

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

15 March 2023

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 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 NWBC are finalising the haulage contract with [Sherborne Recycling](#) so we can start to divert our waste to the new facility from the end of August. NWBC will also be looking at what additional materials we can recycle with Sherborne and developing a campaign for our residents to promote this.
- 2.2 NWBC will be monitoring the key policy issues coming forward around the Deposit Return Scheme legislation, Packaging Regulations, and the future impacts of Consistency on our services.
- 2.3 A new vehicle has been acquired specifically for Trade Waste. This vehicle is slightly different to the 26T RCV collection vehicle but is designed to ensure Trade Waste collections are made more efficient and give scope for future custom.
- 2.4 NWBC are trialing a 7.5T vehicle from June 2023 which is a kind of hybrid designed for food waste collections which can also be used for rural domestic rounds.
- 2.5 NBBC are working on Risk Assessments and SSOW's following the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Bulletin and [Waste Industry Safety and Health \(WISH\) Position Statement on Auto/Semi-Auto bin lifts](#). This follows on from the tragic death of a worker at Coventry City Council. There will be much work to do followed by a similar amount of training of staff.
- 2.6 NWBC are looking at introducing a new crew monitoring system operated through a Control Centre run by Biffa. This requires a level of Camera System, fortunately, we have this system on our 26T RCV's.

- 2.7 New In-Cab seems to be working fine, NWBC will soon be entering Phase 2 and would like to have everything up and running or in place by October which would include a new Rural round.

3.0 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

3.1 Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing

- a) Oakwood student placements into waste service areas going well and have now expanded the opportunities into housing services.
- b) Inter departmental works assistance increasing for river clearance, littering and waste removal.
- c) Ongoing staff training scheduled in 2023 with a firm focus on H&S.
- d) Street cleansing review commenced for 23/24 in support of our Building a Better Borough commitment and expected increases in night time economy in line with the town regeneration projects.
- e) Procurement of a 7.5 tonne RCV and 32 tonne hook lift progressing well.
- f) Litter picking of the A444 to hopefully commence June, subject to WCC highways permit approval.
- g) Following cabinet approval, we will commence co-mingled recycling collections from late Autumn 2023.
- h) Refuse collection and recycling round re-configuration works almost completed with and implementation date set for summer 2023.
- i) Anti Violence against staff campaign set to be launched shortly to respond the increasing number of incidents and promote our zero tolerance approach to this.
- j) The paid for wheeled bin replacement policy for developers and residents going well with some expected minor issues experienced.

3.2 Enforcement

- a) Environmental enforcement recruitment successfully undertaken by our partner District Enforcement.
- b) Several meetings have taken place with regards to our enforcement model at NBBC officers looking to provide information and feedback via the officer sub group.

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.
- c) Round re-configuration implementation plan on track with communications to be released shortly outlining changes to residents.
- d) Communications / recycling roadshow to be re started for information and guidance to residents of the borough, with enforcement dovetailing into the these.

4.0 Rugby Borough Council

- 4.1 The in-cab system for domestic and recycling rounds should be up and running by mid-June.
- 4.2 Fly tipping is still on the increase, the increase on asbestos fly tips has levelled out.
- 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.
- 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.

5.0 Warwick District Council

- 5.1 Warwick District Council are now collecting food waste from a few communal sites and the Council has more sites to visit to assess suitability for them to be added onto a collection round.
- 5.2 Unfortunately, the Waste Education and Enforcement Officer recruitment was unsuccessful, so it is being advertised again.
- 5.3 Warwick District Council have sold over 36,000 garden waste permits.
- 5.4 Warwick District Council are now preparing the communications for the end of the university year, working with Warwick University Student Union. Encouraging students to donate unwanted furniture and household goods rather than dumping them outside their properties. Letters are also being sent to the HMO landlords.

- 5.5 Warwick District Council raised over £800 from the collection of unwanted red boxes/green wheeled bins, which were collected and recycled by Plastic Experts. The Council will be doing a press release with this being donated to the Chairmans Charity to demonstrate that these were disposed of responsibly.
- 5.6 In February half term, Warwick District Council ran a competition for primary schools to design a recycling poster for the side of the Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs). The 10 winning entries are now displayed on the side of the RCV trucks, along with an advert to encourage residents to download the [waste app](#). A press release will be going out shortly to showcase the winning designs, along with our new Portfolio Holder.
- 5.8 Warwick District Council have over 20,000 residents signed up to receive notifications on the waste app and it was used recently to remind residents to renew their garden waste permits. The facility to link the app with Alexa devices will be available shortly.
- 5.9 Warwick District Council will be supporting 'Love your Park' week in July and encouraging residents and visitors to take their recycling home with them rather than using the parks litter bins.

6.0 Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 6.1 The new joint Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council waste collection contract is going well. Highlight data for the whole joint service:
- In April 2023, missed collections per 100,000 were 23.
 - Residual waste collected has fallen by 10,625 tonnes from August 2022 to April 2023 compared to the same period in the previous year.
 - Dry recycling collected has increased by 900 tonnes during the same period.
 - 7,519 tonnes of food waste have been collected since August 2022.
- 6.2 Garden waste subscriptions for 2023/24 are currently in excess of 44,000 and still rising.
- 6.3 Stratford District Council have over 25,000 residents signed up to receive notifications on the waste app.
- 6.3 Fly-tipping incidents fell by 30% in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22.

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.
- 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
Food Waste Action Week	41%	10%
Easter Edition	43%	5%

- b) Slim Your Bin has recruited 1,348 '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. 33 school visits have been carried out so far this academic year – we are targeting to engage with at least 6000 pupils and their families this year.
- d) In-person home composting workshops were run in the spring, reaching 223 residents:

Bedworth Library, Atherstone Library, Napton Village Hall, Rugby Library, Kenilworth Library, Charlecote, Online Workshop, Stratford Town Hall, Warwick Horticultural Society, Ash Green Residents Association

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 over the summer.

- e) All waste reduction behaviour change activity is promoted with regular posts on our social media accounts. We have 1023 followers on Twitter (@WarksRecycles) and 2611 Facebook followers (Warwickshire Recycles).

Articles about reducing food waste, composting, repair, refill, Slim Your Bin, recycling and battery disposal were shared widely.

7.3 Procurement and Contracts update:

- a) Procurements recently awarded include residual waste disposal (Veolia at Ling Hall Landfill) and metal recycling from HWRCs (Whites Recycling of Coventry).
- b) Procurements currently taking place include food waste reprocessing, plasterboard reprocessing and bulk haulage.
- c) 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 September 2023 meeting.

Background papers

None.

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