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## **2018 Bulk Purchasing scheme report**

As with previous years we have concentrated on Jars and feed these being the only items that we can reliably get orderable quantities.

I have set out to reduce plastic waste and try and cut down on mileage for pickups. Saving on plastic and saving money have gone hand in hand, we took our first bulk order of syrup in February this gave us a bulk container or IBC container which we could refill. We could then dispense syrup to our members containers which have mostly kept from previous years.

We refilled our bulk container from a large tanker in August, this gave us a further saving as delivery cost and container cost were eliminated thanks to one of our members.

We also combined a syrup pickup and jar order pickup on the same day thus saving on mileage.

We completed a fondant order in October and about half the order was picked up by individuals at our October meeting at the comrades club.

Our savings on orders against our cheapest supplier at discounted rate are

Syrup:

February bulk order 822kg at 95p per Kg this saved £380 against BBwear at £1.40 per Kg

August bulk order 1000Kg at 75p per Kg this saved £650 against BBwear at £1.40 per Kg

Jars:

August order from Freeman and Harding

37 Boxes of 72 1lb jars at £19.25p this saved £146.56 against BBwear price of £23.13

16 trays of 41 8oz jars at £8.51 this saved £81.92 against BBwear price (extrapolated) of £13.63

October Fondant order 28 x Boxes of 12.5 Kg £420 this saved £285 against BBwear price of £25.20.

Total savings so far £1543.48 on a total spend of £2837. In addition to this I have added added £150 to our funds from the considerable saving made on the second bulk order of syrup.

Our refills of syrup would have totalled 140 plastic jerry cans at 400 grams each this equates to 56 Kg of HDPE plastic we have not used against a standard order in containers.

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