



The Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus

Recycling Scheme gains momentum

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The Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus is proud to help and contribute to the benefit of the environment by collecting and recycling plastic bottle tops.

As of 1st July. Further cementing the co-operation that exists between the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus and **Creditwest** Bank, the ATA's successful **Blue Bottle Top Recycling Scheme** has been re-vamped. With members of the public now able to donate their own **blue bottle tops** to the ATA's recycling scheme at **Creditwest** bank branches in Alsancak, Çatalköy and Girne, plus in the future at other branches as this initiative evolves.



The ATA's recycling scheme enables **blue bottle tops** to be exchanged for wheelchairs for the Orthopaedic Disabled Association in Lefkoşa, whilst at the same time helping the environment by reducing plastic waste often discarded at the roadside or aimlessly thrown away.



From a small idea of past association chairman Peal Mitchell and continued on by successive chairmen ever since, the associations recycling scheme collects **blue plastic bottle tops** which it then converts into much needed items for the less fortunate amongst us in Northern Cyprus.

As the scheme has evolved, today an insignificant throwaway small item such as a **blue plastic bottle tops** found on all our bottles of water can easily be turned into a large useful item such as a wheelchair.

Association Chairman, Philip Lloyd, said "If we all do the little act of saving the **blue plastic bottle tops** from all the bottled water we buy, and then by donating them to our association everybody can rightly claim to be not only doing

something positive in helping our environment improve but also know that the little act they have done will help the disabled amongst us as well".

He thanked **Creditwest** bank for allowing collection containers to be placed in their branches and thereby making it easier for everyone to have access to a local donation place for their **blue plastic bottle tops**.

Philip said "In particular the association would like to thank Figen Kaymak of **Creditwest** bank for helping further strengthen the cooperation between our two very environmentally aware TRNC institutions in which we are both committed to helping look after Northern Cyprus's environment for our



future generations. Both my association and **Creditwest** have in 2020 planted forests in our country and both see **Creditwest** joining our recycling scheme as a positive and progressive action and another step towards a greener landscape for all of us”.

Figen Kaymak **Creditwest** bank’s National Expat Manager, said” **Creditwest** bank for a long time just like the ATA have been focused and aware of the needs for everybody to do their bit to help the environment. We are pleased to be able to join forces with the ATA in their recycling scheme which has been in existence for a number of years, and hope to help their **blue plastic bottle tops** recycling scheme grow and becoming even more successful”.



Çatalköy Branch Philip Lloyd & Figen Kaymak

Both Philip and Figen made the plea; Don’t throw plastic bottle tops into the rubbish, do something constructive with them, by donating them to the ATA & **Creditwest** Bank recycling cooperation and thereby do your little bit for the environment!

At the Girne branch of **Creditwest** Buket Edel, said “Joining the ATA in this scheme is great and to have a collection container at our branch is wonderful for both our fellow employees and customers alike”. Whilst Natalia Yildirim said, “This is a great way to help our environment and feel as though you are doing something. It’ll certainly put our branch on the map as my colleagues alone drink lots of water a day so our plastic bottle tops will be going straight in to the container”.



Girne Branch Natalia Yildirim & Buket Edel & Philip Lloyd

Girne branch Manager Caner Demircioğlu said “ I am pleased that my branch has been chosen to be an ATA **blue plastic bottle top** collection centre because as an inner city branch we are well aware of the problems caused to the environment by simple every day actions, such as throwing away plastic containers. Being a collection point for **blue plastic bottle tops** will bring the need to recycle to al our customers, who I hope will make my branch the number one blue plastic bottle top collection place for the ATA”.

Deniz Oralman, **Creditwest** Alsancak Manager, said “My branch has a lot of expat customers who I am sure will donate their **plastic blue bottle tops** to the scheme once they see the container – I certainly will be!”.

Why Recycle; Recycling plastic means reduced quantum of plastic waste. This in turn reduces pollution and saves a lot of animal species crucial to the food chain. Manufacturing of plastic from scratch requires much more energy compared to producing products from recycled plastic. Plastic Recycling helps to reduce energy usage, it reduces the consumption of fresh raw materials, it reduces the water pollution and air pollution (from landfilling) by reducing the need for conventional waste disposal and it reduces greenhouse gases emissions.

Whilst **Blue plastic bottle tops** are preferred, clear plastic bottle tops are also acceptable.

Long standing supporter of the associations blue bottle top recycling scheme, Eziç Premier, Girne - donating plastic blue bottle tops to the associations recycling scheme.



Alsancak Branch Philip Lloyd & Deniz Oralman



More information on the ATA Recycling Scheme can be found on the Recycling Page of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus Recycling Scheme: - www.angloturkishassociation.com