

The green gift guide

Sustainable and low waste gift ideas



FOR NATURE LOVERS

Collect some fallen leaves and press them to create a colourful and unique autumn picture.

You can press leaves between heavy books, just sandwich the leaves in between a piece of paper or card. Ready to frame your masterpiece? Reuse a frame you already have at home or hit the charity shops for a bargain.



FOR TREAT LOVERS

Use what you've got in your kitchen cupboards to make cookies, Florentines, or other treats. Rocky Road is a great option for using up all kinds of sweets!

Have a look online and use a recipe finder for inspiration. Such treats can be a useful way of using up often-forgotten ingredients in your cupboard.



FOR THE ONE WHO IS TRICKY TO BUY FOR

You may not love it, but your friends might. Review items that you've been given in the past to see if there are any suitable for regifting.

Regifting gives the item a second life, saving the valuable resources that went into making it and giving it another chance to be loved!



FOR THE ONE WHO IS GREEN-FINGERED

Take cuttings from your houseplants and pop them in water or peat-free compost in an old jam jar or candle holder. It's the gift that keeps on growing.

Search online for tutorials to find out how to take cuttings. It's easier than you think!



FOR FASHION LOVERS

Dye, tie-dye, draw, paint, or embroider an old piece of clothing to make it into a new, fashionable, statement-piece gift.

Did you know that wearing something for an extra nine months can reduce its carbon footprint by 20-30%?* Find tutorial videos online and let your creative flare guide you, or visit a craft café.



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FOR OUTDOOR LOVERS

Take them for an adventure at one of **Hampshire's Country Parks**. You could stroll, cycle, follow a story trail, or try out a new activity together.

Hampshire County Council manages five country parks: Lepe Country Park, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, River Hamble Country Park, Royal Victoria County Park, and Staunton Country Park.



FOR HAPPY MEMORIES

Have an item of theirs with sentimental value repaired at one of Hampshire's repair cafés.

If you can, providing a monetary donation for your repair helps to keep repair cafés running. Find your local repair café [here](#), including their location, opening dates, and times.



FOR COOKING AND BAKING ENTHUSIASTS

Gift them with sustainable kitchen utensils, like a rice measurer, a stainless-steel loose tea basket, reusable baking sheets, or silicon stretch lid covers.

Find the ones that suit them best by having a quick search online.



FOR THE ONE WITH A SWEET TOOTH

Give the gift of freshly baked treats in next to no time by making them brownies-in-a-jar or cookies-in-a-jar kits.

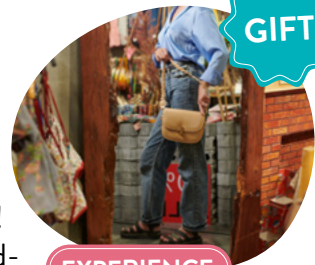
Find measurement recipes online or use your family favourite. Repurpose an old jar you already have and use natural decorations to make it an even more sustainable gift.



FOR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS

Instead of secret Santa, have a 'second-hand Santa', swapping out usual gifts with something homemade or pre-loved, like charity shop gifts, homemade treats, or experiences. Use the other ideas within this guide as inspiration!

By giving second-hand, you're not only reducing waste and saving money, but you're also making a statement about the importance of sustainability! Find out more about Second-hand Santa on [Hubbub](#).



EXPERIENCE

FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

Take them for a day out to experience the animals and history at either **Manor Farm** in Eastleigh or **Staunton Farm** in Havant.

Under threes go free!

EXPERIENCE



FOR SELF-CARE SEEKERS

Treat them to treat themselves with sustainable self-care products like shampoo bars, reusable face pads, and bamboo socks.

Find the items to suit them best by having a quick search online, or you could have a go at making your own natural cosmetics at home!

GIFT



FOR HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS

Lead them back in time with a historical adventure at **Buckler's Hard** in the New Forest or a guided tour at **Royal Armouries Fort Nelson** in Fareham.

Entry and some events at Fort Nelson are free and Buckler's Hard village is free to enter too!

EXPERIENCE



FOR MYSTERY LOVERS

Gift them with a mystery to solve or an adventure to conquer with a treasure trail in their local area. There are many to try across Hampshire.

Find a trail local to your giftee on **Treasure Trails**, **Huntfun**, **GPS hunts**, and **Mystery Guides**, or search online for more options.

EXPERIENCE



FOR ART AND HERITAGE LOVERS

Not sure where they'd like to visit most? Give the gift of choice with a Hampshire Cultural Trust gift voucher. These can be used for a range of museums, art galleries, workshops, and visitor attractions across Hampshire.

You can choose any amount you like and send it directly to their email – ideal for a last-minute gift idea!

EXPERIENCE





FOR COSY NIGHTS-IN LOVERS

Create a homemade treat board of their favourite savoury or sweet treats to go alongside a good movie for a snuggly night in.

You could recommend your favourite movie for them to watch to make this even more special. One third of all food is wasted, so remind your giftee to put anything they don't finish into an airtight container in the fridge or freezer to save for another time.



FOR CLASSIC MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS

Gift them the experience of classic vehicles with a steam-train ride on the [Watercress Line](#) in East Hampshire, or a visit to the [National Motor Museum](#) at Beaulieu in the New Forest.

The Watercress Line has special days all year round and Beaulieu hosts a range of events throughout the year.



FOR GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

Treat them to gardening and composting accessories like aerators and drainage kits for wormeries to keep their garden 'green'.

Composting is the most sustainable option to manage uncooked food and garden waste. All Hampshire residents can access reasonably priced compost bins and accessories via the [Smart Living web pages](#).



FOR LITERATURE LOVERS

Take them for a day out to visit literary legend [Jane Austen's house](#) and gardens in East Hampshire, where she wrote and revised her six novels.

A ticket automatically becomes an annual pass on purchase, allowing unlimited visits for a whole year! Visit a [Hampshire Library](#) on your way back to continue your delve into classical literature, exploring their wide range of novels, and borrow a book or two to read at home for free!



FOR CRAFT LOVERS

Take them to a local craft café or workshop to learn a new skill, including ceramics, knitting, and paper crafts, or visit one yourself to make a special gift.

Utilise your new crafting skills when you get home to repair or upcycle an item of yours or a friend's, further reducing your environmental impact!



EXPERIENCE

FOR THRILL SEEKERS

Take them to try a new activity or sport at **Calshot Activities Centre** in the New Forest or **Alpine Snowsports** in Rushmoor.

You could choose a session for them or give them a gift voucher so they can choose themselves.

Plan your journey using the **Breeze App** to find the quickest, cheapest, and most eco-friendly options for your journey.



FOR PERFORMING ARTS LOVERS

Treat them to a special performance at the theatre with tickets or gift vouchers. There are a **range of theatres** in Hampshire, including **Theatre Royal** in Winchester.

You can find performances for children and adults alike!



FOR BOOK LOVERS

Give them the gift of limitless novels with an audiobook or podcast subscription or voucher.

Explore a range of authors and genres together for free at your **local library**. Then, find them an audiobook or podcast that suits their preferences by having a quick search online, allowing them to enjoy stories and learn whilst on the move.



FOR ELEGANCE SEEKERS

Treat them to a taste of elegance with an afternoon tea in one of many **Hampshire establishments**.

Take an empty container to take home any goodies that you couldn't finish and enjoy them at another time, making sure that no food goes to waste!



FOR TRAVEL LOVERS

Help those who like travel and adventure to stay sustainable with reusable camping items, such as **stainless-steel flasks** and **solar-powered lamps** or **battery chargers**.

Find the ones that suit them best by having a quick search online.

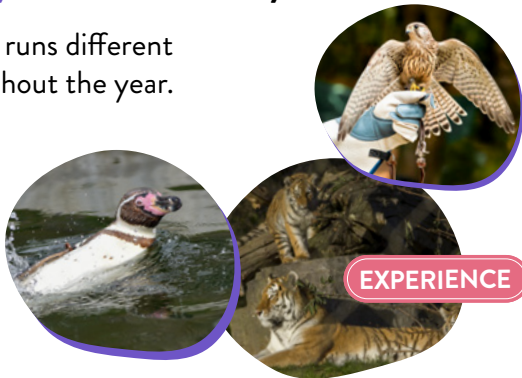
Please remember to recycle any previously used items that contain a battery or wires, and cannot be repaired, at your nearest recycling centre.



FOR ANIMAL ENTHUSIASTS

Treat the animal lover in your life to the ultimate gift of an annual membership to **Marwell Zoo** in Winchester or **The Hawk Conservancy Trust** in Test Valley.

Each location runs different events throughout the year.



FOR WELLBEING SEEKERS

Gift a touch of luxury with a day package or gift voucher to a Hampshire spa.

Find a list of Hampshire spas [here](#).



FOR THE ONE WHO LIKES TO BE 'IN THE KNOW'

Subscribe to their favourite magazine or newspaper for the year to give them the gift of knowledge that just keeps coming.

Choosing an e-magazine is a less wasteful option than printed copies. Find the one that suits them best by having a quick search online.



FOR BOTANICAL LOVERS

Gift them the opportunity to explore the beautiful botanicals at the arboretum, **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**, through an annual membership.

Annual memberships also provide access to Batsford Arboretum, the National Botanic Garden of Wales, and Birmingham Botanical Gardens.



FOR ADVENTURERS AND OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

Sign them up as a member of the **National Trust** for endless adventures to more than 500 locations across the country for the whole year.

There are options for couple, family, individual, and lifetime memberships.

