



Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

With a public consultation on a deposit return scheme for Scotland now live, Zero Waste Scotland is encouraging as many people as possible to have their say and help shape the best possible scheme.

On behalf of the Scottish Government, we will have a presence at a range of events and locations right across the country to raise awareness of Scotland's commitment to a national deposit return scheme and hear views from members of the public.

Further to our initial programme of events, announced on 24 July, I am pleased to report that a further 15 locations have now been confirmed – from Shetland to Dumfries – and we are working hard to confirm even more events soon.

We're also now in a position to announce the date of our live webinar on the matter of a future Scottish deposit return scheme. I would encourage anyone with an interest to get 27 August in their diary, submit their questions, and tune in.

Stakeholders have been invaluable in helping to communicate plans for a Scottish deposit return scheme thus far, and I would encourage anyone who has yet to do so to download the stakeholder materials available from the [Zero Waste Scotland website](https://zerowastescotland.org.uk).



Iain Gulland

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Chief Executive
Zero Waste Scotland

Activity update

Public engagement

Following the launch of a public consultation on a Scottish deposit return scheme in June, Zero Waste Scotland – acting on behalf of the Scottish Government – will have a presence at a range of events and locations over the summer to raise awareness of Scotland’s commitment to a national deposit return scheme, hear views, and encourage as many people as possible to have their say.

In addition to a dozen events announced in July, nine of which have now been delivered, a further 15 events have now been confirmed and added to the programme – and we are still working hard to confirm more over the coming weeks.

The current programme of public engagement events is as follows:

Already held:

29th June	Glasgow Fort Shopping Centre, Glasgow
25th July	Deep Sea World, North Queensferry
27-29 July	ButeFest, Isle of Bute
1st August	Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick
4th August	Lewis Festival, Stornoway
11th August	European Open Water Swimming Championships, Balloch
12th August	Aviemore Triathlon, Aviemore
12th August	Helix Park, Falkirk
22nd August	St Enoch Centre, Glasgow

Forthcoming:

24th August	Scottish Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre at Loch of the Lowes, Perthshire
25th August	Peebles Market
26th August	Kirkintilloch Canal Festival – Gala Sunday
28th August	Bon Accord Shopping Centre, Aberdeen
31st August	Speirs Centre, Alloa, Clackmannanshire
31st August	Dundee Food and Flower Show
1-2 September	Edinburgh Mela
2nd September	South Ayrshire Air Show
3rd September	Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley
3-4 September	Co-op, Lerwick, Shetland
5th September	Eastgate Shopping Centre, Inverness
6th September	ASDA Barrhead
7th September	Dumfries town centre
9th September	Grampian Motorcycle Convention, Alford, Aberdeenshire
13th September	Scottish Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre, Montrose Basin

14th September	East Kilbride Shopping Centre
14-16 September	Perth Food and Drink Festival
16th September	Newmilns Festival, East Ayrshire
17th September	North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre, Motherwell
20th September	Rivergate Shopping Centre, Irvine
21st September	Livingston Designer Outlet, Livingston

Stakeholders are vital to helping raise awareness of these opportunities – together with local press and social media, which Zero Waste Scotland is actively utilising.

The dedicated stakeholder materials available on the [Zero Waste Scotland website](#), which include suggested social media posts, graphics, and a [video](#), have been created to help communicate all the information on the public consultation of a forthcoming Scottish deposit return scheme in a consistent and comprehensive way.

We would encourage you to use these to help make sure people in your area are informed and inspired to share their thoughts – whether by attending a Zero Waste Scotland public engagement event, or responding directly to the Scottish Government’s public consultation.

If you would like to work with Zero Waste Scotland to host a public engagement event, please email drs@zerowastescotland.org.uk

Live webinar

For those who can't make it along to one of the public engagement events across Scotland, a live webinar will be held on 27 August. The hour-long webinar will be broadcast at <http://zerowastescotland.org.uk/DRS-live> and on **Facebook Live** from 1pm.

Hosted by freelance journalist Hayley Matthews and featuring Zero Waste Scotland speakers, the webinar will give people a clear, engaging presentation on what a deposit return scheme is; inform how their views can help shape what type of scheme could work best for Scotland; and provide an opportunity to ask questions directly to the panel.

The webinar will outline the 12 main factors which need to be considered when designing a deposit return scheme – including how much the deposit should be, where containers can be returned, and who will manage the scheme.

It will also talk through four hypothetical examples that have been created by Zero Waste Scotland to help people understand how different factors of a deposit return scheme could vary, creating different scheme designs with different outcomes for Scotland.

There will be an opportunity for stakeholders and members of the public to submit their questions to the panel via our **online form** or on social media, using the hashtag #DepositReturn, before the event – or live via social media during the webinar. For those unable to take part, the webinar will be made available to download from the Zero Waste Scotland website after the live event.



International expert articles



During Zero Waste Scotland's work to consider how a deposit return scheme could work best for Scotland, we have heard from hundreds of partners keen to find out more, share their thoughts and explore potential challenges.

In addition to collating views from more than 120 one to one interviews and strategic conversations, Zero Waste Scotland has approached businesses operating and facilitating deposit return schemes overseas to share the value of their experience with the Scottish public.

Opinion pieces from **Lithuanian operator USAD** and Swedish operator **Returpack** have now appeared in the Scottish media, with a third from waste management company REMONDIS, which is involved in a German deposit return scheme, expected to be published shortly. All three will be published as case studies on the Zero Waste Scotland website in the coming weeks.

For more information on the engagement process, please contact Zero Waste Scotland on the details below.

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