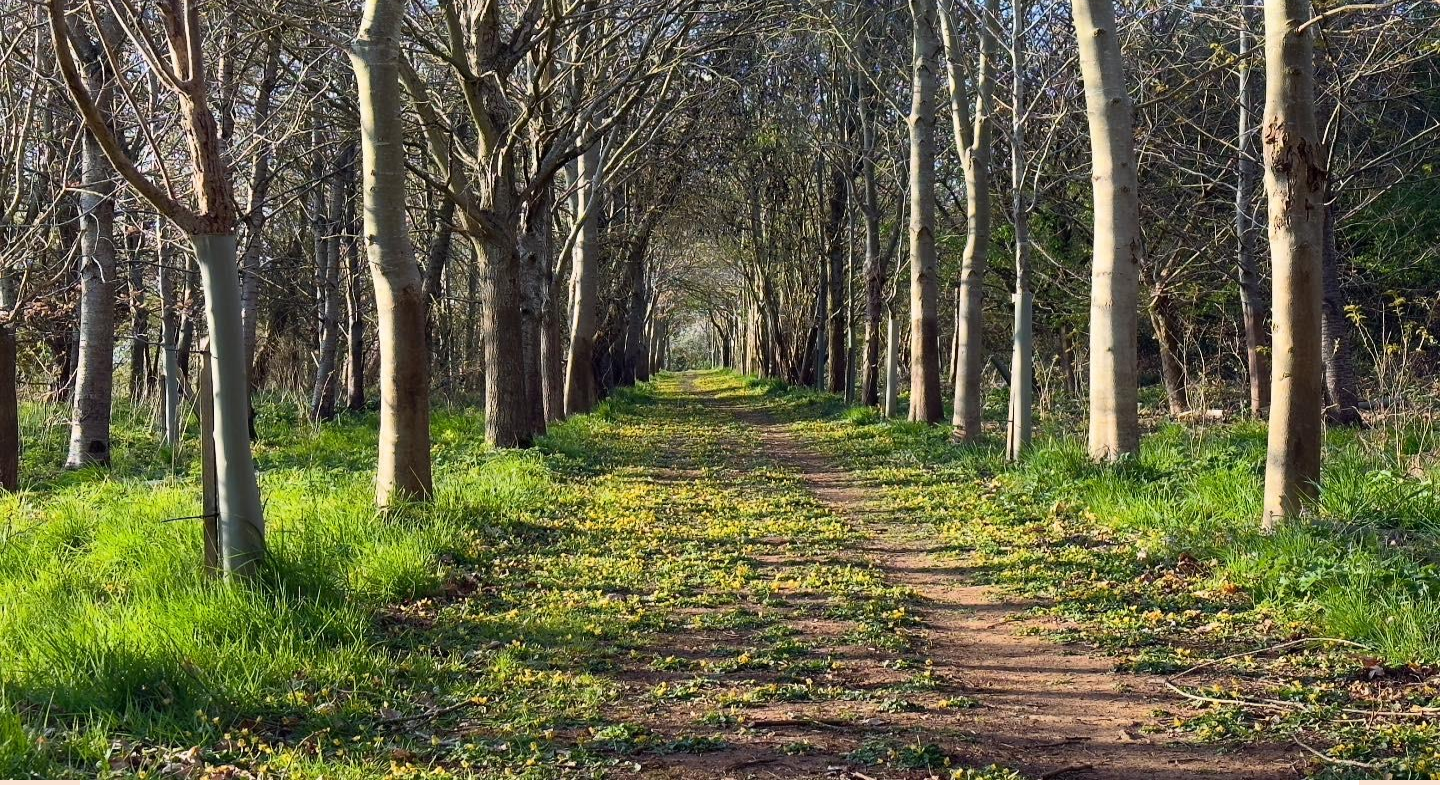


COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

May Issue No. 527

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

Our native wildflower, Celandine, might not be welcome in everyone's lawn but here, as this somewhat haunting photo reveals, it looks quite at home with its delicate yellow flowers carpeting the woodland floor. Great shot, Ed.

If there are any budding photographers amongst our subscribers who have photographs of anything topical or interesting in the parish which they feel would be suitable for the cover of future editions, we would be very pleased to receive them.

If you have any items, including local adverts, which you would like included in future newsletters, send these to cpb.newsletter@gmail.com, but could you please submit them by 26th of the month latest so that we have enough time to organise the Newsletter and send it out by the end of the month. If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, then please let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Zumba dancing 9.30am, Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Tai Chi 11:30am – 12:30pm, Village Hall
Every Wednesday	Pilates 9.30am-10.30am, Village Hall
Sun. 4th May	Communion Service 9.00am, St. Peter's Church
Mon. 5th May	Table Tennis 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Sat. 10th May	Pop-up Coffee Shop 10.00am – 12.00noon, Village Hall
Sat. 10th May	Broad Town Plant Sale 2.30pm – 4.30pm, Broad Town Village Hall
Thurs. 15th May	W.I. AGM 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sun. 18th May	Communion Service 9.00am, St. Peter's Church followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tues. 20th May.	Bushton Bookworms

Village Hall News May 2025

May is a relatively quiet time for the Village Hall.

The new Yoga instructor, Casey has started her classes on Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

We are investigating looking at replacing the convector heaters in the main hall with similar items but more up to date and preferably with a (quiet) fan. There seem to be several of these on the market with very varying price tags. Have any of you readers had experience of any of such items? Your comments would be welcomed.

POP-UP COFFEE SHOP – Saturday 10th May from 10am to 12noon.
On this occasion some of the newly formed Parish Council will be attending so you will have an opportunity to meet them over a coffee and chat. Only 7 people applied to become Parish Councillors so there is no election for them. After May 1st we will invite whoever becomes the next local County Councillor for our area to come along too.

101 Club – the draw for May, June and July prizes will be made at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting in May and a list of winners published in next month's Newsletter

Barbara Davis

Textile Bank at the Village Hall

Unfortunately the container is full but people are paying no heed to the 'do not leave bags outside'. I have left a message with the Charity concerned asking them to empty it as quickly as possible but so far have I have not had a response.
So please do not leave any bags of donated textiles outside the container. I hope it is emptied before too long.
Barbara Davis



Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council

The election for places on Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council, scheduled for 1st May, will not now be contested as only seven names were put forward for the seven seats on our Council. Your councillor representatives for the next four years are Hannah Chard, David Gagen, Gemma Greenway, John Hughes, Nick Kirton, Anthony Norman and Ed Rudler.

This does not preclude the election for the position of Wiltshire Councillor for the Lyneham Division to be held on Thursday 1st May. Polling for this election will take place between 7.00am and 10.00pm at Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 28th April it was proposed that Peter Gantlett be appointed to serve as Temporary Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer with immediate effect. His appointment was approved unanimously.

Soon after 6th May your new parish councillors will complete a declaration of Acceptance of Office and provide a written undertaking that they accept the Council's Code of Conduct. Details of the date in May (yet to be determined) when the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held and information about which of the various Council roles and responsibilities each individual Councillor has been allocated plus other updates will soon be found by visiting the Parish Council website.

After a break of some years, the Parish Council will once again provide a report of its activities for publication in the monthly Community Newsletter including, in its June issue, an article in which your seven new parish councillors introduce themselves to the community.

Plant Sale

For the 6th year running there are plants for sale outside Manor Farm House in Bushton. All proceeds will be split between St. Peter's Church, Clyffe Pypard and Prostate Cancer Research.

We've had magnificent support over the last few years and it's much appreciated.

Danielle Kirton.



Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall
SN4 7PX

POP-UP COFFEE SHOP

Saturday 10th May
10.00 am– 12.00 noon

Choice of drinks
Home Made Cakes

Come and enjoy meeting friends and neighbours and some members of the new Parish Council.

Contact
rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

Broad Town VE Day 80th Anniversary Charity Plant Sale & Tea

Saturday May 10th, 2.30 - 4.30pm in the village hall

- Made in Broad Town plant stall
- Broad Town Church plant stall
- Refreshments including homemade scones, cakes, hot & cold drinks
- Air Ambulance information & sales

PROUDLY SUPPORTING

WILTSHIRE +BATH AIR AMBULANCE

Charity Number 1144097

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Made in Broad Town

80TH ANNIVERSARY VE DAY 80 8th May 2025 A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

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Garden Party

BUSHTON MANOR

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 7th JUNE 3pm to 5pm

Funds are still needed for replacing the church roof. Jane and Sandy Angus are kindly letting their garden be used for afternoon tea on 7th June. As well as tea, coffee, home made cakes there will be a few stalls for you to browse. Games for young and old alike as well as a Tombola, Plants, Books and the ever popular Vintage Stall together with others yet to be confirmed.

As ever stalls need goods to sell so here are the contacts for the 'in house' stalls that we have to date. In particular letting Gay know what cake(s) you can provide would be really helpful. Thank you.

Cakes : Gay gaylmorison@aol.com

Plants: Danielle daniellekirton@hotmail.co.uk

Books : Sally sally_fox@btinternet.com

Vintage: Sukey sukeyfi@live.co.uk

Tombola : Gwen gwenythclarke@sky.com Items can be left in Gwen's porch at 33 Clyffe Pypard (by the red telephone kiosk)

Helping with setting up Saturday morning : Barbara rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

It is hoped that many local people will come along on the day and maybe walk. There will be parking (at own risk) at the Village Hall and Malthouse. Pedestrians will enter via the main gate. Blue Badge holders will be able to park in the grounds of the Manor entering from the lower gate.

This will be a much smaller event than the Plant Fair and we hope you will note the date in your diaries! Entrance will be £5 per person which will include your refreshments. Dogs must be on leads.

- Barbara Davis rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

NBS Public

Come along to our

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 7th June
3-5pm

Entrance **£5.00**

includes refreshments

Bushton Manor

SN4 7PX



TEAS, HOMEMADE CAKES, STALLS, GAMES

Money raised to St Peter's Church Roof Fund

FREE PARKING AT OWN RISK.

FARM FEST

Charity Clay Shoot

All monies raised to help

Prospect Hospice
together making every day count







SAT | 14 | JUN

12:00 - 15:00

£50 for 50 shots

£15 deposit (PayPal or cash) secures your spot

We supply you with all the Cartridges, 12 bore and smaller 20 bore shotguns and Clays so just book in advance as it will sell out, use of own shotguns allowed.

Tea and cake stall for refreshments.

MORE INFO:

Upper Bupton Farm, Broad Hinton, Swindon SN4 9NP

email: paulgprictor@gmail.com

phone: 07825 326446

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SAT | 14 | JUN

7PM - midnight

Voluntary contribution on entry

Mudflap

MUDFLAP







Six oClock Circus

Free Camping
CHARITY AUCTION

Bacon Rolls and Coffee in the farmhouse on Sunday Morning

MORE INFO:

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Bushton Bookworms

In reading "The Hare with Amber Eyes", **Bushton Bookworms** learned through a collection of Japanese netsuke of a detailed family history, from a wealthy banking family in Paris in the nineteenth century up to the present day in this country, via Vienna and Japan, through wealth, loss, wars, antisemitism, and inheritance.

The ceramicist, Edmund de Waal, has researched and written a complex and absorbing story of how the collection became his, the hare of the title being only one of 264 wood and ivory carvings, all just a few centimetres in size. We agreed – a good read, giving a glimpse of the kinds of lives few of us know!

We will meet next on Tuesday 20th May to talk about "Envy" by Judy Corbett. Her first book was a well-written memoir of how she and her husband restored Castle Gwydir in North Wales, worth reading, especially if you know the area.

If you would like to join us for this or any other meeting, for details ask sally_fox@btinternet.com or 07568 311823.



Women's Institute

Our April meeting was a great success, quite a few visitors joined us to hear Stewart Lindford entertain us with the wit and wisdom of Winston Churchill. Stewart was ably assisted by Roger who provided the background music and sound effects. Dressed as the great man, Stewart led us through Winston's life with many anecdotes, quotations and recitations of parts of his most famous speeches, accompanied by appreciative laughter from the audience.

By trade, Stewart is a Windsor chair maker and brought along an example of his work dedicated to Churchill, skilfully carved with two of the wartime planes across the head rest. It was very comfortable to sit in.

If you weren't there you missed a treat.

May's meeting doesn't have quite the same appeal, but is important – it is the AGM.



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Produce Show

Bushton & Clyffe Pypard Women's Institute

is hosting its Produce Show

on

Saturday, 6th September 2025, at 3pm

at

The Village Hall, Bushton

Each month until September I will include details of the different classes:

Class J

68	Make a **wearable** item of wool
69	Make a **decorative** item of wool
70	Any non-listed handicraft work
71	An item of 3D craft work in any medium
72	A collage

and

Class K

Each photograph should be no larger than 18cm/7" x 13cm/5"

All photographs should be mounted on paper or card

73	A photograph of wild flowers
74	A photograph of a get together
75	A photograph of food
76	A photograph of a bridge or bridges
77	2 photographs to illustrate hot and cold

We look forward to exhibiting your entries for everyone to share and admire!

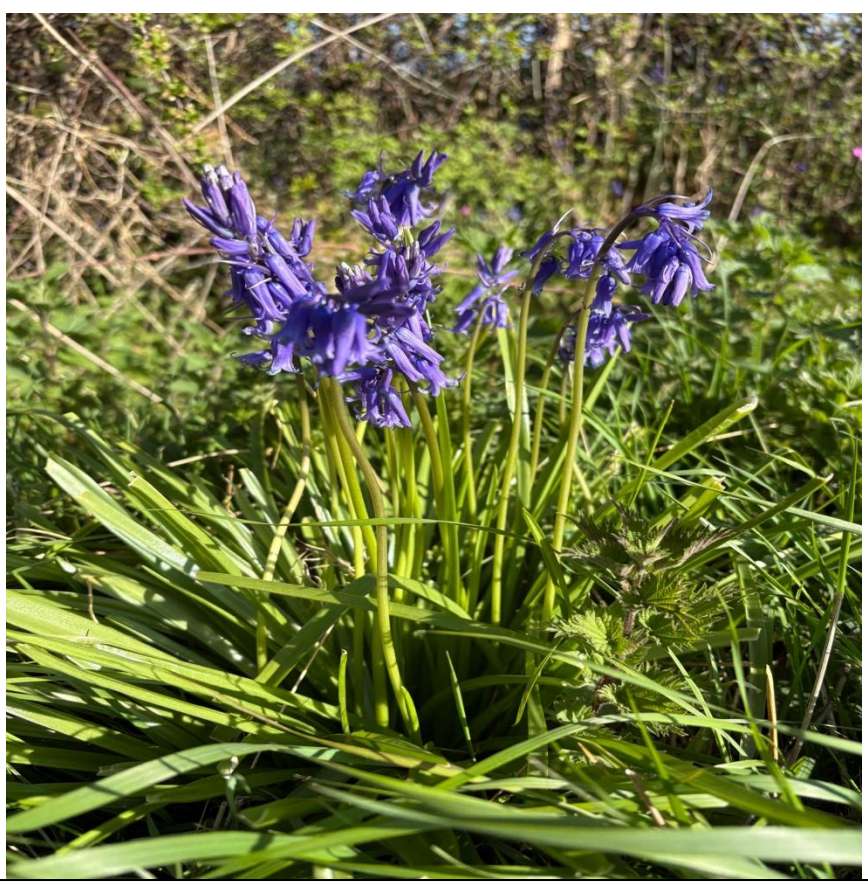
For more details contact Jill

jillmaris14@gmail.com

NATURE NOTES

Have you seen the glory of a bluebell wood in full flower this season? I do hope so because they are a wonderful sight and we have several around here. Bluebells have leaves rather like lilies and indeed they used to be classified in the lily family. Now, however, some bothersome taxonomist has decided they should be moved to the asparagus family. We do not need to be concerned with such arcane discussions of course, just enjoy the splendid spectacle of bluebell woods, preferably in dappled evening sunlight. Bluebells are not entirely restricted to the UK. They are also found in other Western European countries (not Germany), but there they are not nearly so prolific. Indeed, half of the entire world's bluebells are found in this country. They are a strong indicator of ancient woodland, and note that the Nature Conservancy puts the boundary between ancient and recent woodland as long ago as 1600! So, remarkably, you might see the same bluebell wood (not the same individual plants!) in the Midlands as William Shakespeare. However, although he mentioned over 200 different flowers in his plays, my understanding is that curiously the bluebell is not one of them.

Our bluebells are threatened by the escape from gardens of a closely related species, the Spanish bluebell. Their flowers are similar, but slightly different. The problem is that the two species hybridise very easily, which means that the genetic stock gets diluted. So, if you want to grow bluebells in your garden, to stop ours declining please buy only bulbs of the English species, from a reputable supplier. They can be grown from seed as well, but it takes at least five years to produce a bulb of flowering size. All parts of the plant are poisonous, but that hasn't stopped them being used historically for various purposes. For example, the sap was used by fletchers as a glue to attach feathers to arrows, and the Elizabethans used crushed bluebell bulbs as a starch to stiffen their elaborate ruffs.



NEW DEMAND LED TRANSPORT BUS SERVICE FOR CLYFFE PYPARD & BUSHTON AREA STARTING APRIL 23rd 2025

The Public Transport team at Wiltshire Council is pleased to advise that we will be extending our popular Wiltshire Connect on-demand bus service to your parish from **Wednesday 23rdApril**.

The service can be used for journeys to Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and to any location in the operating area (see map attached) which includes the Great Western Hospital, Orbital Retail Park and Kemble Railway Station.

Anyone can use Wiltshire Connect and our wheelchair accessible vehicles operate between 6am-8pm Mon-Fri and 8am-7.30pm on Saturdays.

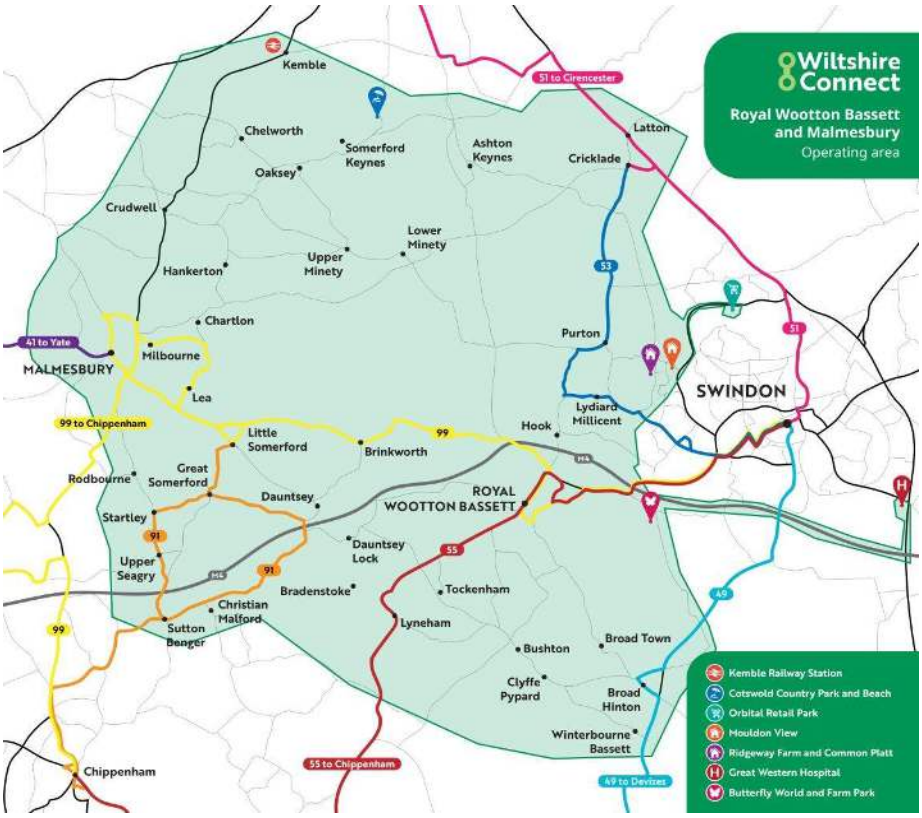
Rides can be booked by using the Wiltshire Connect app or by phone on 01225 712900 **(Please note: The app can be used to book rides from Tuesday 22nd April).**

For more information and to download the booking app, residents should go to our website: www.wiltshireconnect.co.uk or can call our friendly team on 01225 712900.

Please note: For communities currently served by the Connect2 Taxi-bus service – This scheme will continue to operate until the 30th May and will then be replaced with the Wiltshire Connect service.

If residents require a home pick-up with Wiltshire Connect, please encourage them to contact the team before the end of May.

If you have any questions about Wiltshire Connect, please feel free to contact WiltshireConnect@wiltshire.gov.uk .



Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband

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We've added your area to our build plans and we're on course to deliver Ultrafast Broad Band to Clyffe Pypard, Swindon by June 2025.

We're rolling out Full Fibre to 25 million people across the UK – it's a huge complex project, so its possible the date could change. We'll keep you updated.

- Download speeds of up to **1000Mbps** – 10 times faster than the UK average
- Upload speeds of up to **220Mbps** - perfect for gaming, video calling and uploading large files.
- An unbroken full fibre connection – that's five times more reliable than anything before
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- The option to include a digital phone line and get ahead of the digital phone line upgrade.

No more buffering streams or snail-paced downloads – just broadband that really is ready for anything.

We're upgrading the UK's phone network, from copper lines to a digital phone line service. Most people who use a phone line will need to have switched to digital by 2027. When you order Ultrafast Full Fibre, you can have your digital phone line set up at the same time. Find out more Click here

Once you've placed an order with your service provider of choice, we'll send an engineer to connect your Ultrafast Full Fibre – and it's a one-off installation. Find out more about what's involved in our handy video - Found here

Tai Chi



Tai Chi is a gentle exercise developed and practiced for health & longevity – good for all ages & levels of fitness

Discover new ways to…

Relieve stress

Develop a longer more active life

Improve balance and circulation

Ease sore joints and tone muscles

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Build up strength and flexibility

Beginners class on Tuesday 11.30-12.30

CLYFFE PYPARD & BUSHTON VILLAGE HALL

Contact: Mark 07905632539 or mark@greenchi.co.uk

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

LINK 6 & RWB

Covering the villages of Bradenstoke, Broad Town, Bushton, Clyffe Pypard, Lyneham and Tockenham, and the town of Royal Wootton Bassett.

Do you ...

... own your own car ? ✓

... have a few spare hours a week ? ✓

Would you like ..

... to help out in the community ? ✓

... a flexible volunteering opportunity? ✓

If the answer to all these is ✓✓✓✓ then **LINK 6 & RWB** would love to hear from you.

We are looking for additional **COMPANION DRIVERS** to help expand our volunteering offer.

Do please get in touch.

LINK 6 & RWB is a Good Neighbour scheme which offers a service for any member of our community who is in need of our help. They may be living with a disability, older people or those who have a temporary need through illness.

There is no charge for our help but the Link scheme depends on donations from anyone who uses our service.

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www.10green.co.uk

Ten Green Bottles is an initiative by Berkeley Farm in Wroughton to deliver fresh milk, dairy, veg & bread to local villages. They now deliver to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton!

If you would like to sign up, go to their website or download the App. It's easy to do and great way to reduce plastic usage.

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