

AVA NEWSLETTER

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CUP LEVIES ARE ON THE WAY!

CONSULTATION UPDATES:

Recent consultation submissions this month originate from both Scotland and Wales.

- 20p per cup is the proposal from the Scotland 'Single-Use Disposable Cups Charge Advisory Group'. Not 'whether' there should be a levy, but 'how to implement'. The AVA has recently submitted our responses to the 'Circularity Scotland' consultations. Details can be found in the AVA member's area [HERE](#). If you want to find out more about cup levies - give us a call on **03300 883 267**
- Consultation on mandatory calorie labelling in the Out of Home sector in Scotland also remains a priority, The AVA calls for conformity of approach across the Home Nations. Details are [HERE](#)
- For Wales, the proposal to end the sale of energy drinks to children under 16 remains a question mark for many vendors, as does the potential extension of a ban to all coffee and tea sales. The AVA is responding to this consultation working with the Food & Drink Federation, British Soft Drinks Association and the British Coffee Association. The deadline is 1st September. Details will be published soon.

TAKE PART IN DEFRA RESEARCH



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

The AVA has been approached by Defra to see if any members would like to take part in a research project.

Participation would be in a number of areas:

- Helping understand organisations awareness of EPR
 - Helping Defra understand internal processes around packaging data collection
- Usability sessions of services that will be implemented for EPR
 - Understanding how businesses would find out if they are obligated and research EPR
 - Feedback on the EPR Guidance published on gov.uk

The research involved will be guidance feedback, usability testing and user research to understand internal processes in organisations. For those who sign up, there is no obligation to take part in research, research sessions typically last 1 hour and they won't be selected more than once in a 6-month period.

It is reassuring that the AVA has been approached by Defra to contribute. So please sign up your company, whether you are an Operator or a Supplier. To help shape future legislation which could affect our industry. You can sign up to the panel [HERE](#)

WELCOME TO NEW AVA MEMBERS

LIVEWELL VENDING LTD



Launched in 2006, Livewell started out with a focus on the schools sector, providing healthier vending to fill a gap left by the existing operators who removed their machines following the implementation of new food and drink standards.

Over time, Livewell have expanded the range of products and services to now include automated and traditional coffee equipment, water coolers, micro markets and a growing range of accessories. In addition, we now have a well established online retail store selling a select range of drinks, snacks and ingredients to trade and consumer alike.

www.livewellvending.co.uk

Intis/televend



A team of vending enthusiasts that carry traditional vending business into the future of connected smart machines!

Intis, the producer of Televend, is a company founded in 1989. and since then is active in engineering and automation of most demanding technological processes.

From industry to energetics, traffic and building automation all the way to telecommunications, IT and banking sector. With its seven affiliates in different countries from Europe and Asia, Intis is constantly present on all five continents.

Dedicated to the use of modern technologies in the development of its own products, Intis is constantly up to date with the latest trends in the world of electronics and computing:

www.televend.eu

ROAST & GROUND Ltd



Roast & Ground was founded in 2002 by Richard Gray, a long-time coffee connoisseur. Previously commercial director and co-founder of Simply Drinks, he saw an opportunity to set a new standard for workplace coffee with top quality machines, freshly roasted, hand-selected coffee and industry-leading service.

Catherine Gray has been involved in Roast & Ground from the start - firstly in conjunction with her marketing services agency The Bottom Line, and latterly working wholly within the business, upholding our clear customer focus and commitment to excellence.

Their vision was that Roast & Ground would delight customers and their colleagues by providing coffee that (unusually for the time!) was worth staying in the office for - a vision that inspires us to this day.

Today the Grays form the heart of Roast & Ground, supported by a proficient team, many of whom Richard and Catherine are proud to say have been with the company for many years. www.roastandground.co.uk

RADNOR HILLS



The Radnor Hills story began when the founder, William Watkins, returned from Newcastle University, armed with a degree in Agriculture & Food Marketing. His father discovered a source of water on the family farm, planning to water his cattle from it. The water tasted so good that William decided it deserved a wider audience. Twelve months later, he was supplying British Airways with cuplets of mineral water and went on to officially launch Radnor Hills in 1990. It's been over 30 years since that first sip of Radnor Hills spring water. They are now a household name, offering a fantastic range of still, sparkling and deliciously flavoured soft drinks. www.radnorhills.co.uk

AVA TECHNICAL DAY- POSTPONED

Unfortunately, with business challenges in Vending and wider industry, especially in staffing, it has become difficult for AVA members to commit time to attend this type of event. Recognising this, we have decided to defer our Technical Day until 2023 – subject to ongoing business conditions.

We may convert the physical event into an online one – but significantly changed in content. So watch out for our Newsletters and business updates – and keep an eye on the AVA events calendar here: <https://www.the-ava.com/calendar/>

All those who are currently booked onto to the Technical Day will be contacted by the AVA and further announcements will be shared once more information is available.

AVA LIVE: ON THE ROAD @ BRITVIC



Save the date!

The **5th October 2022** is where you can catch the AVA Live on the Road with Britvic. Taking place at Britvic's exclusive Retail Centre in Hemel Hempstead (HP2 4TZ), this "on-the-road" show aims to provide members of the AVA with the latest news and market developments in soft drinks, consumer insights and new business opportunities, as well as all the latest updates on 'progress' with the UK Deposit Return Schemes.

From 12:00-4:30pm, the doors will be open to all members, with a panel of experts ready to talk about challenges and opportunities within the industry, as well as the chance to network with fellow members alongside refreshments. To book your place email Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com

With changing dates and planning for 2022 (and beyond!) - make sure you check the AVA [Events Calendar](#).
And that you have 8th December marked in your diary for the return of the famous AVA Christmas Luncheon!

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