

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Partners Report

Recommendation(s)

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 December 2020.

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 Refuse & Recycling Collections are still experiencing strain on staffing due to Covid-19.
- 2.2 We have just completed our Winter suspension of our Green Waste Service in February which has allowed us to catch-up on essential maintenance.
- 2.3 Snow and Ice have adversely impacted upon our services in January and February – this led to some collection delays in rural areas in particular
- 2.4 Our three new 26 tonne single-bodied vehicles are performing very well and are delivering additional capacity, with reduced running costs and lower carbon emissions.
- 2.5 We are preparing specifications for the replacement of a further 8 RCVs of various sizes.
- 2.6 Preparations are well underway for the introduction of garden waste charges in April 2021. With one month until the launch of our new chargeable green waste service, subscriptions are currently ahead of where we expected to be at this stage.
- 2.6 Banners are still being displayed on the sides of the RCVs focussed on Covid-19 messages with the continuing aim of reducing rates in the borough and across Warwickshire.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 COVID-19 Response

- a) Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) of staff has commenced at Gresham Road depot.
- b) Reviewing new covid-19 measures and guidance for continued staff and visitor safety and all key servicing operating as normal currently.
- c) Risk assessment being continually updated and issued to all Gresham Road users and visitors.

3.2 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) All waste collection working at full capacity.
- b) Refuse collection 'In cab' data capture and sharing process has been finalised and roll out expected by end April 21.
- c) Refuse and recycling collection routing progressing well, and draft routes expected by end March 21.
- d) Garden waste collection service sign up encouraging and in line with projected figures.
- e) Staff from cleansing trained in waste retrieval and debris removal techniques will shortly be operational in the borough. It is hoped this service can be offered to other local authorities following successful trials.

3.3 Enforcement

- a) Environmental enforcement provision continuing for fly tipping utilising current Covid-19 safeguards.
- b) Fixed penalty notices (FPN) issued in response to fly tipping incidents.
- c) Waste management officers liaising with legal representatives to move forward fly tipping prosecutions.
- d) Smart Camera deployment undertaken in the borough for the purpose of preventing and recording fly tipping crime.

3.4 Promotions/Communications

- a) Christmas and New Year 20/21 waste collections went well.

3.5 Climate Change Emergency

- a) Vehicle procurement analysis continues for housing van replacement programme. EV and Hybrid demonstration vehicles undertaken and a Gresham Road depot, electric supply grid feed analysis completed. Review of options

based on information received currently being conducted with an update report to cabinet earmarked for March 21.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

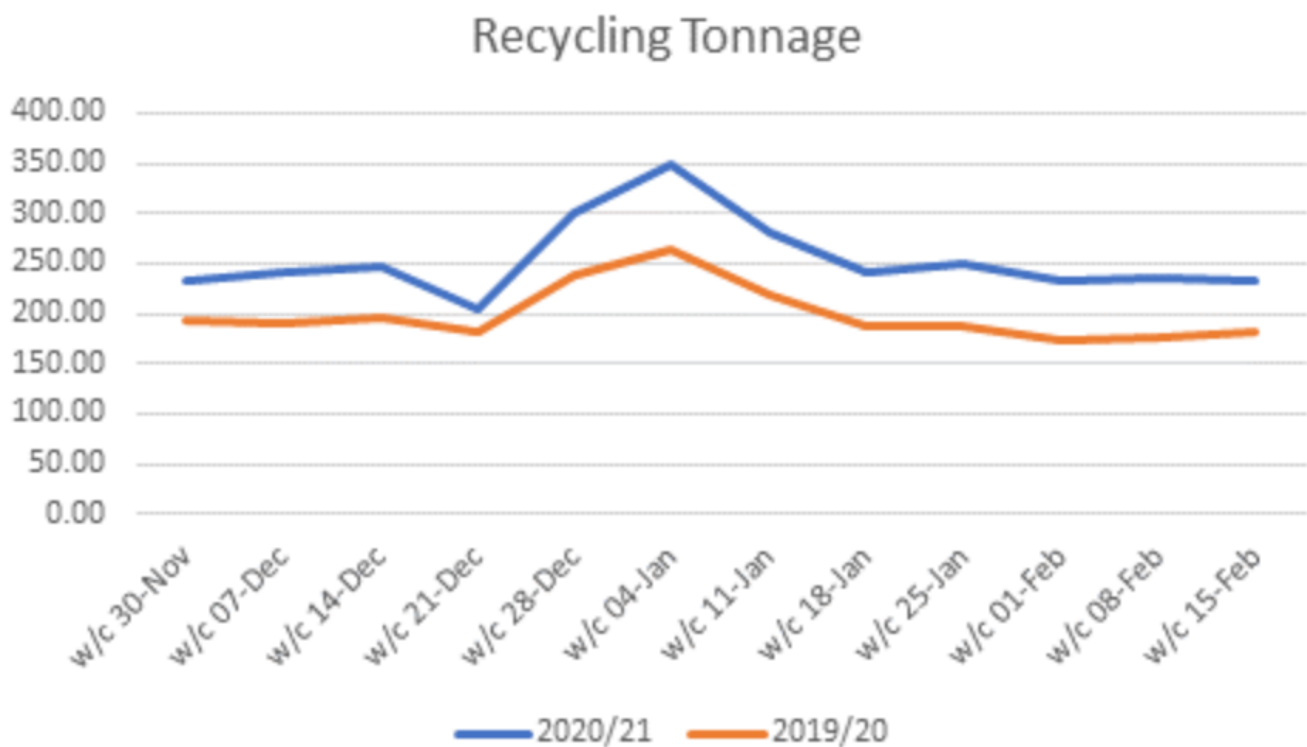
- 4.1 Continuing to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency with regards to all refuse, recycling and cleansing services and safeguarding of key worker staff. Still working to the requirements of Covid secure Risk Assessments, government, and industry guidance.
- 4.1 Several members of staff have tested positive for Covid 19 during the period, however, have all been isolated sufficiently to prevent further transmission. Similarly, all suspected cases have been isolated until negative tests have been received and isolation periods have been met.
- 4.2 Green waste subscriptions for 2021/22 are now open. In excess of 28,000 households subscribed to the service in 2020-21.
- 4.3 Members Task and Finish Group established to improve education and information regarding recycling and to consider potential changes required because of the resources and waste strategy.
- 4.4 Collections suspended on two occasions (totalling three days) due to snow, however all collections were completed the following weekend.
- 4.5 RBC continue to play an active and proactive role in the sub regional MRF project.
- 4.6 Jim Perkins has now left RBC. We thank him for his work, and we wish him well in the future.

5.0 Warwick District Council

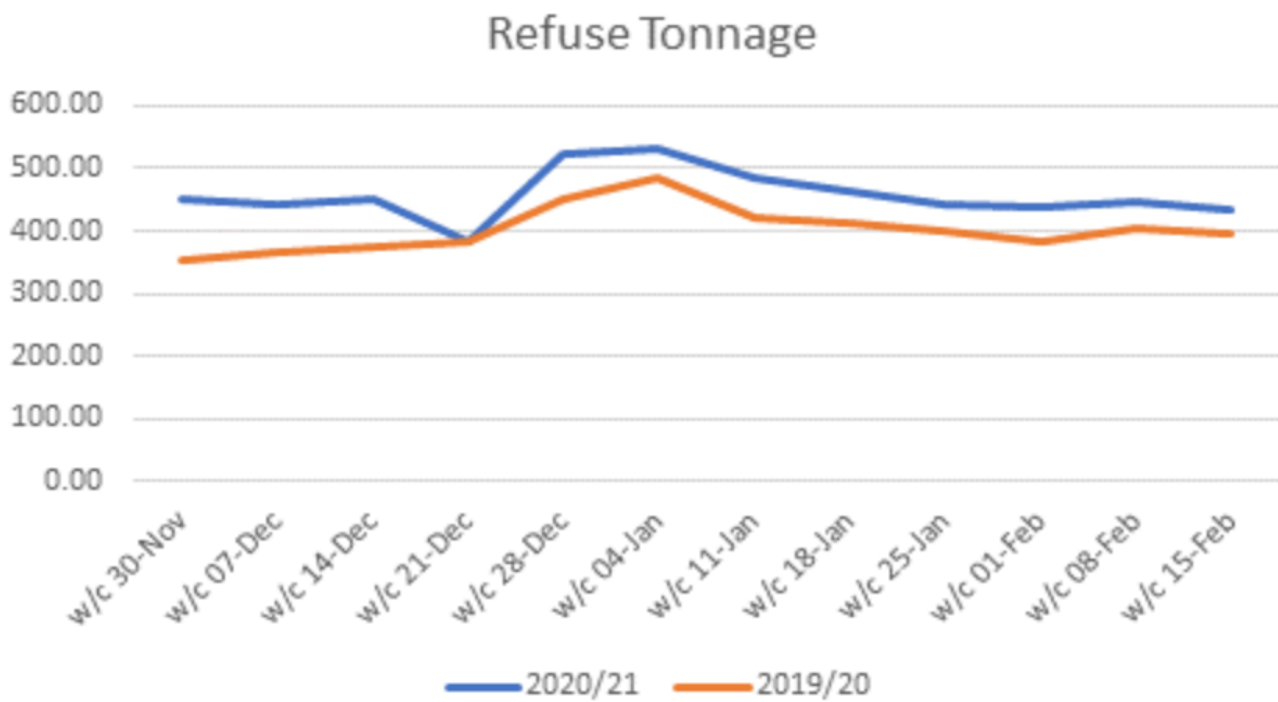
- 5.1 New contracts for both Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance were awarded to IDVerde with both contracts starting on 29th March 2021. Both 8-year contracts.
- 5.2 Current Waste contract with SUEZ has been extended until August 2022.
- 5.3 Joint waste contract with SDC ongoing.
- 5.4 Current kerbside collection data – Recycling tonnage has increased since last year by 30%, residual waste has increased by 10% and green waste remains on par with last year's tonnages. With the announcement of schools returning on 8th March we anticipate a reduction in tonnage figures. We have also seen a significant increase of 60% in the number of recycling containers being ordered compared to last year. We still have an additional vehicle on the recycling rounds to help collect the higher volumes of recycling.

- 5.5 W/C 22nd Feb we removed all of our recycling bring sites. We continue to attend and check these sites for fly-tipping until the end of March.
- 5.6 Bulky waste collections continue and remain static at a maximum of 60 collections a week.
- 5.7 Fly-tipping we are continuing to just remove fly-tips and not looking for evidence or taking any enforcement action. Number of fly-tips reported remains on par with last year, but we are starting to see a very slight decrease in these number.

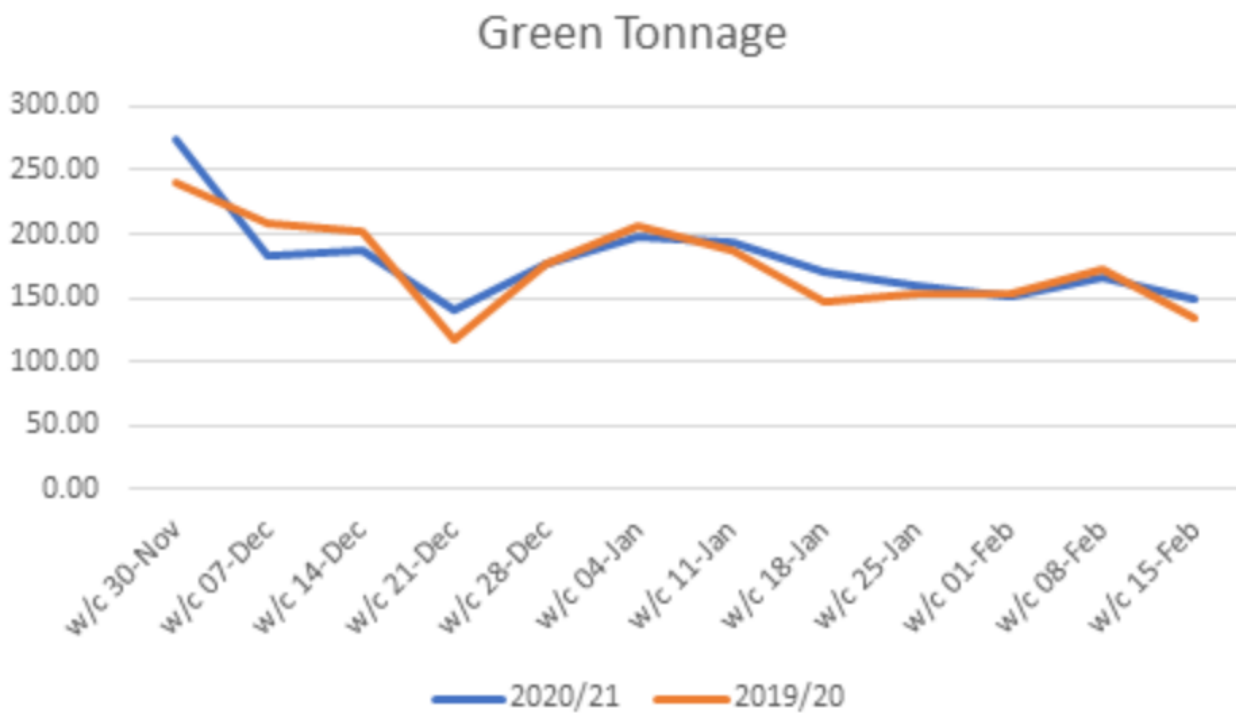
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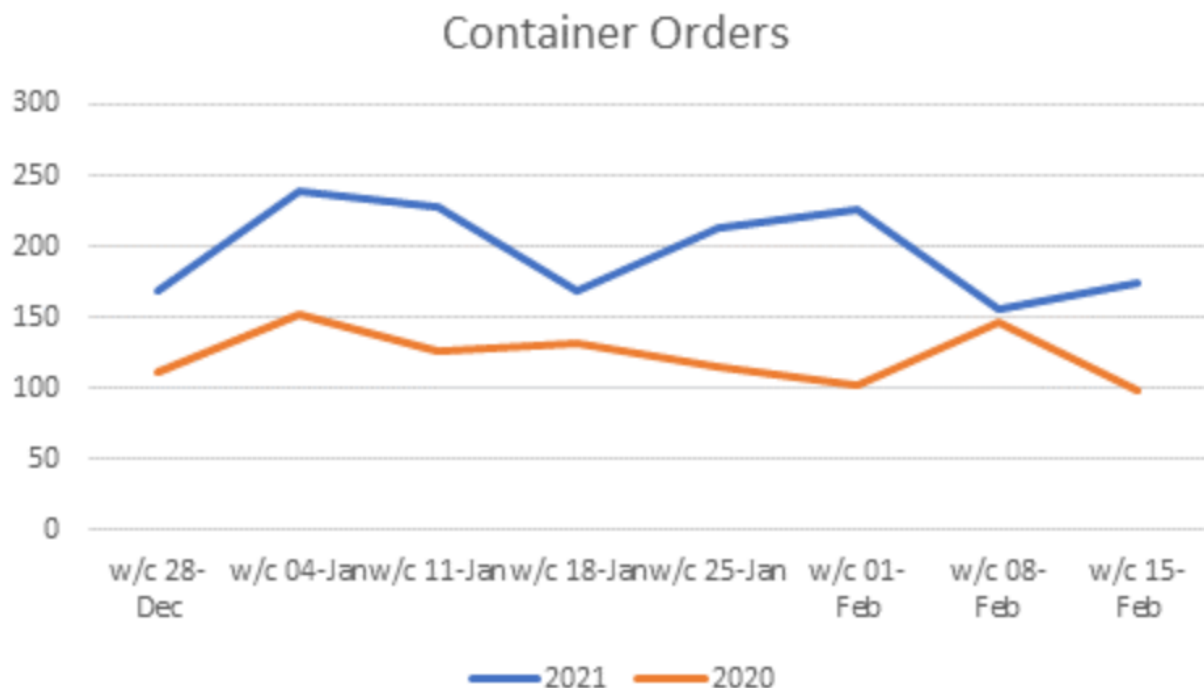
WDC Refuse Tonnage



WDC Green Tonnage



WDC Container orders



6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 SDC have continued to provide a full range of waste collection and street cleansing services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and bad weather. There has been an increase in the quality of general waste and recycling collected due to Lockdown 3 and the closure of the hospitality industry again.
- 6.2 The number of fly tipping incidents continues to rise with 67 incidences in January compared to 41 last year.
- 6.3 The chargeable garden waste service starts on 1st April 2021. Many residents have taken advantage of the discounted 'early bird' rate with over 25,000 subscriptions. We have currently delivered over 3,000 food waste caddies to allow residents to continue having food waste collected even if they do not wish to subscribe to the garden waste service.
- 6.4 The bi-annual review of the continued eligibility of residents receiving assisted collections has been completed.
- 6.5 The procurement of a new joint waste collection contract with WDC is in process. In January, a supplier clarification meeting took place with potential tenderers. We are now awaiting SSQ submissions. The new contract will start on 1st August 2022.
- 6.6 Our social media posts have continued focusing on waste reduction, recycling and environmental messages.

7.0 Warwickshire County Council

7.1 Covid – 19

- a) The Partnership has worked together throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the continuation of waste services across the County. Continuity of service in all areas has been maintained during the third lockdown phase, aside from snow related issues.
- b) HWRCs closed on March 24th and 6 reopened on Monday 18th May with a booking system to manage social distancing. The final two sites, Stockton and Wellesbourne, opened on 26th September. Seven reuse shops were reopened for a spell in late summer and early autumn and in December; they are all currently shut. The systems in place have ensured that visitors and staff are able to keep 2 metres apart, all waste streams are available, and queueing has been minimal. There are currently over 11,000 appointments available per week.

7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,000 subscribers received the December edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, which focussed on reducing waste at Christmas. The edition had a 40% open rate and 9% click rate. The February edition focussed on food waste and home composting and had a 47% open rate and 9% click rate. The Easter edition will be out in March.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,235 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. We have added a module called Slim Your Bin Kids, packed with ideas for keeping children entertained with practical activities the bring home the waste minimisation message. We will be asking elected members from all local authorities to help to promote the scheme.
- c) The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 872 times and feedback has been very positive. An updated version is in production for the spring. Compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres, with a greater range of equipment available from the online shop for home delivery. Sales from both are strong.
- d) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. 5811 households are now signed up.
- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. Facebook followers have increased to 2,277 (Warwickshire Recycles), with 968 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following contracts have been extended:
 - Glass collection and recycling from HWRCs

- Metal collection and recycling from HWRCs
- b) Upcoming extensions for 2021 may include waste composition, plasterboard, paint 360, kerbside haulage and caddy liners.
- c) The following contracts will commence in the next couple of months:
 - Tyre collection and disposal has been awarded to Midfit Tyres
 - Textile collection and recycling will be provided by Donald Ward through a contract procured by Leicestershire County Council.
- d) Upcoming procurements in 2021 or those currently taking place are garden waste composting, container provision, WEEE, inert waste and streetsweepings.
- e) Work is also taking place to consider haulage provision as the contract ends Nov 2021.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Next steps

9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the June 2021 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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