

## **Transcript: Replacing an old compost bin with a new one**

Join Derek, one of our fabulous Cheshire East Waste Reduction Volunteers, as he tells us about replacing an old compost bin with a new compost bin. Watch out for his special guest about 35 seconds in!

Derek:

So this is my new compost bin that I've just received from East Cheshire. It's quite large, 330 litres, it's 85 cm in diameter so you would need quite a lot of space to site it. It's got a lid and it's got a nice hole. That's Whisky my dog, who has come for a look!

This is my project for today. I'm going to replace this old compost heap, that is similar capacity. Before I take it away, I just want to show you some of the problems. Here if you have a look down, you can see this bit has not been well looked after and I want to make it a lot better. You can see this side of the compost is very dry and this side is damp and if you look down you can see quite a lot of activity. Quite a lot of nice earth worms crawling in that. So that's a pretty healthy compost really. What's missing is water on this side and there's no aeration and the biggest problem is that there's not a very good blend of green and brown. So air, water and green and brown. This time of the year is the perfect time because leaves everywhere. So when I make up the new bin in the new East Cheshire, I'll be making sure I put lots of brown in that, at a good ratio.

Hope you get on well with setting up your compost!