grew, as did an education and career in environmental health in Scarborough.

In 2004, John set up York Rotters, and has educated thousands about the world of composting. He brought with him an assortment of compost samples at different stages and materials (food waste, leaves and human waste) and demonstrated using a rotary soil sifter to blend and grind down the compost.

As part of his presentation, he explained the pros of composting, how to get started, how to use the compost, the problems faced and even discussed his current project of implementing a universal compost funeral project which aims to provide us with a greener and cleaner funeral service.

The forum was very educational, and the audience left with a new insight into the benefits of composting, and one or two of them took a bag of freshly blended compost for their gardens.



Figure 2 Demonstrating a rotary soil sifter



Figure 3 Five samples of composting

All in all, it was a wonderful morning and we thank John Cossham for making the journey from York to Bingley to join us. Find some of his links below.

If you would like to be invited to future meetings, please send your details to us at enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

You can also be involved in our Community Litter Picks or send requests if you see any areas in the Bingley district that need cleaning up.

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