

# **Warwickshire Waste Partnership**

**28 September 2022**

## **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 June 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 Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

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

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

- a) HGV training for operations staff commenced with 4 x employees to add resilience to the waste teams.
- b) Refuse and recycling collection route re-profiling mapping to be completed February 2023.
- c) Garden waste subscription totals for 22/23 similar to 21/22 with a 68% uptake.
- d) Currently assessing short and medium term fleet replacement programme for waste operations with a need for an additional 7.5 tonne RCV and a 32 tonne hook loader (transfer station skips) a priority for 2023.
- e) Street cleaning review planned for 23/24 in line with our Building a Better Borough commitment.

#### **3.2 Enforcement**

- a) Environmental enforcement contract working well with District Enforcement.
- b) District enforcement officers undertaking joint enforcement initiatives with NBBC enforcement officer, housing officers and dog warden to target areas on anti-social behaviour within communities.

- c) Environmental enforcement for fly-tipping and duty of care waste offences now being undertaken in house.
- d) Covert camera units received with preparations taking place for deployment protocols, hot spot locations and RIPA authorisations.

### **3.3 Promotions / Communications**

- a) New truck signage being used to target fly tipping enforcement with promotional material.  
Preparation started for Christmas and New Year 2022/23 with waste collections and disposal arrangements being discussed and media messages drafted.
- b) Preparations continue for communications plan to promote refuse and recycling collection charges as part of the round reconfiguration exercise.
- c) Enforcement education day undertaken in Nuneaton to answer questions on environmental enforcement, explain enforcement officer roles and why roles are important to stop littering, fly tipping etc. Further open days are being planned for other areas within NBBC including event days etc.

## **4.0 Rugby Borough Council**

- 4.1 Green waste subscriptions are down on last year, but it is difficult to advertise following the disruptions during and following the strike action, due to sickness and agency staff availability.
- 4.2 Waiting for Energy Saving Trust to complete their review of the fleet to advise on low emission vehicle alternatives.
- 4.3 Reviewing fleet replacement programme in anticipation of the Energy Saving Trust report.
- 4.4 WRAP completing a review regarding the service on how best to continue with government changes and new burdens such as food waste collections.
- 4.5 Route optimisations are being completed to ensure that the rounds are working efficiently and taking into account the new builds in the borough.

## **5.0 Warwick District Council**

- 5.1 A chargeable garden waste service introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Cost of subscription is £20 for 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. A yearly subscription (cost to be agreed) will then be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, to fall in line with the Stratford District Council garden waste service.
- 5.2 Food caddies and wheeled recycling bin distribution are now complete. Deliveries are now taking place to rectify any missed properties from the original distribution.

- 5.3 123 communications are continuing. Instruction video now online. FAQs on website being constantly updated. Lots of social media.
- 5.4 New mobile phone app has now been launched. Currently we are at 16,000 subscribers (both WDC and SDC).
- 5.5 The roll out of the new refuse and recycling scheme to flats is now in place. Refuse collections have moved to fortnightly if possible and recycling bins installed.
- 5.6 Day of action planned to visit highly populated student areas and discuss the new 123+ collection. We are to advise the students about the new app, how to present containers etc.

## **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 both went live 1<sup>st</sup> August. Over 1,435,000 collections have been completed in the first 5 weeks. Food waste set out rate is over 70% and more than 678 tonnes of food waste was collected in the first month.
- 6.2 Stratford District Council has now sold over 47,000 garden waste subscriptions for 2022/23.
- 6.3 New electric vehicle charging points have been installed at the Avenue Farm Depot for street cleansing vehicles.

## **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. All waste streams are available, there are currently over 21,500 appointments available per week. Reuse shops are open at all sites bar Stockton.
  - b) Food waste transfer began at Princes Drive and Burton Farm transfer stations in August.
  - c) We are in the process of recruiting into our vacancy for Delivery Manager – Waste Operations.
- 7.2 Communication activities update:
  - a) 8700 subscribers received the recent edition of the 'Warwickshire Recycles' e-newsletter.

Edition	Open rate	Click Rate
Waste Reduction	46.6%	8.8%
Plastic Free July	49.7%	7.7%

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,321 'bin dieters' onto its 4-week training programme. On a monthly basis 629 households are reporting their recycling and 414 are reducing their food waste. Users can now see how much carbon they have saved through their actions.
- c) Schools' waste reduction, composting and recycling activities have resumed this academic year. So far, 18 school visits are lined up for this academic year and we are targeting to engage with at least 5000 pupils and their families.
- d) In-person home composting workshops will be run this autumn. The draft schedule is in development:

Venue	Date
Nuneaton Library	03/09/2022
Bedworth Library	03/09/2022
Kenilworth Library	04/09/2022
Online Workshop	04/09/2022
Ryton County Park	TBC
Kingsbury Country Park	TBC

The YouTube Home Composting Workshop launched last year has been viewed 1849 times and feedback has been very positive. Subsidised cold compost bins are available to purchase from the recycling centres 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 focussed on home composting at Leamington's Ecofest in September, speaking to at least 60 households and showcasing a wormery made from repurposed red recycling boxes.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1013 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2548 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles). Articles about reducing food waste, reducing junk mail, recycling and home composting were shared widely.

### 7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) A contract for the reprocessing of Separately Collected Food Waste, was awarded to Severn Trent Green Power. A contract for the collection and haulage of separately collected food waste was awarded to JNL Waste Services Ltd.

- b) The contract for the reprocessing of Waste Electricals and Electronic Equipment from designated collection facilities in Warwickshire was awarded to Valpak.
- c) Procurements currently taking place include analysis of gas and water from waste management sites, metal recycling, inert waste haulage, waste composition and residual waste reprocessing.

## 8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None.

## 9.0 Next steps

9.1 Updates on progress to be provided at the December 2022 meeting.

## Background papers

None.

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