

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2023
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Membership

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)
Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne
Councillor Sarah Millar
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Tim Sinclair
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Lorraine Grocott
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Will Roberts
Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret

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Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Heather Timms (Chair)

Councillor Tim Sinclair

Andrew Pau, Head of Waste and Environment

Ruth Dixon, Lead Commissioner - Waste Strategy and Contracts

Isabelle Moorhouse, Democratic Services Officer

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillor Margaret Bell

Cath James, Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillor Sue Markham

Glen McGrandle, Head of Waste and Transport

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret

Stratford District Council

Councillor Lorraine Grocott

Julie Lewis, Head of Environmental and Operational Services

Warwick District Council

Councillor Will Roberts

Zoe Court, Contract Services Manager

Steve Partner,

1. General

(1) Apologies

Claire Preston (RBC)

Anton Cuscito (RBC)

(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 were approved as a correct record.

2. Welcome and introduction to new members

The Chair introduced herself and explained that this meeting was in person as there were new members to the partnership. Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Waste Management Performance Data 2022-2023 and national benchmarking (2021/22)

Andrew Pau summarised the following points:

- All the statistics in this paper come from the boroughs and districts and WCC. This is shown at every meeting.
- Total household waste had dropped by 23,000 tonnes since last year. Waste reduction schemes carried out by the partners and external factors, possibly the cost-of-living crisis, caused this.
- The overall recycling, reuse and composting rate was up. Composting levels were down in terms of tonnage as 2022/23 had a very dry summer. They are expected to be higher in 2023/24.
- The amount of kgs of residual waste per household had reduced.
- The dry recycling rate was not as high as the Councils would like it to be, but it was good that the overall recycling/reusing/composting rate was 50.6%, as it was expected to be below 50%.
- Landfill rates were reducing.
- The HWRC recycling rates were not as high as the Council would like them to be.
- Trade waste is not included in the report as it is not household waste.

In response to Councillor Tim Sinclair, Andrew Pau stated that historically people bought less in economic hardships.

In response to Councillor Sue Markham, Andrew Pau said that rates were up despite tonnages being down was because this was relative to the overall waste arisings.

Following a supplementary question from Councillor Margaret Bell, Andrew Pau noted that the tonnage decreases on things like 'energy from waste' were high and the 9% decrease in overall waste was high.

Ruth Dixon clarified that the percentage in the report showed the point change so it should not add up.

Andrew Pau added that landfill waste was solely made up of household waste; the aim was to keep this below 10% which they were actively managing.

Julie Lewis noted that the landfill rate did not take the number of households in Warwickshire into account; especially in Warwick District which had the most households.

Councillor Sinclair requested figures from prior to 2021 and suggested that once a year the second table be in graph form.

Ruth Dixon informed the partnership that Warwickshire ranked 11/33 in terms of recycling rates for disposal authorities. Stratford and Warwick Districts were 22nd and 32nd out of 210 waste collection authorities for recycling rate. However, this was old information, it is predicted that SDC may be back in the top 10 for 2022/23. An updated set of statistics and comparison data will be presented at September's meeting.

SDC and WDCs waste collection

Julie Lewis summarised that:

- SDC and WDC have a joint waste collection contract with Biffa and a new 1-2-3 + waste collection scheme. Food waste is collected separately and weekly, recycling is collected fortnightly and residual waste is collected every three weeks. There is an opt-in paid-for fortnightly garden waste collection.
- WDC had the biggest changes, changing from a kerbside sort recycling collection to a single comingled wheelie bin and introducing garden waste subscription as well as the changed also introduced in SDC, as above.
- In WDC the residual waste bin capacity is 180 litres. In SDC, households have kept their 240 litre grey bins but replacement bins are now 180 litres.
- Before the introduction of the system, some residents raised concerns that their residual waste capacity would be too low. However, there is now high satisfaction with the new system and residual waste has dropped with the three weekly collections in 180l bins (3).
- WDC did not need to separate their dry recyclables anymore and it now comingles in one bin every two weeks (2).
- The Councils do a weekly food waste collection as it was expected to become government legislation. This was also to remove it from residual waste. Indoor caddies and outdoor bins were distributed to every household in the two districts (1).
- Both authorities have charges for green waste collection which is an optional add on (+)
- 1-2-3 + started in August 2022.
- When the Councils started there were issues as there was a driver shortage, new collection vehicles were stuck in Ukraine because of the war and inflation with wages was an issue.
- Statistics show that residual waste is falling monthly. This is in part because of the weekly food waste collection.
- The only issue with the food waste collection was that not every resident got their bins in time for the first collection.
- Recycling rates increased more at WDC then SDC, as predicted.

In response to Councillor Bell, Julie Lewis confirmed that they had to buy separate food waste collection trucks. Originally a separate pod on the normal collection vehicles was proposed like at Daventry but this was not the preferred option for the refuse collection companies bidding for the contract. In the run-up to the service change, residents were given a hard copy calendar showing when each bin would be collected. Now there is an app (Cloud 9, which is also used by RBC) which tells residents which bin needs putting out; calendars are still available online.

In response to Councillor Carolyn Watson-Merret, Julie Lewis noted that when food is separated it makes people realise how much they are wasting, and the councils are aiming to increase food waste reduction at the same time as capturing for recycling all of the food waste that is generated.

Following a question from Councillor Sinclair, Julie Lewis said that they would print and send out calendars for residents who request them. Some households qualified for 240 litre refuse waste bins like households with six adults, households with more than two children in nappies or medical needs. They would need to request these, and the use of these bins would be under review. Households have to pay for additional bins but not the service.

In response to Councillor Lorraine Grocott, Julie Lewis clarified that households could have requested additional recycling bins when the new system started and still can. The council will pick up side recycling too because they want to encourage recycling.

Andrew Pau noted that the three weekly collections made people think what they were doing with their residual waste. This improved Stratford and Warwick's household waste statistics and recycling rates.

Julie Lewis added that Stratford and Warwick's garden waste rates had decreased a lot last year because of the dry summer. It varied annually so it could not be added to the dry recyclables rates.

In response to Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne said that garden waste could not easily go to an anaerobic digestion facility centre because a different licence would be needed for this. If a digester was going to make energy from food waste, then its contents had to be solely food waste. It would also affect the byproducts. Therefore, garden waste could not be mixed with food waste in an anaerobic digester.

Andrew Pau added that wood and twigs were not good for anaerobic digestion.

Julie Lewis stated that one of the reasons they separated food waste was because it used to go in the garden waste bin. Separated it could go to WCC's selected anaerobic digestion facility.

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

Ruth Dixon presented a PowerPoint and highlighted the following points:

- In 2018 local authorities (LAs) were told by central government that there would be a new resources and waste strategy.
- National consultations were held in 2019 and 2021. The WWP responded to these consultations.
- The new strategy aims to waste less and recycle more while promoting a circular economy.
- There are three planned pillars for the new strategy: extended producer responsibility (EPR), deposit return scheme (DRS) and collection consistency.
- EPR – companies must pay LA to dispose of waste created from their product's packaging. This includes all kerbside collections, HWRC streams and binned litter but not ground litter.
- Any company with a turnover of £2 million or more handling 50 tonnes of packaging or more is obligated to pay into the scheme.
- DEFRA were working with local authorities and brand owners to get this scheme started and make a first payment to LAs in 2024/5.
- DEFRA stated that Chief Executives of all LAs will be asked to nominate a senior waste officer and senior finance officer in the near future.
- The EPR scheme should reduce unnecessary packaging and make more packaging materials readily recyclable.

- LAs will get the full amount of money to dispose of the waste. The amount given could either be accepted or appealed if the LA believe it does not cover the collection and disposal costs.
- The amount of money that the LA gets also depends on how good their collection and disposal service is. However, money could be given to improve this service.
- DRS – householders will be able to return plastic drinks bottles and metal drinks cans sized between 50ml-3l. It is unknown how much the deposit will be per item but would likely be 20p.
- Each bottle or can in a multipack will also be part of the DRS.
- The DRS is planned to start in October 2025.
- People would either be able to return their bottles/cans to a reverse vending machine in a supermarket or take back to a smaller retailer where they would scan the barcode of the product then recycle the container.
- Scotland were going to introduce DRS first, but this has been postponed. Biffa were contracted to carry out the logistics.
- The scheme would be good for the environment, reducing litter of this type and may encourage people to use refillable containers instead.
- Tetrapak, most plastic milk bottles and glass will not be part of the DRS in England.
- DRS will start after the EPR scheme is implemented.
- Waste collection authorities may be able to claim the deposit of DRS applicable items collected at the kerbside.
- When the DRS scheme is live in Warwickshire, Sherbourne may be able to separate DRS items to enable the deposits to be reclaimed.
- Consistency in collections – this is the most unknown pillar of the new strategy. There will be a mandatory set of dry recyclables, this will include Tetrapak from 2024 and plastic film from 2026, which will be dealt with at Sherbourne when it opens.
- It is believed that food waste will have to be collected weekly and separately by 2025.
- There may be guidance on garden waste and residual waste collection.
- There will be a DEFRA run forum on the 6th July for the new strategy which members and officers could invite themselves to.

Ruth Dixon agreed with Councillor Bell that the EPR would likely cause prices of goods to increase slightly but this would not be as noticeable as the deposit on drinks containers.

In response to Councillor Baxter-Payne, Ruth Dixon stated that there would be a shift by companies to minimise packaging so they would not have to pay as much.

In response to Councillor Bell, Ruth Dixon clarified that glass would not be part of the DRS because of pressure from the glass industry themselves. They said it would be too noisy with glass bottles going into the reverse vending machines and issues with broken glass. The glass industry did not want their products' prices to increase despite being so easily recyclable. No milk containers will be part of the DRS either because the HDPE plastic containers were not included, only PET plastic bottles like pop and water bottles.

Andrew Pau noted that Scotland and Wales plan to include glass as part of their DRS and England and NI do not.

5. Update on waste education

Ruth Dixon presented a PowerPoint and highlighted the following points:

- Officers from all councils work collaboratively on behaviour change campaigns and waste communications.
- Schools can receive a visit from the WCC team and in spring the focus is on composting. Workshops and assemblies are available on request via <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-resources/waste-education-schools>.
- Pupils who take part in a school waste assembly or workshop get stickers to show to their families and say what they did.
- Spaces are available for 2023/4.
- Composting workshops have been held across the county in the spring and 250 households have been spoken to about home composting.
- Another focus is our HWRC reuse shops. Judkins shop is run by Mary Ann Evans Hospice and the other 7 are run by Age UK so all proceeds go to help people living in Coventry and Warwickshire.
- There are promotions to recycle electricals and batteries and keep them out of residual waste because these are a fire hazard.
- Textile waste has a high carbon footprint, reuse is encouraged by taking to a local charity shop, HWRC or left on the kerb for collection in WDC and SDC.
- Marketing was done in Stratford on reusing containers e.g. bottles or coffee cups.
- WCC were now focusing on reducing food waste with the cost-of-living crisis.

Andrew Pau informed the partnership that when they previously did a composition analysis of kerbside collected residual waste, 1/3 of the residual waste was food waste. Julie Lewis added that this had reduced in WDC and SDC since they started collecting food waste separately.

In response to the Chair, Ruth Dixon stated that when they next do a composition analysis study, it would happen between September and November. Residents cannot be notified before as it could impact the results.

6. MRF update

Andrew Pau stated that all waste collection authorities were members of the Sherbourne MRF (materials recycling facility) and they were all set to visit the MRF this summer.

Julie Lewis informed the partnership that when the MRF is in its trial stage, it will receive waste from SDC first as it was deemed the cleanest.

Councillor Watson-Merret praised the MRFs structure and noted that it was the first in the world of its kind.

The Chair concurred with this and noted that because of the work done by the councils, it should lead to an increase in recycling and a reduction in residual waste.

Councillor Grocott noted that big organisations were doing more things in the UK e.g. the Amazon boxes were being made in Essex.

Councillor Bell noted that once other LAs see how much could be done at their MRF then others would follow Warwickshire's example.

The Chair concurred with this as it would recycle a wide range of materials.

Councillor Markham noted that the MRF could identify specific collection locations or rounds where there was room for improvement and lead to a targeted approach in communications to increase recycling or reduce contamination.

Councillor Baxter-Payne noted that Coventry City Council did this now.

Councillor Grocott praised the sustainability of the MRF and how futureproof it was. It has solar panels and will use electricity from the next-door Energy from Waste plant. It will use artificial intelligence to sort the waste.

Andrew Pau stated that they would do a video demonstrating the recycling sorting at Sherbourne once up and running. Councillors can visit the [Sherbourne website](#) for information.

7. Waste Partners Update

Nuneaton & Bedworth

In response to Councillor Sinclair, Glen McGrandle confirmed that an enforcement officer had been stabbed by a resident and another had a car driven at them. The incidents have been reported to the police. Cameras were put on refuse collection vehicles to record dangerous driving around staff and this goes straight to the police too. Abuse to refuse collectors was not publicised much.

North Warwickshire

Nothing to add

Warwick

Nothing to add

Stratford

In response to Councillor Sinclair, Julie Lewis clarified that fly tipping had reduced with household waste (residual and green), but it was low anyway. Since residual waste had reduced, they were looking to see where this waste was being disposed of.

Rugby

Nothing to add

Warwickshire

Ruth Dixon noted that the current abandoned vehicles contract is up for renewal later in the year so work will be done from September on this.

Andrew Pau stated that WCC has an 18 month interim food waste processing contract. The county is out to tender on a new longer-term contract for food waste.

In response to Councillor Grocott, Andrew Pau stated that for Warwickshire to build its own anaerobic digestion they would 40-50,000 tonnes of food waste and they only had 10,000 at

present. Discussions were held with Coventry City Council and Solihull Borough Council, but it was decided that it would be prudent to make use of the local commercial food waste treatment facilities.

8. Action on Climate change

Ruth Dixon stated that officers and councillors from the different authorities in Warwickshire met up regularly to talk about climate change. WCC hired AECOM as a consultant on their climate strategy. The strategy has six themes and it covered waste, resources, the circular economy, and green jobs/opportunities. It will also focus on teaching the best practice on handling waste. The strategy has an action plan that would be carried out by WCC in partnership. 1000 residents in Warwickshire were involved in a public consultation between November-January last year and this led to an agreement that more work was needed to be done. It will go to June's Cabinet meeting.

Andrew Pau added that WCC as the waste disposal authority generated 14,000 tonnes of carbon annually. However, taking recycling/reusing and other work done by all of Warwickshire's authorities into account, this becomes around zero.

The Chair noted that the strategy did not mean that WCC would stop business-as-usual and it would carry on doing the work it is doing to remain carbon zero.

9. Agenda item suggestions for next meeting 1-2-3 + a year on statistics

The Chair noted that any members or officers of the partnership may suggest items for the next agendas.

10. Dates of future meetings

27th September 2023 2pm

6th December 2023 2pm

These meetings will be on Teams.

The meeting rose at 15:52

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Chair

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Waste Management Performance Data for Quarter 1, 2023 - 2024

Recommendation

The Partnership is asked to note the provisional data for the 1st Quarter 2023/24.

1.0 Data Overview

- 1.1 This report contains a mixture of data taken from Waste Data Flow¹ and from Warwickshire County Council in-house records, 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 Environment Agency (EA) and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) through the Waste Data Flow system.

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¹ Waste Data Flow is a national web-based system used for municipal waste data reporting by UK local authorities to government

Provisional Waste Management Data 2023/24

1. Provisional performance Q1 2023/24 (household waste)

	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2023/24	Change
Recycling/Reuse rate	13,808 tonnes	14,692 tonnes	☺ 884 tonnes up
	21.0%	22.1%	☺ 1.1% up
Composting rate	18,758 tonnes	22,511 tonnes	☺ 3,753 tonnes up
	28.5%	33.9%	☺ 5.4% up
Recycling, Composting and Reuse rate	32,566 tonnes	37,203 tonnes	☺ 4,637 tonnes up
	49.5%	56.0%	☺ 6.5% up
Landfill rate	6,256 tonnes	5,153 tonnes	☺ 1,103 tonnes down
	9.5%	7.8%	☺ 1.7% down
Energy from waste	26,996 tonnes	24,102 tonnes	☺ 2,894 tonnes down
	41.0%	36.2%	☺ 4.8% down
Total Household waste	65,818 tonnes	66,458 tonnes	x 640 tonnes up
			x 1.0% up

2. Estimated performance for year 2023/24 (household waste)

HH	North Warwickshire			Nuneaton and Bedworth			Rugby			Stratford			Warwick			HWRC			Warwickshire		
	28,790	29,210	29,210	58,390	58,980	58,980	48,990	49,520	49,520	62,340	63,680	63,680	66,550	67,500	67,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	265,060	268,890	268,890
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 est
Recycling rate	4,028 tonnes 14.3%	4,743 tonnes 19.4%	5,342 tonnes 21.6%	8,781 tonnes 17.3%	8,451 tonnes 18.1%	7,772 tonnes 16.9%	9,107 tonnes 21.6%	9,016 tonnes 23.7%	9,863 tonnes 24.7%	13,513 tonnes 23.3%	12,538 tonnes 24.0%	12,382 tonnes 24.2%	11,779 tonnes 21.2%	11,249 tonnes 21.3%	11,548 tonnes 21.9%	10,960 tonnes 40.8%	9,946 tonnes 39.6%	9,956 tonnes 38.3%	58,168 tonnes 22.3%	55,943 tonnes 23.4%	56,863 tonnes 23.7%
Composting rate	6,176 tonnes 22.0%	4,752 tonnes 19.4%	4,859 tonnes 19.7%	10,412 tonnes 20.5%	8,042 tonnes 17.3%	8,096 tonnes 17.6%	9,090 tonnes 21.6%	7,385 tonnes 19.4%	8,453 tonnes 21.2%	18,692 tonnes 32.2%	18,794 tonnes 36.0%	19,793 tonnes 38.7%	18,228 tonnes 32.8%	16,887 tonnes 32.0%	18,201 tonnes 34.5%	3,976 tonnes 14.8%	4,180 tonnes 16.7%	5,095 tonnes 19.6%	66,574 tonnes 25.5%	60,040 tonnes 25.1%	64,497 tonnes 26.8%
Recycling, Composting and Reuse Rate	10,204 tonnes 36.3%	9,495 tonnes 38.8%	10,201 tonnes 41.3%	19,193 tonnes 37.8%	16,493 tonnes 35.4%	15,868 tonnes 34.5%	18,197 tonnes 43.2%	16,401 tonnes 43.2%	18,316 tonnes 45.9%	32,205 tonnes 55.5%	31,332 tonnes 60.0%	32,175 tonnes 62.9%	30,007 tonnes 54.0%	28,136 tonnes 53.4%	29,749 tonnes 56.5%	14,936 tonnes 55.6%	14,126 tonnes 56.3%	15,051 tonnes 57.9%	124,742 tonnes 47.7%	115,983 tonnes 48.5%	121,360 tonnes 50.5%
Residual	17,883 tonnes 63.7%	15,005 tonnes 61.2%	14,505 tonnes 58.7%	31,551 tonnes 62.2%	30,101 tonnes 64.6%	30,145 tonnes 65.5%	23,890 tonnes 56.8%	21,608 tonnes 56.8%	21,560 tonnes 54.1%	25,834 tonnes 44.5%	20,864 tonnes 40.0%	18,965 tonnes 37.1%	25,515 tonnes 46.0%	24,598 tonnes 46.6%	22,936 tonnes 43.5%	11,937 tonnes 44.4%	10,966 tonnes 43.7%	10,950 tonnes 42.1%	136,610 tonnes 52.3%	123,142 tonnes 51.5%	119,061 tonnes 49.5%
Total	28,087 tonnes	24,500 tonnes	24,706 tonnes	50,744 tonnes	46,594 tonnes	46,013 tonnes	42,087 tonnes	38,009 tonnes	39,876 tonnes	58,039 tonnes	52,196 tonnes	51,140 tonnes	55,522 tonnes	52,734 tonnes	52,685 tonnes	26,873 tonnes	25,092 tonnes	26,001 tonnes	261,352 tonnes	239,125 tonnes	240,421 tonnes
Kg of residual per HH	621 Kg	514 Kg	497 Kg	540 Kg	510 Kg	511 Kg	488 Kg	436 Kg	435 Kg	414 Kg	328 Kg	298 Kg	383 Kg	364 Kg	340 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	515 Kg	458 Kg	443 Kg
Kg of all waste per HH	976 Kg	839 Kg	846 Kg	869 Kg	790 Kg	780 Kg	859 Kg	768 Kg	805 Kg	931 Kg	820 Kg	803 Kg	834 Kg	781 Kg	781 Kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	986 Kg	889 Kg	894 Kg

3. HWRC Performance Q1 2023-24 (household waste)

HWRC Performance 2023-24	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 %	61.1	65.4	52.5	56.7	53.4	55.8	71.3	52.6	60.6	57.1

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Item 5

Warwickshire Waste Partnership**27 September 2023****Waste Partners Report****Recommendation**

1. 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 June 2023.

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 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council**3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing**

- a) Refuse collection and recycling round re-configuration to commence Monday 25th September 2023, with waste management officers preparing response plans to tackle issues identified. Additional resource has been made available to respond to missed collections etc.
- b) All refuse collection employees have undertaken certificated vehicle hoist training. With all supervisors undertaking a train the trainer course, to keep staff safe whilst working.
- c) Orders placed for the purchase of an additional 7.5 tonne RCV and financial provision for the purchase of a replacement 32 tonne hook lift progressing well.
- d) Litter picking and fly tip removal initiative at Bedworth Lane, in partnership with WCC highways section, went well with several tonnes of waste removed.
- e) NBBC recycling material scheduled into Sherbourne MRF initially from Monday 23rd October 2023,
- f) In conjunction to the above, NBBC to commence co-mingled material collections. Replacing the current dual stream method.

- j) The paid for wheeled bin replacement and repair policy progressing well with funding supporting purchases.

3.2 Enforcement

- a) NBBC continue to work with our partner District Enforcement, issuing littering, fly tipping FPN's.

3.3 Promotions/Communications

- a) Dates agreed for Christmas and New Year 2023 / 2024 collections. Comms to residents affected to be sent out shortly.
- b) Preparations now being undertaken to promote and communicate new garden waste collections year 23/24.
- c) Round re-configuration communications in full swing. Portfolio holder video made updating residents on potential collection changes. Information Post cards sent to all residents. Social comms updates and web pages for calendar downloads available.
- d) Waste Management officers attended a recent residents involvement day answering service related questions, which was very well received.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 The in-cab system for domestic and recycling rounds should have been up and running by mid-June, but due to staff sickness issues this has been put back for the time being.
- 4.2 Fly tipping is still on the increase.
- 4.3 9 new refuse collection vehicles have been ordered through the fleet replacement programme for waste and recycling operations and should be arriving mid-August, 6 of these vehicles have now been delivered 2 electric tipper vehicles are now in operation in our Parks department and the new electric vehicle for the Mayor of Rugby is due for delivery on the 9th of October.
- 4.4 More staff training has been completed since March 2024 (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). The training will be ongoing throughout the year.
- 4.5 The new Waste Services Development Officer (Alex Becker) is now in post.

- 4.6 We are looking to start the delivery of our DMR into Sherbourne W/C 9th October.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 WDC's recycling rate is up by almost 7% compared with the same time period last year, WDC are doing a press release to thank residents as a short survey to gather their feedback.
- 5.2 WDC have sold over 39k garden waste permits to date, higher than 2022-23 Recycling material started to be diverted to Sherborne MRF in August after a slight delay.
- 5.3 A new Waste Education and Enforcement Officer is starting mid-September.
- 4.4 Residents can now check their waste collections through Alexa devices using our app.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 In July, there were 16 missed collections per 100,000 across Stratford-on-Avon District and Warwick District.
- 6.2 Deliveries into the Sherbourne Recycling MRF are going well with no significant operational issues reported.
- 6.3 Nearly 47,500 garden waste permits have been sold this year and still rising (similar level to last year).
- 6.4 Fly-tipping incidents have increased by 26% in July and August compared to the same period last year.

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 has helped to manage visits over the busy summer period. When Lower House Farm closed due to a fire and Burton Farm closed due to the damaged railway bridge, visitors with appointments could be informed of alternative arrangements. Booking also helped to manage the extra visits to Wellesbourne over the weekend when Burton Farm was shut.
 - b) The Age UK Coventry & Warwickshire Reuse shops have seen success over the summer, selling 15 tonnes of garden & outdoor goods and 24 tonnes of bicycles. Shipston Reuse Shop has achieved sales income 4 times that of pre-

Covid levels. 24 tonnes of electrical goods were sold over the summer and the shops are looking for more donations, as well as donations of seasonal items for autumn and Christmas.

- c) Food waste transfer continues at Princes Drive and Burton Farm prior to transfer to the Severn Trent Green Power anaerobic digestion facility at Coleshill. Thanks to SDC and Biffa for accommodating the transfer station change for the week that Burton Farm was closed.
- d) Warwickshire County Council are currently unable to accept upholstered seating at Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne. This is due to us not sending this waste to landfill.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 8369 subscribers received the recent edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate
July Newsletter – waste-free picnic, garment care, refill, reuse shops, composting, recycling	48%	10%

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,368 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 1032 households are reporting their recycling and 367 are reducing their food waste. This month users are being encouraged to be Litter Pick Heroes. Currently NBBC slimmers are at the top of the leaderboard, but there is still time for other districts and boroughs to gain points and be in with a chance of donating £650 to the charity of their choice.
- c) Schools' waste reduction, composting and recycling activities in a face-to-face format have resumed. 44 school visits were carried out last academic year, equating to engaging with 10,856 pupils and their families. This term, 16 schools will be visited, engaging with 3450 pupils and their families.
- d) Eleven Home Composting workshops were held in the Spring attracting 266 residents. Workshops will continue to take place in each District and Borough in the Autumn (Alcester, Kenilworth, Bedworth, Rugby, Atherstone) with an online workshop to cater for those who cannot make a face-to-face event. We have attended seven events over the summer with around 600 residents reached.
 The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 2048 times and feedback has been very positive. Subsidised cold compost bins and hot compost bins (Green Johannas) are available to purchase online for home delivery. Sales of composting equipment so far this year are strong, with sales this year expected to be similar to the high sales of last year.
 We offer talks about waste reduction and home composting to community groups and will be out and about in the community during the autumn.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1,019 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2,638 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, Plastic Free July, Second Hand September, home composting, repair, refill, Slim Your Bin, recycling and battery/electricals disposal were shared widely.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) Procurements currently taking place include food waste reprocessing, plasterboard reprocessing and bulk haulage.
- b) Upcoming procurements/projects in 2023/4 include food waste haulage, waste composition, asbestos disposal, abandoned vehicles and wood reprocessing.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

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

Background papers

None.

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