

Scoop and Scales Newsletter

Welcome to all current and prospective members of Scoop and Scales. We seem to be flying into 2020 with January being our biggest (and best) collection cycle and we are now looking forward to February. We are also working hard in the background to progress our long-term aim of opening a permanent retail space. Please take a look at our members information page if you are looking to join Scoop and Scales.



LATEST NEWS

Membership

January saw a huge swell in membership for Scoop and Scales and we now have approximately 50 members. We want to continue to grow and develop so we now need your help...

- Tell your friends about Scoop and Scales.
- Like and Share post and photos on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and
- Forward this email on to friends (make sure they email us their details so we can include them on our mailing list).

Collection events so far

Our latest collection event, on January 16th, was the third so far and with each we are learning and developing. We are by no means perfect (yet!) but with little changes we are evolving. We have invested some of the membership money to buy new scales, which were a huge success and we will be investing in more as we grow. It also was wonderful to see so many children coming along to join in and find out all about it.

Thank you to all who came and made it a great evening, and a big thank you to the Hope Centre for allowing us to use their upstairs room and for St Peter's Church for the use of their tables. We hope you enjoy your products, and would love your feedback to inform future orders.

Our next two collection events will be at The Hope centre Macclesfield, 3.30 – 8.30.

We are aware that our next event falls in the half term holidays so if you are away please use our social media pages to reach out to other members who will happily collect your products. Equally please feel free to bring children with you, we will be launching competition for them to get involved in.



Can you help us...

There are a few things that we could do with but would prefer to REUSE rather than buy. If you have any of the following that you would be happy to donate please can you email us and bring them to the next collection event.

- **Tea towels** to mop up any spillages.
- **Extension leads** to plug in our scales.
- **Large boxes** for storage of equipment.
- **Baking trays** to catch spilt liquids
- **Bag clips** to seal larger bags of products between customers
- **Weighing Scales** to ease congestion.

Please also don't forget to bring any surplus containers to the collection event to help fellow members with their collection.

Local Events

Just a quick reminder that there are lots of events in Macclesfield happening on in the coming months.

Here are a few of the groups we are following and feel very inspired by

Macctastic

Transition Bollington

Poynton Goes Green

#plasticfreemacc

@52smallsteps

Cre8 Macclesfield

The Hope centre pay as you feel café

We will be taking part in this event please join us

POYNTON GOES GREEN ECO - FAIR SATURDAY 14th MARCH 10 AM - 1 PM POYNTON CIVIC HALL

Environmentally friendly products to view and buy

Discover and share ideas on how to do more for the environment

Attendees include:
riverlands Project National Trust
Ansa Environmental Services
Love Food Hate Waste

Pop up café by Poynton High School PTA
Free event, come along and find out more!
Poynton High School, supported by Poynton Town Council



Don't forget we are a collection point. All items must be cleaned. For more information about what we can collect please visit our Facebook and Instagram page to see the posters.

Contact us

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries

Additionally, if you would like to take a more active role in the running of scoop and scales would love to hear from you.

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New Members Information

Who are Scoop and Scales?

We are a group of around 50 members who work together to run a buyer's club. The Buyers club is based in Macclesfield and we welcome members from surrounding areas. There is an officers' group of 9 people (all volunteers) who run the admin, buying, research and marketing side. The officers meet regularly to evaluate and discuss future actions.

Scoop and Scales relies on its members being advocates and active participants in the buying cycle. We are always keen to welcome new people and if you feel you have a skill set that may be useful please contact us.

What are our aims?

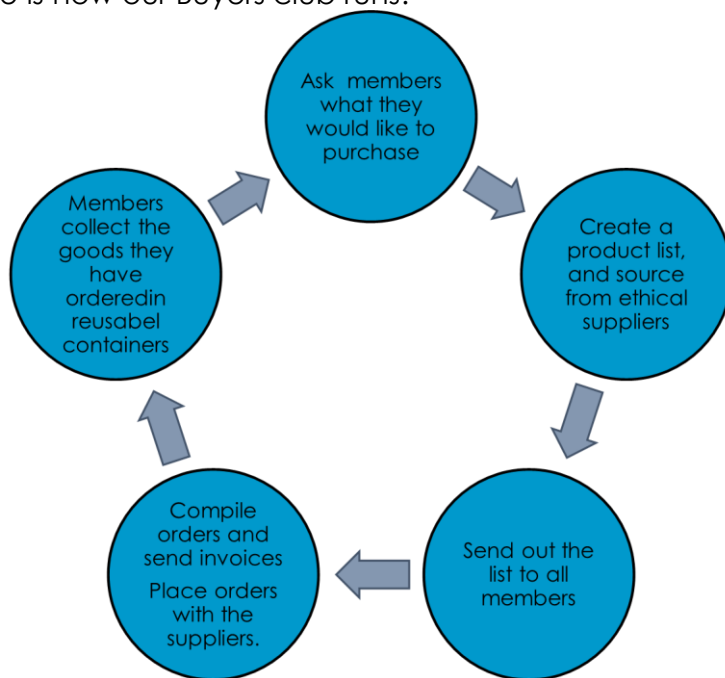
As a group we are aiming to reduce waste and create a place that local people can buy ethically sourced products that reduce our impact on the wonderful world we live in. Scoop and Scales buyers' club is the start of a journey and has already begun to have an impact. By buying in bulk and members re-using containers we are hugely reducing the plastic and food waste we create. We are also stocking a growing number of organic and ethically sourced products as well as some locally made items.

We however want to go further than this and the ultimate aim for Scoop and Scales is to have a shop or market stall that can stock a much wider range of product, be open on a regular basis and can become a hub for the environmental and ethical change in Macclesfield.

How does it work?

We always work within the guidelines of our constitution. Please see attachment.

Here is how our Buyers club runs:



What do we sell?

Our product range is quite diverse including food, cleaning and personal hygiene items. We are always open to adding new items. Each month we have between 20 and 30 products for members to choose from.

How can I join?

If you are interested in joining please email us (contact details on page 1). There is a one off £30 membership fee. This fee goes towards buying equipment. We do offer a reduced rate for anyone who feels unable to meet the full fee, and this is £1.50 per order. Please email for further information

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