

# Warwickshire Waste Partnership

16 Jun 2021

## 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 March 2021.

### 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 continuing to experience a strain on staffing due to Covid-19.
- 2.2 All waste services are at full operating capacity.
- 2.3 All waste staff are undertaking regular Lateral Flow Testing (LTF) at Water Orton and via home testing kits.
- 2.4 Additional vehicles were hired during the height of the Covid-19 epidemic to assist with new working practices, to assist with social distancing and to ensure that increased levels of waste presented were collected as scheduled.
- 2.5 The Winter suspension of our Green Waste allowed us to catch-up on essential maintenance.
- 2.6 The three new 26 tonne single-bodied vehicles are still performing very well and are delivering additional capacity, with reduced running costs and lower carbon emissions.
- 2.7 We are preparing specifications for the replacement of a further 8 RCVs of various sizes to be ordered and delivered over the next 3 years.
- 2.8 Garden waste charges commenced in April 2021. Subscriptions are currently ahead of where we expected to be at this stage – with over 53% of all household having signed up for the service.

- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 NWBC continue to take a full and active role in the Sub-Regional MRF
- 2.11 NWBC have recently been recognised by APSE as one of the most improved performers in Waste Services throughout the UK

### **3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council**

#### **3.1 COVID-19 Response**

- a) Reviewing new covid-19 measures and guidance for continued staff and visitor safety and all key servicing operating as normal currently.
- b) Risk assessments being continually updated and issued to all Gresham Road users and visitors.

#### **3.2 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing**

- a) All waste collections working at full capacity.
- b) Refuse collection 'In cab' data capture and sharing process has been finalised and rollout expected by end June 21.
- c) Refuse and recycling collection routing progressing well. Draft routes now being assessed. Following initial sign off, refuse representatives to be consulted on 'proposal of changes'.
- 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 have commenced in the borough. Works being undertaken internally for partner service areas. It is hoped this service can be offered to other local authorities following successful trials.
- f) Resource and waste consultation responses continuing to be looked at and agreed.

#### **3.3 Enforcement**

- a) Full enforcement cover resumed following recent lockdown.
- b) Environmental enforcement provision continuing for fly tipping utilising current covid-19 safeguards.
- c) Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued in response to fly tipping incidents.

- d) Waste management officers liaising with legal representatives to move forward fly tipping prosecutions.
- e) Smart Camera deployment undertaken in the borough for the purpose of preventing and recording fly tipping crime.
- f) Warwickshire enforcement partner meeting arranged for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. NBBC and 3GS (enforcement provider) to discuss current arrangements with a presentation from 3GS area manager.

### **3.4 Promotions/Communications**

- a) Continue to work with WCC on recycling communications and promotions.

### **3.5 Climate Change Emergency**

- a) Vehicle procurement analysis continues for housing services 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 June 21.

## **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

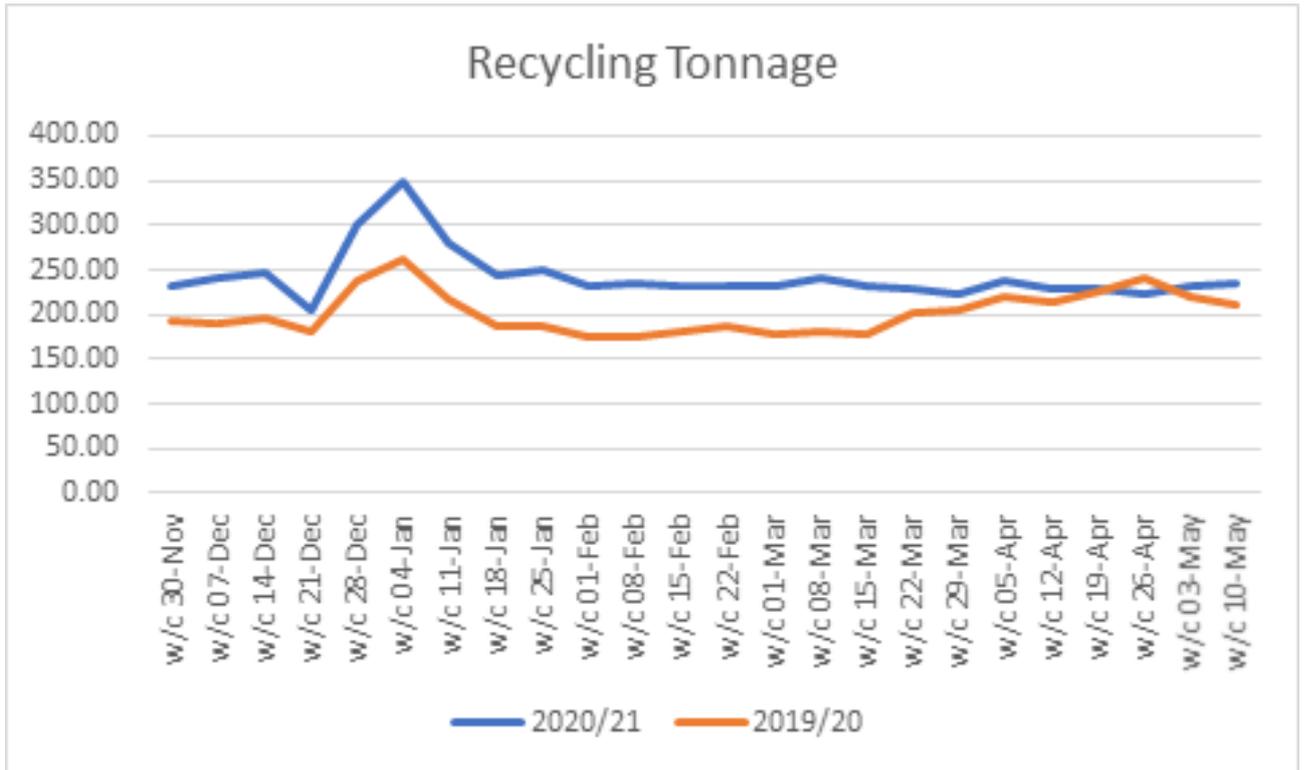
- 4.1 Continuing to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency with regards to all refuse, recycling and cleansing services and safeguarding of key worker staff. Still working to the requirements of Covid secure Risk Assessments, government, and industry guidance.
- 4.2 Green waste subscriptions for 2021/22 are 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 RBC continue to play an active and proactive role in the sub regional MRF/ Sherbourne Recycling project
- 4.5 RBC continue to work with WWP partners to develop a shared response to the Waste and Resources Strategy consultations.
- 4.6 RBC Street Cleansing Team are working to clear litter from the A46, in advance of the City of Culture celebrations.
- 4.7 Communications work regarding littering has continued, with a number of initiatives being launched to coincide with the easing of lockdowns

- 4.8 RBC continue to support numerous volunteer litter groups, capitalising on the community spirit witnessed during the pandemic.

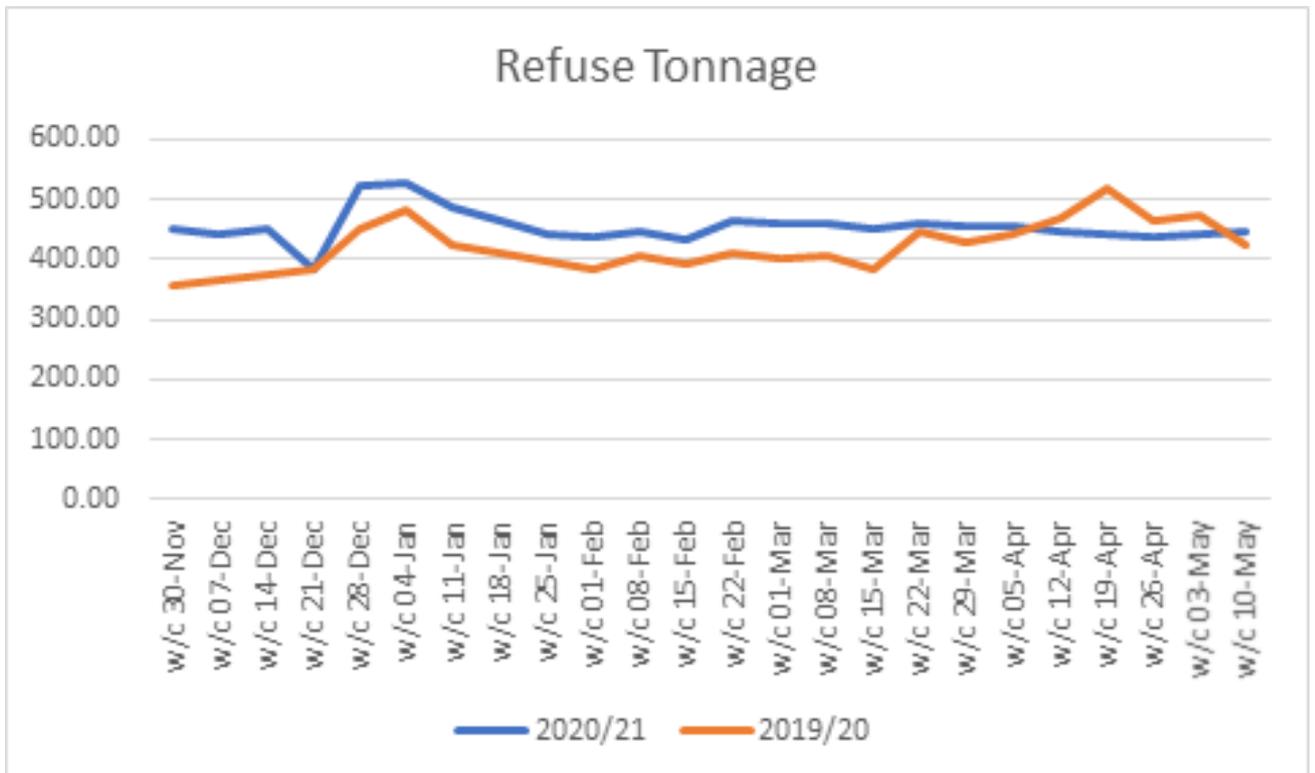
## 5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 WDC are currently writing a joint litter strategy with Stratford District Council and an accompanying communications plan. The strategy will have 4 main strands in line with the Litter Strategy for England – **Education and Awareness, Enforcement and Infrastructure**. Whilst the strategy is being formulated, WDC are continuing with the ‘Don’t be a Tosser’ campaign, including a mini rebrand of posters and social media messages. There was a noticeable increase in litter and overflowing litter bins following the easing of lockdown restrictions in April and the improved weather during that time. To help relieve some of these issues, our main message has been asking people to take responsibility for their rubbish and take it home if litter bins are full. Attached are some examples of our latest join campaign about to launch, these have been created by a WDC graphic designer.
- 5.2 Working in partnership with IDVerde we will be promoting **Keep Britain Tidy’s ‘Great British Spring Clean’** happening between 28th May and 13th June which is encouraging people to show some love for the special places which have helped us through lockdown and make a litter picking pledge. WDC have a supply of litter picking equipment which can be loaned out to individuals and groups upon request.
- 5.3 WDC continue to have high numbers of fly-tips around the district, there were 190 fly-tips in April compared to 109 in April 2020. WDC are working with IDVerde and have **resumed looking for evidence within fly-tips**. WDC are now working closely with Stratford District Council and working to align our processes with regards to enforcement.

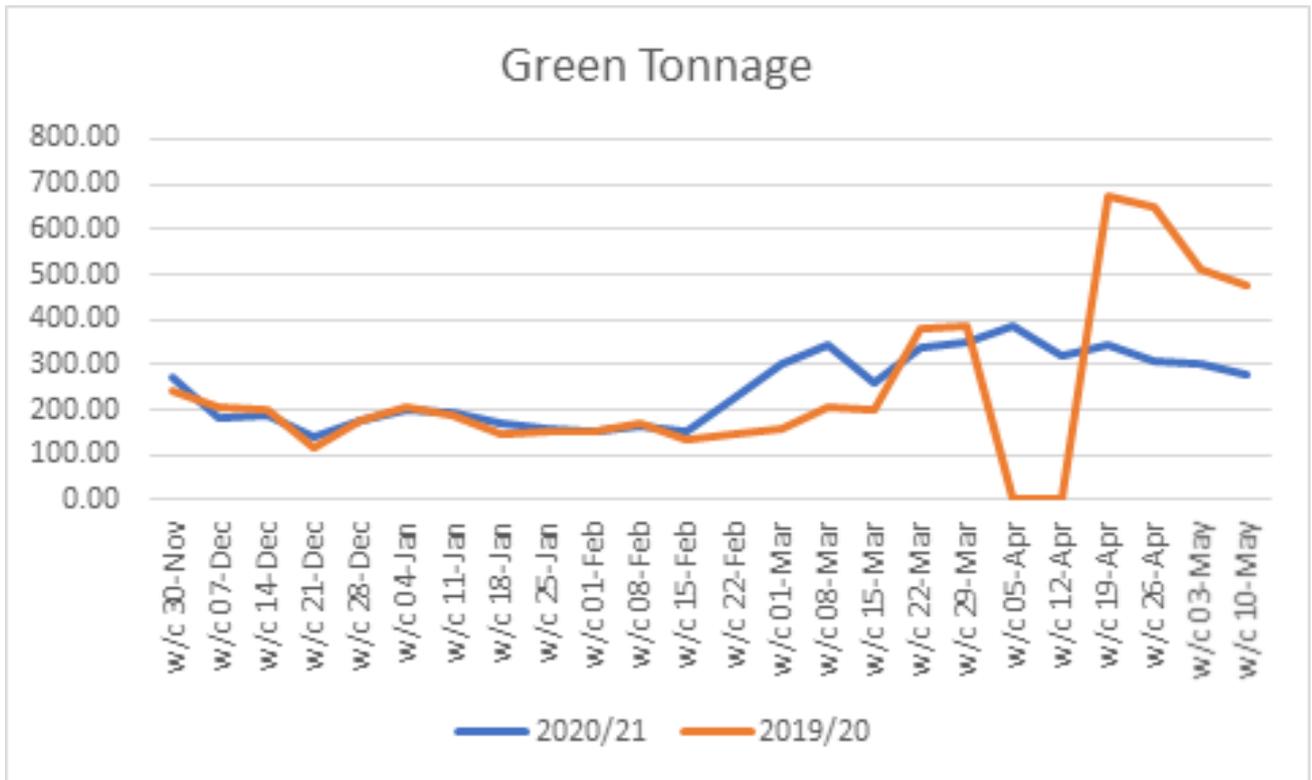
### ***WDC Recycling Tonnage***



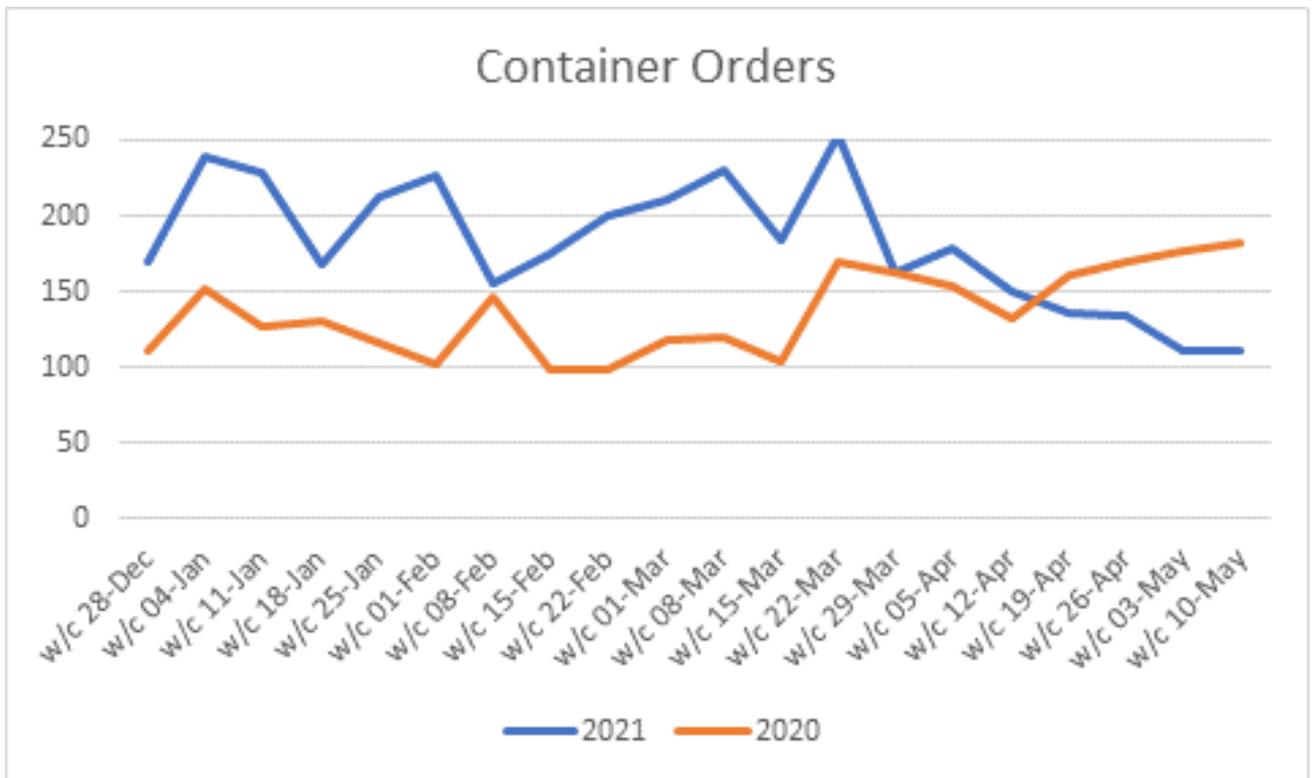
**WDC Refuse Tonnage**



**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. The increase in the quantity of general waste and recycling collected has continued.
- 6.2 The number of fly tipping incidents continues to be high with 63 incidences in April compared to 47 in the same month last year.
- 6.3 The chargeable garden waste service started on 1st April 2021. Many residents took up the 'early bird' discount rate. There are now over 43,000 subscriptions. SDC deliver food waste caddies to allow residents to continue having food waste collected separately even if they do not wish to subscribe to the garden waste service.
- 6.4 The procurement of a new joint waste collection contract with WDC is continuing. The new contract will start on 1st August 2022.
- 6.5 WEEE recycling promotion graphics, featuring Hypnocat, have been fitted to five refuse collection vehicles. The graphics have been funded by Recycle Your Electricals.
- 6.6 SDC have been working with parish councils to install wildlife CCTV cameras to try to identify fly tippers. Three CCTV cameras are to be installed in Tanworth-in-Arden parish.
- 6.7 SDC are working with WDC on a joint litter strategy.
- 6.8 SDC are working with WDC on litter communication – Don't be a Tossler, Love Your Parks and advise to take your litter home or to another litter bin if the bin is full.
- 6.9 SDC are working with WDC on a joint communications strategy.
- 6.10 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 was maintained during the third lockdown phase and all services continue to operate.
  - b) All the HWRCs are open and continue to operate with a booking system which ensures 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 16,000 appointments available per week. Reuse shops are open at all sites bar Stockton and Shipston.

- c) All waste staff are encouraged to take regular Lateral Flow Testing (LTF) either at a test centre or via home testing kits provided.

## 7.2 Communication activities update:

- a) 9,000 subscribers received the March edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter, which focussed on reducing waste at Easter. The edition had a 47.7% open rate. We also shared an edition focussed home composting in April which had a 43.3% open rate. The Summer edition will be out in June.
- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,243 '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 that 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 1157 times and feedback has been very positive. Subsidised cold compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres and online. Sales of these last financial year were double what they had been for the previous financial year. Subsidised hot compost bins, Green Johannas, are available online for home delivery. Sales of these increased four-fold for the last financial year compared to the previous financial year.
- d) The countywide food waste recycling behaviour change campaign – In to Win, continues across the county. 5,815 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 2,315 (Warwickshire Recycles), with 977 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles).

## 7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) The following contracts are in the process of being extended:
  - Recycling of plasterboard from HWRCs
  - Recycling of paint from HWRCs
- b) Upcoming extensions for 2021 may include haulage of kerbside residual waste and caddy liner.
- c) Upcoming procurements in 2021 or those currently taking place are container provision (RoRos) so they are in place by December 2021, inert waste recycling from HWRCs so it is in place by August 2021 and reprocessing of streetsweepings and gully emptying's so that it is in place by Jan 2022.

- d) 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 September 2021 meeting.

## Background papers

None.

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