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Waste and recycling – carrier bags

The county council want to look at ways we can reduce the number of plastic carrier bags sent to landfill in Lancashire. We'd like your help to understand how you use carrier bags.

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How often do you normally go to the supermarket?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Every week	85%
Every other week	9%
Less often	5%
I don't go to the supermarket	1%

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When you go to the supermarket, do you use your own bags?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Always	43%
Sometimes	48%
Never	9%

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On a visit to the supermarket, on average how many free plastic carrier bags do you use? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

None	33%
1-3	46%
4-6	16%
7-10	4%
More than 10	0%
Don't know	0%

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Do you use more or fewer free plastic carrier bags than you did a year ago? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

More	1%
Fewer	83%
About the same	14%
Don't know	1%

5**Why do you use fewer free plastic carrier bags?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

I am more aware of the environmental impact	73%
Shops have given me alternatives (eg bag for life, boxes)	56%
There are more alternatives available	39%
I don't do as much shopping	7%
I find plastic bags difficult to carry	4%
It's more fashionable not to use plastic bags	4%
Pressure from family/friends	1%
Don't know	0%

6**Do you ever reuse free plastic carrier bags?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes	92%
No	8%
Don't know	0%

7**How many free plastic carrier bags do you reuse?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

All of them	67%
More than half	18%
Around half	8%
Less than half	6%
Don't know	2%

8**How do you reuse free plastic carrier bags?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

To put rubbish in	84%
As a bin liner	66%
For going shopping	57%
For putting muddy/dirty items in	46%
For carrying things	43%
To collect pet waste in	23%
Give them to charity shops	12%
Don't know	0%

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How much of an impact would you say plastic carrier bags have on the environment, on a scale of 1 to 10 (where 1 is the lowest impact, and 10 is the highest impact)? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

(low impact)					(high impact)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
1%	2%	4%	4%	9%	7%	13%	21%	13%	19%	6%

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a) Which, if any, of the following types of bags do you own?
 b) And which, if any, of the following types of bags do you use regularly?
 PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY IN EACH COLUMN

	a) own	b) use regularly
Supermarket bag for life	84%	79%
Material shopping bag	63%	62%

Plastic shopping bag	35%	36%
Other	5%	5%

Lancashire County Council bag for life	5%	4%
Don't know/not applicable	3%	2%

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Who do you think should be taking the lead in reducing the number of plastic bags we send to landfill? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Retailers	33%
Members of the public	25%
Central government	13%
Local government	9%
Don't know	3%
Environmental groups	1%
The European Community	1%