

Dear Scrutiny

It is a disgrace that so much water is needlessly sold in shops and supermarkets, and even restaurants. Jersey has some of the cleanest drinking water in the world. Hundreds of thousands of bottles are bottled, transported for miles, bought, drunk, and then thrown away each year in Jersey and this has got to stop. Not only is this a ridiculous waste of money, but it's damaging our island.

If you can't prevent shops from selling it, heavily tax it and use those taxes to invest in better recycling facilities. You really need to advertise what a waste bottled water is, and encourage more people to ditch the plastic in favour of economically sustainable tap water.

The state of recycling across the island is shameful. Why do different parishes have different types of collection? And why is no one in the island's government making more of a big deal about recycling?

You should reduce the normal bin collections to once a fortnight and introduce recycling collections every other fortnight. (This was happy when I lived in the UK and it was very successful).

I've started recycling myself (paper, cardboard, tin and plastic bottles) and this has reduced my household rubbish considerably. The downside is I have to visit a recycling stop every week myself because you/the parish of Grouville do not bother to collect recycling. I feel passionately about recycling so I will go to the effort of doing this, but many homes won't. How can you expect people to take the lead on this, when our local government isn't making the changes it needs?

Imagine what a difference it would make if no one drank bottled water on this island.... and imagine if all the other bottled drinks we use were collected and recycled efficiently by the parish/government. What a cleaner, greener island Jersey would be!

Kind regards,

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