

Waste Warriors

Sometimes a piece of writing can help persuade people to change their behaviour. In this online article, the author describes the environmental impact of waste plastic, and urges the reader to join a movement called 'Waste Warriors'.

WANTED: WASTE WARRIORS

Do you care about the environment in which you live? Are you **horrified** at the amount of plastic and waste that litters our planet and harms wildlife around the world? If so, we need you to be part of our Waste Warrior campaign!

Invasion of the Plastisphere

When plastic was invented, everyone was delighted to find a versatile material that didn't decompose. As a result of this, plastic has become a huge part of modern life, yet while this plastic revolution was taking place, no one stopped to think about what would happen when we disposed of it — until now, that is.

Did you know that approximately 150 million tons of plastic waste are currently floating around in our oceans, causing **untold damage** and death to many sea creatures? Since the 1950s, the use of plastic in the UK has grown and grown: we are now producing 5 million tons of plastic waste per year. All too much of this waste has been littered around our beautiful countryside, causing

a massive blight on our surroundings and **immense danger** to animals, birds and plants.

When you go to the seaside, do you ever stop to consider the miles and miles of floating plastic pieces that engulf our amazing oceans? There is now even a name for these floating islands and the creatures that live on them — the Plastisphere. This word has had to be invented by scientists as it is only in our lifetimes that we have become aware of the shocking effect that plastic is having on our planet.



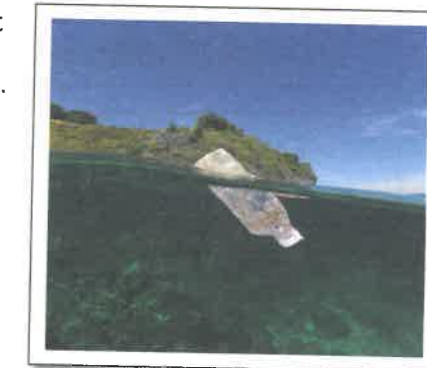
Is this how you see our future? A land submerged in perilous plastic and debris?

Not only do sea creatures get poisoned, injured or die from eating this unnatural substance, but the Plastisphere then ends up on our shores and unsuspecting land animals eat the plastic too. Do you think they deserve this **demise**? Or are you willing to do something to prevent it happening in the future?

Be a Warrior

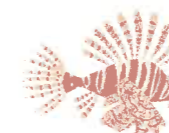
We are calling upon concerned children with a conscience across the world to unite in our fight against the damage caused by **irresponsible disposal** of plastics. Do you have what it takes to be a Waste Warrior? Do you care enough about your environment and your future to educate and inspire others to follow our mission to eradicate plastic waste from our planet?

The first thing that you can do to save our planet is to reduce the amount of single-use plastic you use — things like plastic water bottles, plastic utensils, plastic straws and disposable food containers that you will only use once. You can encourage your friends and family to do the same, but if you really want to make a difference, you can become part of a fast-growing organisation that is determined to have a positive impact on the fight against plastic pollution.



Waste Warriors has been set up by like-minded individuals who can no longer just sit back and observe the dangers of plastic waste and the horrific blemish on our environment. Waste Warriors will be trailblazers in the battle to eradicate plastic waste from our oceans, cities, towns and countryside. We need children who will fully commit to our cause and join us in our worthwhile crusade.

Visit our website [here](#) and register your interest. It will give you full details of what we have already achieved, and how you can be a part of the crusade against a plastic planet. **Please help us to make our world a better place.**



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Consider

Think about how feelings have changed towards plastic since it was first invented. How would you try to persuade a company that produces plastic to think about the environment?

