

## CREATING A GREENER ARENA

As part of our commitment to managing our environmental impact, we introduced polypropylene cups on concourse bars in December 2017. We were the first indoor entertainment and sport venue in the UK to introduce the eco-friendly cups in a bid to reduce our plastic.

Our Facilities Manager Lee Chadburn said: “The process we had in place previously although effective, was not as advantageous as reusing the same resource. The plastic disposable cups were segregated after events and baled onsite for recycling collection, however each cup could only be used once. In fact, one disposable cup was used for an average of just 20 minutes.

“The polypropylene cups are reusable. They’ll be used on a wash rotation for up to five years and are fully recyclable. At the end of their life they’ll get turned into things such as coat hangers or ice scrapers.”

The new polypropylene cups are in use at all ice hockey matches and most live music events for alcoholic beverages only.

**Customers are required to pay a £1 deposit for the cup which will be refunded once the cup is returned at any point during the evening. Extra staff will be stationed around the venue and at all exits to make this process as hassle free as possible after events.**

Catering Manager Adam Hucknall discusses the reasons behind the initiative: “As the largest entertainment venue in the East Midlands we felt we had a responsibility to set an example, not only to local entertainment venues but to regional venues and other arenas too.

“On an average Panthers ice hockey match we got through between 2,500-3,500 disposable plastic pint cups. That’s around 120,000 plastic cups per season and that’s before you even factor in live music events that attract up to 10,000 people per event. Unfortunately, these disposable plastic cups are one the greatest pollutants in the world so we decided to do something about it and we’re hoping to make a real difference.

“Bringing in the polypropylene cups is significantly lowering our carbon footprint. Unlike the old plastic cups, the polypropylene cups are manufactured in the UK and washed in Nottinghamshire. The washing plant also runs off completely renewable clean energy.

“We believe all venues will have to make this move eventually and since we pride ourselves on being a greener arena, we wanted to set an example and get the ball rolling!”

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