

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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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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