



Activity to date:

• **2020**

- 01-02-20: Launch Event of Portishead Fairtrade at Waitrose Café on 1 March at 5pm.
- 12-02-20: Presentation to Portishead Town Council to formally support Fairtrade in Portishead and Fairtrade Fortnight and requested that a Councillor joins the steering group. Councillor Sue Mason volunteered to be the nominated Councillor for the group.
- Resolved: The Council supports Fairtrade Portishead and Fairtrade Fortnight. Councillor Mason is the nominated Councillor for Fairtrade Portishead. All Councillors in favour.
- 16-10-20: Letter sent to CEO of Nestle by PTC on behalf of PTC and Fairtrade Portishead asking to reconsider the decision to cease buying cocoa from Cote d'Ivoire and cane sugar from Fiji and Malawi for use in Kit Kats, as this would result in local producers losing the Fairtrade premium.

• **2021**

- 19-05-21: update report to Town Council, including the Fairtrade resolution.
- 20-02-21 to 07-03-21: Fairtrade Fortnight – window display in 28-30 High Street (previously Morgan Westley), banners put up in Portishead.
- 05-03-21: Online Fairtrade Coffee Morning and video at 11am.
- 24-07-21 to 25-07-21: Portishead Summer Show – provided Fairtrade tea and coffee for the refreshment tent, raffled a hamper of Fairtrade food and wine.
- 18-09-21 to 26-09-21: Great Big Green Week:
 - 19-09-21: Lake Grounds, provided drinks from Earth Fare shop, and home-made cookies, made with ingredients from Waitrose and Earth Fare to Turn the Tide litter pickers.
 - They were entered into a draw for a hamper of Fairtrade goodies donated by Co-op at the Marina, Waitrose, and Earth Fare.
- 25-09-21: Quaker Pilgrimage to COP26, Quaker Meeting House, Fairtrade food and drinks available. Cllr Sue Mason represented the Town Council and Fairtrade Portishead.
- 05-12-21: Churches Together Christmas Drive-in at Sainsburys carpark, 2 prizes of a Fairtrade hamper.

• **2022**

- 21-02-22 to 06-03-22: Fairtrade Fortnight shop window displays and at Beacon Hub, banners put up in Portishead.
- 25-02-22: Online Fairtrade Coffee afternoon, quiz and video at 4pm.
- Portishead Youth Centre - During half term holiday scheme group made Fairtrade chocolate chip cookies. Ingredients donated by Fairtrade Portishead.



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5a. Fairtrade Portishead report Town Council meeting Wednesday 19 May 2021

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At the Town Council meeting in February 2020 the Town Council agreed to support Fairtrade Portishead (extract from the PTC minutes below). The principles of Fair Trade were agreed by the Town Council but not detailed in the minutes:

Extract from Portishead Town Council meeting held on 12th February 2020

PTC20.189 TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION / REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS (Item 6)

Fairtrade Portishead – Pat Thurston from Fairtrade Portishead, explained it was a relatively new group led by representatives from local shops and faith communities. She explained that Fairtrade is about ensuring that growers and producers in developing countries get a fair price for the goods they produce. The ultimate object of Fairtrade Portishead is to work with local businesses and shops to achieve certification of Portishead as a Fairtrade Town, from the UK Fairtrade Foundation. The group have a new website and Facebook page which explain its goals and objectives. In support of Fairtrade Fortnight (Monday 24 February to Sunday 8 March) it is holding an event on Sunday 1 March at the Waitrose Café with a Nicaraguan coffee farmer as a guest speaker.

She asked for the Council to formally support Fairtrade in Portishead and the Fairtrade Fortnight and requested that a Councillor join the steering group. Councillor Sue Mason volunteered to be the nominated Councillor for the group.

Resolved – *The council supports Fairtrade Portishead and Fairtrade Fortnight. Councillor Mason is the nominated Councillor for Fairtrade Portishead. All Councillors in favour.*

Update:

Fairtrade Portishead is in process of applying for Portishead to be a Fairtrade Town. As part of that application the Town Council has been asked to minute the wording of the resolution below:

Portishead Town Council supports the principles of Fair Trade and, as an important consumer, the promotion and purchase of Fair Trade goods as part of our commitment to sustainable development

The Council resolves:

1. To offer Fair Trade goods - for example products carrying the Fairtrade Mark wherever possible and available, when catering for Council meetings and functions.
2. To implement Fair Trade through our procurement processes and those of our suppliers wherever possible.
3. To appoint a named Council representative to support the work of the Portishead Fairtrade Steering Group and to make other staff and resources available as and when appropriate and available.
4. To promote Fair Trade issues and practices among local business, commercial and other organisations.
5. To support the Group's communication plan.
6. To share best practice with regard to Fair Trade and sustainable development with other public bodies, stakeholders and partners.
7. To work with the Steering Group to ensure that Portishead continues to meet and exceed the requirements necessary to maintain its status as a Fairtrade Zone.