

# Hallelujah for sustainability

How HOBART provided the perfect warewashing appliances for reusables in a sustainable enterprise



ON-THE-JOB-REPORT – LOLO

#reusables



## Sustainability at its best

Companies that aim to produce no waste need to have a concept that takes everything into consideration.

To eliminate packaging and set up sustainable systems for its range of food items and drinks – that is the key for "LoLo", a newly opened cafe and zero-waste shop in Kehl, Germany. When it comes to its warewashing appliances, the cooperative relies on HOBART's hygienic and safe solutions for reusables.

"LoLo" stands for "Lose & Lokal" in German (Loose & Local) and is located in a former church building. The cafe and zero waste shop opened in the German town of Kehl in the autumn of 2021. It places sustainability at the heart of everything it does, in that it uses no plastic or other types of packaging, either in its shop or its cafe. All the products are sourced from the local area and sold as unpacked goods. Customers place their purchases in their own containers that they bring with them, or buy glass ones when they get there.



## Many ideas for the community

The enterprise is structured as a cooperative with 30 members and a volunteer board. It is financed by cooperative shares, grants from sponsors, and a start-up loan. The community includes tax advisers, media designers, craftsmen and many other professionals, and everyone has contributed their ideas, energy and expertise to make the enterprise a success. Even a Feng Shui expert advised on how to ensure a balanced, harmonious interior. As you move through LoLo, you can tell that it is the work of professionals. Everything is part of one holistic concept, and this even includes the bell tower, which has been converted into holiday apartments called "Himmelreich" (Heavenly Kingdom) and "Erden-glück" (Earthly Happiness).

## It's all about reusables

Jenny Weinhold is the head chef and the board member responsible for the cafe, as well as a founding member of LoLo. She ensures that the cafe serves a range of delicious seasonal vegetarian and vegan dishes every day, which are available in the cafe or as take away. The cafe sells breakfast and lunch dishes, as well as a tasty selection of snacks, coffees and cakes. It also tops up its income with the occasional catering event, which helps to get more attention for the new LoLo.

Of course, all of the dishes are available to take away as well. The cafe provides containers from "Recup" and "Rebowl" for take-away customers.

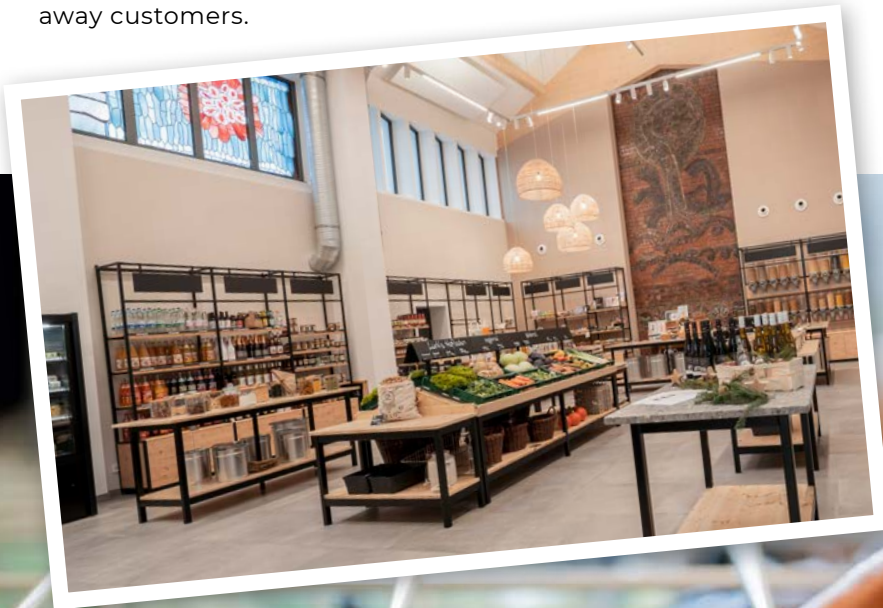
Customers pay a small deposit that they get back when returning the items. This can be done at any of the participating outlets. Homemade lemonade and ice tea are also available, which are sold in glass swing top bottles.

The LoLo team uses warewashing appliances from HOBART to ensure the highest hygiene standards when washing its reusable plastic and glass containers.

The cooperative purchased a hood-type dishwasher and a glasswasher with a special cup washing rack and a bottle washing system to meet its specific requirements. "Our bottles are spotlessly clean when they leave the machine", says Jenny Weinhold.



**" Our vegetarian and vegan dishes really set us apart "**





## Sustainable warewashing

For the LoLo team, another key consideration was to purchase their warewashing appliances from a company that focuses on sustainability in its production processes; one that designs and builds its machines so that they minimise energy consumption and conserve valuable resources. "Taking everything into consideration, we were impressed by what

HOBART had to offer", explains Jenny Weinhold. Another factor in favour of HOBART was that LoLo could also purchase their cooking appliances at the same time. Alongside the dishwashers, the LoLo kitchen also features two COMBI-mini steamers, which Jenny Weinhold loves to use for her wide variety of vegan baked goods and to prepare her vegetarian dishes.

"Our reusables are always spotlessly clean when they leave the HOBART dishwasher"

**HOBART has the warewashing expertise you need for reusables – we know what it takes:**

- A smart dishwasher with integrated **drying**
- Cleverly thought-out **accessories** such as the reusable cup rack or bottle washing system
- **Rinse aid** that has been designed specifically for plastics

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