

News Release

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Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) is this year sponsoring one of the Age Concern Christmas Trees in St John's Church, Cowgate, Peterborough.

Chief Executive of PECT Hugh Cripps explains, 'PECT is delighted to take part this year and support Age Concern. With our tree we want to encourage people to think about the environment this Christmas and all our decorations are made from reused materials like shower gel caps, corks, scraps of material and felt, buttons, potpourri, and even surplus medals left over from a fun run!'

Janine Starling from PECT adds, 'We had a great time making decorations and decorating our tree, and at the same time getting people thinking about how they could be more environmentally friendly at Christmas time. We are really pleased with our environmentally friendly decorations which were made out of items like shower gel caps, which would often get thrown in the bin. We took a trip to Compass Restore on Maxwell Road – they have a fantastic range of materials which have been saved by landfill, and can be used for arts and crafts instead.'

Every year the UK produces over 3 million tonnes of extra waste during the festive season! For tips on how to have a green Christmas visit www.pect.net

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Notes to Editor

1. **Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)** is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. Our mission at PECT is to lead and support the city in delivering growth and regeneration in a truly environmentally sustainable way. As a successful charity we work with a wide variety of stakeholders to make a difference for our environment – through innovation, enterprise and commitment to action on the ground. PECT has a strong track record of delivering projects of regional and national significance. It has a staff of 29 working on initiatives from green spaces to business environmental management to sustainable communities and lifestyles.

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