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### RECYCLING: Schools club up for an award

7:22pm Thursday 3rd September 2009

BEXLEY'S Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) has been shortlisted for a national environmental award for its work in the borough's schools.

The club has been working with schools for the past nine years, encouraging them in the alternative "three Rs" reduce, reuse, recycle.

Now its work has been recognised in its shortlisting for the best school environmental awareness campaign category in the annual Valpak National Recycling Awards.

SWAC has worked with more than 80,000 Bexley children from 83 borough schools as well as independent schools, youth groups and holiday playschemes.

And in those schools which have been audited, SWAC has helped divert between 60 per cent and 90 per cent of their waste which would otherwise have gone to landfill.

A waste analysis for [Bexley Council](#) has shown that, as a result of SWAC's activities, families with young children who live in Bexley, recycle more than they do in other boroughs.

The winners of the Valpak awards will be announced in a ceremony at London's Globe Theatre, this month

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