

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Partners Report

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Recommendation

1.) The Waste Partnership is asked to acknowledge the work being undertaken in each partner authority.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the various waste initiatives taking place in each authority area.
- 1.2 Authorities work together on communications initiatives where there is an associated benefit.

2.0 North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 2.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

- 3.1 Work is continuing for flat complex audits to establish the capacity needed for recycling. We are looking to introduce communal recycling at complexes early next year.
- 3.2 Currently looking at monitoring policy for refuse / recycling rounds. Looking at something similar to Rugby's policy and implementing to increase the monitoring and enhanced Health and Safety checks.
- 3.3 Recycle week was a success with funding from WRAP full fleet of vehicles have new agripa and road shows within town centres were completed.
- 3.4 Confirmation has been given that NBBC will be moving to a new operational Depot at Bermuda in Nuneaton. Project started for design with the move intended for March 2016.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 New residents receive information packs alongside their wheeled bins. The pack includes a guide to the three bin system plus the food waste and junk mail leaflets.
- 4.2 The door to door canvassing initiative is now complete and we await the subsequent report.
- 4.3 In-depth data is currently being collated regarding areas of the Borough where contamination levels are highest, in order to target an education campaign where it is most required.
- 4.4 Agripa signage has been ordered for 4 new RCV's. The signage will promote diversion of food waste into the green bins. This initiative has been funded by the Borough Council in Partnership with WCC

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

6.0 Stratford District Council

- 6.1 Use of the new refuse routes has commenced with the new waste and recycling collection fleet. Around 14,000 properties have had a day and/or week change. In-cab technology is in place in the form of Biffa's Springboard system. Each crew has a PDA loaded with the day's round. Round information includes road assessments, assisted collections and properties to watch where there have been defaults or repeated missed collections. Crews record when collections in a road are completed, bins are not out, assisted collections have been carried out and any other problem encountered. This provides almost real time information which will aid our Contact Centre when dealing with residents. It will also potentially reduce missed collections. 360 degree cameras are anticipated to be introduced in September 2015. These will assist with health and safety issues such as vehicles driving on the footway to get passed collection vehicle. They will also resolve the disputes about bins not being out in time and damage claims.
- 6.2 The extension of street cleaning element of the contract has included a number of changes including regular mechanical sweeping of the footways in the shopping streets of the smaller towns in the District, pedestrian barrows having a vacuum system for picking up small items and a change to the litter picking frequently of rural and estate roads.
- 6.3 A bulky waste collection service review is being carried out to maximise reuse and recycling.

- 6.4 A review of communal waste collection provision in the district to enhance the service (incorporating garden and food waste collections where appropriate) is currently taking place.
- 6.5 New residents continue to receive information packs alongside their wheeled bins. The pack includes a guide to the three bin system plus the new food waste and junk mail leaflets.
- 6.6 The kerbside collection of textiles, small items of WEEE and batteries continue to prove popular.
- 6.7 Work has been carried out in preparation for the next round of door to door canvassing.
- 6.8 The latest issue of Stratford View has been sent out. This has led to an increase in requests for food caddies.
- 6.9 Bancroft Gardens and Recreation Ground in Stratford-upon-Avon have been awarded a Green Flag.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Communication activities update:

- i. The second 'Recycle for Warwickshire' e-newsletter was broadcast in July and can be accessed here <https://app.mailerlite.com/l9j3t8> .
- ii. Door canvassing across Warwickshire homes has been completed within Rugby, North Warwickshire and half of Warwick. Nuneaton and Stratford are due to be completed by October 2015. Post canvassing monitoring will then commence.
- iii. Canvassing at HWRCs have been completed at all five of the recycling centres outside of Warwick and the remaining sites within Stratford district will also be completed by October.
- iv. Signage upgrades are now complete for the Princes Drive recycling centre.
- v. A series of composting workshops are due to run towards the end of September to encourage residents to learn and begin composting at home. A workshop was also run at National Grid in June. Composting events have also been run by our master composters in Kenilworth and Leek Wootton in the past month.
- vi. The Recycle for Warwickshire Facebook page likes continue to grow and now stands at 342 likes. The two twitter pages, Compost Corner and Recycle 4 Warks also continue to expand and have 111 and 319 followers respectively.

- vii. A new leaflet and video promoting the recycling of food waste has been produced. The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/1mm6QKmPbqw>
- viii. Nappuchino events have been arranged over the next three months to encourage new parents to give real nappies a go.
- ix. Members of staff attended the Rugby community forum and the Rugby women's institute to promote Love Food Hate Waste. Staff will also be in attendance at the Rugby farmers market promoting Love Food Hate Waste at the end of September.

7.2 Procurement activities update:

- i. In progress: Plasterboard – is due back at the end of September.
- ii. In progress – Wood reprocessing tender is due back at the end of September.
- iii. The Sale of Mixed Scrap Metals Procurement Exercise will be re-tendered 'off-line' (not as an e-auction) in late summer / early autumn 2015.
- iv. Future tenders planned for this year include; mattresses, textiles and clinical waste.

7.3 Other Activities

- i. Awards: Waste management won a National Recycling Award (Efficiency Initiative of the Year) for the Age UK Warwickshire partnership contract. The same scheme also took Local Authority Gold in the International Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Excellence Awards 2015, and is now shortlisted for an APSE Service Award 2015.
- ii. The National Civic Amenity Site Conference held in Solihull on 15 July included a two-coachload site tour of Lower House Farm HWRC and reuse shop as an example of best practice.

Background Papers

None

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