

Stockbridge Scotmid has a refill station

The Scotmid store in Stockbridge, Edinburgh has just opened its first ever refill station.

This is where customers can fill up on different dry products such as pasta, couscous and dried fruit provided by Glasgow-based co-operative, Greencity Wholefoods.

The trial also involves products ranging from coffee beans to soap powder. It is being conducted at the Raeburn Place store where it has been met with approval from local members and customers who are keen to actively reduce their plastic consumption.

Scotmid have become the first retailer with a sizeable presence in Scotland to introduce these self-service dispensers while also encouraging customers to bring their own containers such as Tupperware or jars to transport the products purchased.

Scotmid Local Sourcing Manager Kirsty George said: "We're incredibly excited about the launch of the refill station at our Stockbridge store and the initial response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"It has been excellent to work alongside another Scottish co-operative, Greencity Wholefoods and together we've managed to make this become a reality.

"We're all really passionate about helping our customers to reduce their plastic consumption where possible and the introduction of the refill station fits our values and

principles as an ethical retailer.

“We’re proud of the buzz that the refill station has already generated via social media – we knew that it would be well received by members and customers in the local area and that has so far proven to be the case.

“This is still a trial, so, as part of our continuous improvement philosophy, we will take on board everything we learn and then we can implement any changes before considering which stores we can roll it out to next.”

Greencity Wholefoods’ worker-owner Craig McCormack said: “We’re really excited to be co-operating alongside Scotmid on bringing this project to life in Stockbridge; it’s fantastic to be able to tackle both plastic pollution and food culture.

“It’s incredibly important to reduce the use of plastic where possible. It is also a great opportunity to reduce food waste allowing people to buy what they need depending on their circumstances.”



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