

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 15 March 2023
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Millar
Councillor Tim Sinclair
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Andrew Wright
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Kathryn Lawrence
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Moira-Ann Grainger
Councillor Bill Flemming

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Sarah Millar

Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher

Councillor Andrew Wright

Ruth Dixon, Lead Commissioner: Waste Strategy and Contracts

Tamalyn Goodwin, Project Manager (Waste Strategy and Commissioning)

Isabelle Moorhouse, Democratic Services Officer

Andrew Pau, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment)

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Richard Dobbs (Corporate Director – Streetscape & Managing Director – Sherbourne Recycling)

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Sue Markham

Glen McGrandle, Head of Waste and Transport

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Kathryn Lawrence

Anton Cuscito, Transport & Waste Manager

Stratford District Council

Councillor Bill Flemming

Craig Bourne, Contracts Manager - Streetscene

1. General

(1) Apologies

Councillor Margaret Bell (NWBC)

Councillor Tim Sinclair (WCC)

Julie Lewis (Head of Environmental and Operational Services for SDC)

Steve Pardner (WDC)

Claire Preston was substituted by Anton Cuscito (Interim Transport & Waste Manager for RBC)

Zoe Court (Contract Services Manager for WDC)

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

(3) Chair's Announcement

None.

(4) Minutes of the previous meeting, including matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Waste Management Performance Data Report (Q2, 2022-2023)

Andrew Pau (Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment, WCC) summarised that:

- Ruth Dixon produced the data report because the data officer was on leave
- The numbers in the report were provisional and covered Quarters 1 and 2 (April to September) 2022/23
- Total household waste reduced by 18,000 tonnes
- The reduction was due to a combination of lower rainfall in the growing season reducing composting by nearly 6,000 tonnes
- Stratford and Warwick switching their residual waste to being collected every three weeks
- The cost-of-living issue could also be having an impact, as people are consuming less
- Landfill waste was reduced, and energy recovery was increased
- The re-use, recycling and composting rate increased because residual waste was down
- Reuse, recycling and composting performance was projected at 49.6% for 2022/23 for the whole of Warwickshire, this is likely to change when new tonnages are added from next quarter
- Kilograms of all waste had fallen per household in Warwickshire, it was projected at 915kg for 2022/23. This may change when the number of households is updated by Waste Data Flow.

3. Verbal Update on Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)

Richard Dobbs (Corporate Director – Streetscape, NWBC & Managing Director – Sherbourne Recycling) presented a PowerPoint and summarised that:

- Construction had progressed well and the building itself had taken shape
- The fire suppression water tanks were installed, they store 2 million litres of water
- Most of the outside work had finished so they were finalising the work on the inside
- *A drone shot was used showing the surrounding HWRC and waste to energy plant. The footage followed the route at the MRF that the recycling will follow*
- There were solar panels on the roof
- The dust and air suppression pipes had been installed
- The machinery was being installed and they had a good relationship with the supplier. Everything was shipped from Canada and installed on site
- An electricity wire from the Energy from Waste facility to the MRF was in place
- *A drone shot was used showing the sorting cabin (the only area where there was manual labour – 5 x people), trommel 1 and 2 that organised waste into sizes, sampling bays, the sorting processing equipment for card and metal fractions and the plastic film removal system*

- Richard Dobbs had been appointed as the Managing Director of Sherbourne Recycling; the other roles would be appointed in early 2023
- The plan is to start accepting waste - summer 2023
- The company is preparing to finalise insurance, this links with fire suppression systems
- Operational permits and procedures were being finalised to make sure that the company was ready to go from day one. These include financial and operating systems.

In response to Councillor Bill Flemming, Richard Dobbs agreed to send the slides out but notes that the drone shots themselves were 1GB each so they would be difficult to send out via email. The drone footage would be uploaded onto the Sherbourne Recycling's website at <https://www.sherbournerecycling.co.uk/>.

In response to Councillor Katheryn Lawrence relating to management of fire and explosive risks, Richard Dobbs said that they were carrying out fire risk assessments as part of the comprehensive fire risk strategy. Additional work was taking place on explosive risks, fire risks, dust suppression and air handling. Sparks and ignition risk would not be allowed in key areas to manage risk. Dust suppression and extraction would be very important. The robotics in the MRF would be trained to watch out for ignition risks e.g., lithium batteries, pressurised items. This would be linked to the MRF's health and safety systems, and if it saw any danger, it would shut the plant down until the danger was removed. There was fire suppression throughout the building as well as sprinklers and water cannons. There were shutters so different parts of the building could be compartmentalised quickly and the conveyers were set up so they could be isolated and stopped if things were on there that should not be. A specialist advisor visited monthly to advise on improvements. They were now speaking to their main operating insurers, and they will fully audit what activities take place on site, in addition there will be training plans and certification for licensed workers. A permit would also be sought from the Environment Agency (EA) so they could operate; they were in the final process of this application.

Following a supplementary query from Councillor Lawrence, Richard Dobbs agreed to confirm who was being used for the work.

Andrew Pau congratulated Richard Dobbs on his new role and for the number of solar panels on the building.

In response to a question from Andrew Pau regarding the plastic film extraction equipment, Richard Dobbs stated that the kit will work and there would be rigorous testing regime to ensure that the MRF can recycle film effectively. The recycling collected by the collection authorities would not initially have a lot of film in it so the MRF would need a way to test it with the collection authorities possibly through a pilot so they could see what needed amending.

In response to Anton Cuscito (Transport & Waste Manager, RBC) on the type of water used in the fire suppression system, Richard Dobbs said that the EA permit is very strict on what they would be allowed to do on site regarding water collection and in addition the tanks need to be permanently full in case there is a fire.

Following a question from Glen McGrandle (Head of Waste and Transport, NBBC) regarding the end markets for plastic film, Richard Dobbs stated, the MRF had contracts ready to be signed by offtakers. There were some emerging markets as well. There is not a lot of value currently in film and it is more likely this would be cost neutral.

4. Verbal Update on the development of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England

Andrew Pau summarised that:

- DEFRA recently had some workshops focusing on extended producer responsibility (EPR)
- Feedback from the workshops was that a lot of detail was discussed on EPR as the issue is very important for producers, the waste industry and local authorities
- Central government is taking a detailed and careful approach
- Progress on the Warwickshire waste strategy had paused until central government moves forward
- The changes made by Stratford and Warwick District was in line with the strategy, the waste hierarchy and the circular economy

5. Verbal report from RBC regarding collection modelling work with WRAP

This item was postponed to the next meeting

Andrew Pau informed the group that the work had not been circulated internally at Rugby Borough Council, but this would be done by the time the next meeting takes place in March.

6. Verbal update on Flytipping

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

7. Verbal update on WCC Communications

Ruth Dixon (Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy & Contracts, WCC) presented a PowerPoint and summarised that:

- Various behavioural change campaigns take place, these focus on all aspects of the waste hierarchy from waste prevention to recycling.
- Waste prevention campaigns include - not creating waste in the first place by not buying new and repairing/reusing instead, a 'Second-hand September' campaign that focused on what to do with reused and preloved items, especially clothing. People were expected to buy less with the current cost of living issue.
- Home composting was a current focus - making leaf mulch in the autumn, as well as preparing the garden for winter. A live online home composting workshop was carried out and there is a pre-recorded one on YouTube too. More live online home composting workshops will be carried out in Spring 2023.
- There was a focus on recycling electricals and batteries properly to avoid bin fires. Hypno-cat is the national campaign for this.
- Vapes were being incorrectly put in general waste bins so there is a campaigning to get users to take their used ones back to where they bought them
- For Recycle Week in the autumn, all authorities focussed on increasing recycling and reducing contamination.
- A big part of the communications in October is how deal with Halloween pumpkins including actually eating them, e.g. pumpkin soup.
- For International Repair Day, repair cafes across the county were promoted
- For Black Friday householders were asked to not buy things if they do not need and food planning to reduce food waste

- A lot of campaigns work is carried out on social media but there is also press releases in local papers and magazine advertisements in all boroughs and districts. Adverts in these publications are purposely placed opposite recipes so they were more likely to be seen by our target audience of the household decision maker and also think about reducing food waste and recycling waste from food
- Recent examples of Christmas messages are to buy second hand gifts for Christmas and how to store the mince pies to prevent waste
- Campaigns in January 2023 will focus on what can and should be recycled post-Christmas. This will also include food waste
- The Christmas campaigns take a number of different themes, including 'elf on the shelf' style or 'meme' style to spread information with funny pictures or messages as these have been proven to work
- Different community events were attended by the team in 2022, these were across the county, except North Warwickshire as the one in Polesworth was cancelled due to the mourning period on the death of the queen. More events were planned for Spring 2023
- Three e-newsletters will go out in December, the first one will focus on how to make less waste at Christmas. The second e-newsletter will focus on reducing food waste at Christmas and recycling food waste. The third will be about how to recycle/dispose of the Christmas tree after Christmas. There are 8000 subscribers to the newsletters with around 4000 actually opening the newsletter.
- There will be a campaign showing step by step how to reduce waste and recycle more while earning points and winning prizes. This was in line with the 'Slim your Bin' challenge.
- The school education programme for primary schools will continue, this focuses on composting and recycling assemblies, and plastic or waste free lunches. Pupils get a sticker after the assembly, which asks their parent to talk to them about their learning. 24 of these sessions were held last academic year. 18 schools were visited in the first term of this year with 12 booked in for Spring 2023. Spaces are still available if members have any schools interested. The sessions linked in will with eco-schools.

8. Waste Partners Update

Rugby

Anton Cuscito stated that they are going ahead with their route optimisation on their refuse and recycling rounds. Six new refuse vehicles were ordered, five standard and one narrow access. RBC plan to order some smaller and medium vans and were looking at whether they could be electric, this will depend on range and payload. A review on the trade waste service will take place and will go to RBC full council.

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Glen McGrandle noted that they were focusing on keeping operations running. GM shared some artwork that was being used in Nuneaton and Bedworth to reduce fly tipping. The new artwork was used in laybys where fly tipping frequently occurred. This new enforcement worked well, and fly tipping incidents decreased. The new artwork will go onto refuse vehicles soon. GM queried whether the partnership could have a conversation around whether it would be beneficial to agree a joint approach to enforcement with fly tipping and suggested that this could have cost saving benefits.

The Chair concurred that this could be a good idea.

North Warwickshire

Richard Dobbs stated that they were renewing three new vehicles and had 3 new vehicles on the way. NBBC were looking at alternative fuels for their smaller vehicles. Christmas communications with waste had started, due to the way Christmas falls there was little disruption. Garden waste collections would be suspended in February 2023.

Stratford

Craig Bourne (Contracts Manager – Streetscene, SDC) informed the group that the 1-2-3 system had been in place for four months and it significantly reduced residual waste. There was an increase in dry recycling and food waste. The service had a 99.82% successful collection rate. He thanked Andrew Pau and his team for their help with the food waste disposal point and the transfer points. Fly tipping had reduced since the new system was implemented, but there was an increase in fridges and white goods being fly tipped. Garden waste collection will be halted for two weeks between 26th December 2022 to 6th January 2023.

Andrew Pau suggested publicising the statistics for the reduction in residual waste (30%) and increase of recycling (10%).

Warwickshire

There were no new WCC contracts that affected district and borough councils this time, but there is a lot of procurement ongoing, and a lot of new contracts being developed for April 2023

9. Action on Climate change

The Chair stated that the County Council's Sustainable Futures strategy is out for community engagement, all Warwickshire residents can now provide their thoughts on the proposed strategy. As well as the full strategy there is a nine-page summary and action plan. The documents show the key themes, the planned direction and priority and the actions to be taken. To reach the 2050 target, town/parish councils and community associations would all be involved. The online survey has been launched and will run until the 15 January 2023. Focus groups were put together, using the Voice of Warwickshire so feedback from residents could be obtained first hand. The strategy has six themes which are: transport, energy, built environment, resources, waste & circular economy, sustainable communities & the green economy, natural capital & biodiversity.

The link for the public engagement can be found here:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/sustainable-futures-strategy/>

10. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting

Verbal from RBC - work with WRAP

Verbal update on Flytipping - WDC

Possible joint fly tipping enforcement tactics for the partnership - NBBC

11. Dates of future meetings

- 15th March 2023 at 2pm
- 14th June 2023 at 2pm (this meeting will be in person)

There will be options to visit Sherbourne Recycling (MRF) and the Anaerobic Digestion facility in the new year.

The Chair wished Richard Dobbs luck in his new role with the MRF.

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in waste upholstered domestic seating

In response to Anton Cuscito, Andrew Pau confirmed that when items containing POPs are collected it would be WCC's responsibility to dispose of them. WCC were waiting for the Environment Agency (EA) to release a RPS (regulatory position statement) that will hopefully give more detail on how to manage items containing POPs going forward. The EA have said they want to work with authorities on dealing with POPs.

The meeting rose at 15:17

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Chair

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

15 March 2023

Waste Management Performance Data

Recommendation

The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarters 2022/23.

1.0 Data Overview

- 1.1 This report contains a mixture of data taken from Waste Data Flow and from Warwickshire County Council in-house records (WMDS) and at the publication of this report are considered estimates.
- 1.2 The figures should be treated as provisional, as data may be changed until all authorities' data is approved by the EA and DEFRA through the Waste Data Flow System. Figures between in-house and Waste Data Flow sources will differ as a result.
- 1.3 Data for the most recent quarter is produced using in-house records prior to entry on the Waste Data Flow system. Earlier data is taken from data approved by the EA and DEFRA through the Waste Data Flow system.

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Provisional Waste Management Data 2022/23

1. Provisional performance Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2022/23 (household waste)

	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2021/22	Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2022/23	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	42,795 Tonnes	41,294 tonnes	x 1,501 tonnes down
	21.8%	23.0%	😊 1.2 % up
Composting rate	56,055 tonnes	51,235 tonnes	x 4,820 tonnes down
	28.4%	28.4%	😊 0.0 % up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	98,850 tonnes	92,529 tonnes	x 6,321 tonnes down
	50.2%	51.4%	😊 1.2 % up
Landfill rate	22,069 tonnes	12,801 tonnes	😊 9,268 tonnes down
	11.2%	7.1%	😊 4.1 % down
Energy from waste	75,890 tonnes	74,573 tonnes	x 1,317 tonnes down
	38.6%	41.5%	😊 2.9 % up
Residual	97,959 tonnes	87,374 tonnes	😊 10,585 tonnes down
	49.8%	48.6%	😊 1.2 % down
Total Household waste	196,809 tonnes	179,903 tonnes	😊 16,906 tonnes down 8.6 % down

(Data taken from WDF for 2021-22, and WDF for Q1+Q2 2022-23 + WMDS for Q3 2022-23)

2. Estimated performance for year 2022/23 (household waste)

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 est
	28,580	28,790	28,790	57,870	58,390	58,390	48,990	48,990	48,990	61,220	62,340	62,340	65,395	66,550	66,550	N/A	N/A	N/A	261,490	265,070	265,070
Recycling rate	5,414 tonnes 18.3%	4,028 tonnes 14.3%	4,985 tonnes 18.7%	10,144 tonnes 19.2%	9,424 tonnes 18.3%	8,219 tonnes 18.3%	9,400 tonnes 21.7%	9,107 tonnes 21.6%	9,200 tonnes 25.1%	14,861 tonnes 23.9%	13,513 tonnes 23.3%	13,412 tonnes 24.9%	12,822 tonnes 22.0%	11,779 tonnes 21.2%	11,293 tonnes 20.2%	10,468 tonnes 44.0%	10,960 tonnes 40.8%	9,822 tonnes 37.4%	63,109 tonnes 23.4%	58,811 tonnes 22.4%	56,931 tonnes 23.3%
Composting rate	7,843 tonnes 26.6%	6,176 tonnes 22.0%	5,215 tonnes 19.6%	10,032 tonnes 19.0%	10,412 tonnes 20.3%	7,974 tonnes 17.8%	10,067 tonnes 23.3%	9,090 tonnes 21.6%	7,836 tonnes 21.4%	22,146 tonnes 35.5%	18,692 tonnes 32.2%	18,712 tonnes 34.8%	19,020 tonnes 32.6%	18,228 tonnes 32.8%	19,436 tonnes 34.8%	2,472 tonnes 10.4%	3,976 tonnes 14.8%	4,463 tonnes 17.0%	71,580 tonnes 26.5%	66,574 tonnes 25.4%	63,636 tonnes 26.1%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	13,257 tonnes 44.9%	10,204 tonnes 36.3%	10,200 tonnes 38.3%	20,176 tonnes 38.2%	19,836 tonnes 38.6%	16,193 tonnes 36.1%	19,467 tonnes 45.0%	18,197 tonnes 43.2%	17,036 tonnes 46.4%	37,007 tonnes 59.4%	32,205 tonnes 55.5%	32,124 tonnes 59.7%	31,842 tonnes 54.6%	30,007 tonnes 54.0%	30,729 tonnes 55.0%	12,940 tonnes 54.4%	14,936 tonnes 55.6%	14,285 tonnes 54.3%	134,689 tonnes 49.9%	125,385 tonnes 47.9%	120,567 tonnes 49.4%
Residual	16,262 tonnes 55.1%	17,883 tonnes 63.7%	16,456 tonnes 61.7%	32,654 tonnes 61.8%	31,551 tonnes 61.4%	28,699 tonnes 63.9%	23,821 tonnes 55.0%	23,890 tonnes 56.8%	19,652 tonnes 53.6%	25,301 tonnes 40.6%	25,834 tonnes 44.5%	21,655 tonnes 40.3%	26,506 tonnes 45.4%	25,515 tonnes 46.0%	25,100 tonnes 45.0%	10,839 tonnes 45.6%	11,937 tonnes 44.4%	11,999 tonnes 45.7%	135,383 tonnes 50.1%	136,610 tonnes 52.1%	123,561 tonnes 50.6%
Total	29,519 tonnes	28,087 tonnes	26,656 tonnes	52,830 tonnes	51,387 tonnes	44,892 tonnes	43,288 tonnes	42,087 tonnes	36,688 tonnes	62,308 tonnes	58,039 tonnes	53,779 tonnes	58,348 tonnes	55,522 tonnes	55,829 tonnes	23,779 tonnes	26,873 tonnes	26,284 tonnes	270,072 tonnes	261,995 tonnes	244,128 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	569 Kg	621 Kg	572 Kg	564 Kg	540 Kg	492 Kg	486 Kg	488 Kg	401 Kg	413 Kg	414 Kg	347 Kg	405 Kg	383 Kg	377 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	518 Kg	515 Kg	466 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	1,033 Kg	976 Kg	926 Kg	913 Kg	880 Kg	769 Kg	884 Kg	859 Kg	749 Kg	1,018 Kg	931 Kg	863 Kg	892 Kg	834 Kg	839 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,033 Kg	988 Kg	921 Kg

(Data Taken from WDF for previous years and combination of WDF and WDMS for 22-23)

3. HWRC Q1 + Q2 + Q3 2022-23

HWRC Performance Q1+Q2+Q3 2022-23	Burton Farm HWRC	Cherry Orchard HWRC	Hunters Lane HWRC & Transfer	Judkins HWRC	Lower House Farm	Princes Drive HWRC & Transfer	Shipston HWRC	Stockton HWRC	Wellesbourne HWRC	Total
Recycling %	54.4	59.7	51.3	56.6	54.6	51.8	57.5	50.9	54.8	54.1

(Data Taken from WDF and WDMS)

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

15 March 2023

Waste Partners Report

Recommendation

The Waste Partnership is asked to acknowledge the updates on the various waste activities taking place in each area since the last Partnership meeting in December 2022.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the various waste activities taking place in each authority area.

2.0 North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 2.1 All new trucks (6) have now been delivered, few teething problems, but on all rounds.
- 2.2 New in-cab is fitted and will hopefully, go live (phase 1) on 21/02/23. This will include residual and recycling. Phase 2 will cover green waste, trade and rural.
- 2.3 To coincide with going live with phase 2 NWBC are trialling a new vehicles w/c 21/02/23 which if successful will probably be the new trade vehicle. NWBC are also looking at a new 7.5 tonne vehicle which will be assigned to rural rounds which will relieve pressure on urban rounds and assist in allowing some expansion with new builds.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) HGV training for operations 4 x staff passed.
- b) Inter departmental works assistance increasing for river clearance, littering and waste removal.
- c) Staff training completed in January 2023 with ongoing training scheduling taking place for 2023/24.

- d) Street cleansing review planned for 23/24 in line with our Building a Better Borough commitment.
- e) Preparations being made to commence recycling material feedstick into the new Sherbourne MRF.

3.2 Enforcement

- a) Environmental enforcement contract generally working well with District Enforcement. Education playing a key part in prevention of offences with further open days and schools talks being planned.

3.3 Promotions/Communications

- a) Preparation started for Christmas and New Year 2023 / 2024 collections.
- b) Preparations now being undertaken to promote and communicate new garden waste collections year 23/24.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 The in-cab system for domestic and recycling rounds are going through process currently and should be up and running by the end of May 2023.
- 4.2 Fly tipping has increased by about 10% from this time last year, a slight increase in asbestos waste has been noticed.
- 4.3 9 new refuse collection vehicles have been ordered through the fleet replacement programme for waste and recycling operations.
- 4.4 Staff training completed in January 2023 (cost of living crisis – looking out for vulnerable people situations) with an ongoing training schedule taking place throughout 2023 (the safe operation of using bin lift equipment taking place, after a fatality at Coventry City Council).
- 4.5 Interviews schedule in February 2023 for new post of Development Officer at RBC.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Warwick District Council are over 6 months into the 123+ collection service, most residents seem to have adapted to the new collections, in particular the feedback continues to be positive about the comingled collections and a weekly food waste collection.
- 5.2 Warwick District Council are now introducing food waste collections at suitable communal sites.

- 5.3 Warwick District Council are creating a new Waste Education and Enforcement Officer post, initially for 2 years. This post will initially concentrate on work in areas of the district where the 123+ collection service has not yet settled down, in Leamington town centre, with a high concentration of flats, terraced properties, HMO and university student properties. Issues at our high-rise flats have settled down.
- 5.4 The new post will also work closely with Warwick University as they have kindly agreed to contribute to the salary for 2 years.
- 5.5 Warwick District Council has seen an increase in flytipping over the last few months, particularly of black bags on the highway, however the overall tonnage is lower. The software used by North Warwickshire for their heat maps was not one that Warwick District uses, so work is underway by ICT and the performance officer withing the Contract Services Team to create a monthly, quarterly, and annual heat map.
- 5.6 Rugby was unable to provide waste enforcement for us, so we have taken this 'in-house' as part of the new role and will monitor this before making decision as to whether to make this role permanent or outsource to a private contractor.
- 5.7 Warwick District Council now have 3 Area Contract Officers with our third one joining the team in January, this has allowed us to increase our monitoring and inspections across the district of our street cleansing, grounds maintenance and building cleaning contract – with the purpose of improving the cleanliness and safety of our district.
- 5.8 Warwick District Council have a 1-page advert promoting the 123+ service in the Council Tax booklet that will be 'hitting the mats' in March. There is also 2 community talks coming up and hope the new role will be able to offer these more widely across the district to schools and other community groups, to help raise awareness of the 123+ service, recycling, waste reduction and anti-littering messages. Over 13,000 garden waste permits have been sold by the end of February.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 The new joint Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council waste collection contract and the new Stratford District Council Street Cleansing Contract are both settling down well. The new food waste collection service continues to be very popular. We are now looking to extend this to communal properties.
- 6.2 Garden waste subscriptions for 2023/24 have opened and there were over 14,000 permits sold in January.
- 6.3 The biannual review of the continued eligibility of residents receiving assisted collections has been completed.

- 6.4 Fly-tipping has remained steady, but there has been a noticeable increase in fly-tipped asbestos waste.
- 6.5 The bi-annual hot washing of the pavements in Stratford Town Centre will be taking place for Shakespeare’s Birthday Celebrations in April.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

- a) All the HWRCs are open and continue to operate with a ‘live’ booking system which prevents queueing. Booking will be important for evening out demand for visits as the weather improves. Reuse shops are open at all sites bar Stockton.
- b) Food waste transfer continues at Princes Drive and Burton Farm prior to transfer to the Severn Trent Green Power anaerobic digestion facility at Coleshill. 3980 tonnes of food waste were delivered August to December 2022.
- c) Warwickshire County Council are currently unable to accept upholstered seating at Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne. This is due to us now not sending this waste to landfill.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 8680 subscribers received the recent edition of the ‘Warwickshire Recycles’ e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate
Sustainable Christmas – food waste reduction, waste-free gifting, Christmas tree recycling	43.9%	11.9%
February / March – food portions, home composting workshops, electricals recycling	49.4%	3.9%

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,329 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 390 households are reporting their recycling and 260 are reducing their food waste. Users can now see how much carbon they have saved through their actions. NBBC slimmers gained the most points and nominated Myton Hospice for the annual charity donation.
- c) Schools’ waste reduction, composting and recycling activities in a face-to-face format have resumed this academic year. 18 school visits were carried out last term and 15 are lined up for this term – we are targeting to engage with at least 6000 pupils and their families this academic year.

- d) In-person home composting workshops will be run again in the spring. The draft schedule is in development:

Venue	Date
Bedworth Library	01/03/2023
Atherstone Library	01/03/2023
Napton Village Hall	25/03/2023
Rugby Library	18/04/2023
Kenilworth Library	22/04/2023
Online Workshop	05/2023

The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 1891 times and feedback has been very positive.

Subsidised cold compost bins are available to purchase from Princes Drive and online. Subsidised hot compost bins, Green Johannas, are available online for home delivery. Sales of composting equipment so far this year are strong, with sales this year expected to better the high sales of last year.

We offer talks about waste reduction and home composting to community groups and will be out an about in the community in the spring and summer.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1024 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2618 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, repair, Slim Your Bin, recycling, battery disposal, leaf composting and job vacancies were shared widely.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) Procurements currently taking place include residual waste recovery / disposal and metal recycling from HWRCs.
- b) Upcoming procurements/projects in 2023 include food waste reprocessing, operation and bulk haulage from Lower House Farm, other bulk haulage, waste composition and plasterboard reprocessing.

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

- 9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the June 2023 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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