

Ever wondered what happens to all that hair that lands on the floor after a haircut, and what about those silver foils used for hair colouring? In most salons they go straight into land fill. The silver foils can take up to 400 years to breakdown and only 1% of salon foil is recycled.

In sustainable salons cut hair is sent off to make into hair booms ready to use for oil and other chemical spills in harbours, rivers and industrial estates.

Metals get sorted by type, cleaned and processed into aluminium ingots and sold on to make foil, cans, confectionary wrapping paper, etc.

ECOHEADS shower heads use 65% less water than a regular shower head.

Enki disposable towels are made from natural plant fibres.

In these Covid days clients benefit from their own personal 100% hygienic towel on every visit and the salon reduces its carbon footprint.

Whether a client or not one can buy the salon's shampoo in reusable bottles. Bring back the bottle for a refill and receive a discount on all shampoo and conditioners.

Do green salons really exist? It so happens that there is one in Modbury. Just Google "Modbury sustainable salon" to find it.

Otherwise you could ask your local hairdresser whether they have considered becoming a sustainable practitioner, or whether they already practise sustainably.

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