

26.9 Ballot cigarette butt bins

We are a charity that have been working with East Suffolk Council to reduce litter in Lowestoft, especially litter that impacts rivers, estuaries and the sea and cigarette butts have been highlighter as a significant problem.

To help combat this we have purchased ballot cigarette butts to be used in areas of need. Pictures of these bins are attached and they have been designed to try and encourage usage by adding a bit of fun. The bins enable a 2 answer question to be added and there are 2 slots for people to use their cigarette butt to vote for their answer to the question. The question can be changed and ideally this should be done regularly to encourage continued interest. We hope these bins will encourage people to use them rather than dispose of the butts on the floor.

We can provide and deliver the bins, however we are unable to install or maintain them but if you are willing to do this in an area of need then we would very much like to supply you with one. We can offer suggestions of questions to get you started but the questions can be anything so something of local interest or topical at the time.

At this point there are 2 bins for the whole of Lowestoft. They can be positioned anywhere as the butts often get washed into the drains so they will end up in the nearest water course anyway.

East Suffolk Council have asked us to find locations for them and have not offered to locate them in the areas they manage so it may be that they have plans for these areas separately.

If, at the meeting, there are no suitable areas can be suggested in areas within your responsibility but there are problem areas managed by others, we would be very interested to know what areas they are and who manages them, if you can provide us with that information.

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more or would like us to deliver a bin to you.

Kind Regards,

Groundwork East



Front view. Noticeboard is behind screen and has either magnetic letters or a pen to write message



To access inside you have to have a key to open locks top and bottom



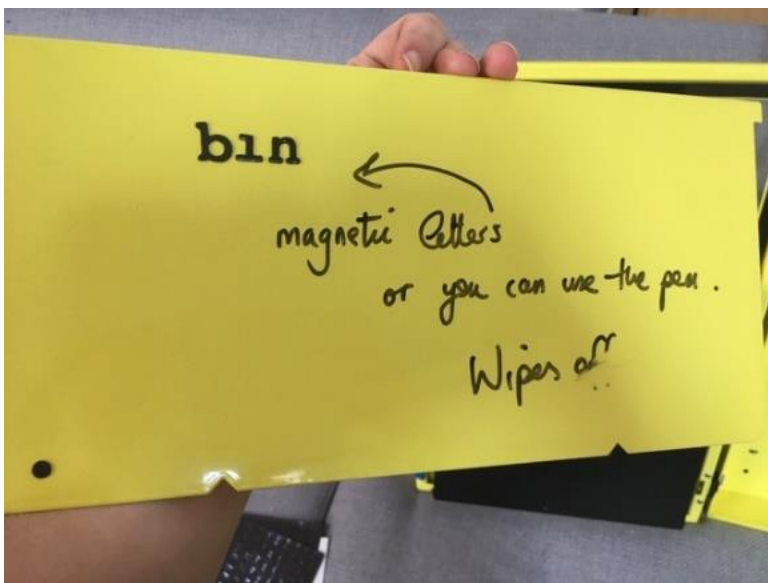
Key in lock



Inside view – access to message board and to empty bin



Message panel slides out



Magnetic lettering or dry wipe pen can be used for the message



Back view



Close up of wall fixing



Other items for fixing to wall



