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Introduction – Purpose of Review

To provide an update on current and future waste collection services within the borough.

Test Valley: Setting the Scene

- Since 2006: Alternate Weekly Collections
- Household waste – week 1 (black bins)
- Recycling – week 2 (brown bins)
 - ✓ Paper
 - ✓ Card
 - ✓ Cans and tins
 - ✓ Aerosols
 - ✓ Plastic bottles
- Plus LRCs for glass bottles and jars, textiles, aluminium foil and cartons
- Fortnightly garden waste collection service - subscription only



How we Perform and Compare

Our 22/23 Recycling Rate: **37.4%**

Our position in England (out of 338): **224**

Our position in Hampshire: **5th**

Hampshire's Landfill Rate: **6%** *The 94% is split between reuse,*

recycling and energy recovery

In-house Service – The Benefits

- ✓ Reactive
- ✓ Dynamic
- ✓ Adaptable
- ✓ Resilient – can use street cleaning and grounds maintenance staff to support waste functions...
- ✓ The only Hampshire authority not to scale back any frontline waste collection, or associated activity, despite the increasing demand for services during the pandemic
- ✓ Respond to changes, support other services e.g. elections.



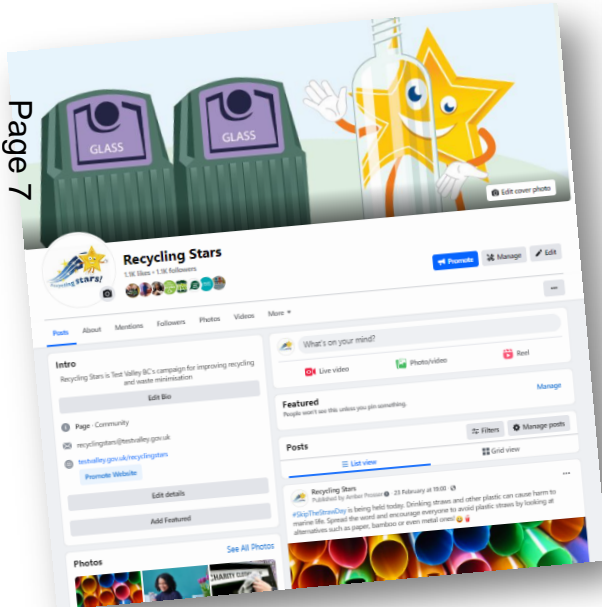
Did you know...?



Behavioural Change

- Tagging and postcards, bin information
- Education - waste collection teams, and the public
- Promotions / events / social media

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Test Valley Borough Council - Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 6 March 2024

The Environment Act 2021

- Royal Assent – November 2021
- DRS and EPR Consultation Responses – March 2022
- Act Effective – April 2023
- ‘Consistency’ Consultation Response – October 2023
 - Now known as ‘Simpler Recycling’



Current Strategic Position

- 1,2,3, Weekly
- Weekly Food Waste Collections

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HOUSEHOLD WASTE

- SANITARY WASTE/NAPPIES
- PET WASTE
- FINES (ASH/DUST)
- POLYSTYRENE
- BROKEN TOYS
- COFFEE PODS
- FOOD POUCHES

+ ANY OTHER HOUSEHOLD WASTE WHICH CANNOT BE RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED

FIBRES

- PAPER
- MAGAZINES
- CARDBOARD

CONTAINERS

- GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS
- CARTONS
- CANS AND TINS
- AEROSOLS
- PLASTIC BOTTLES
- PLASTIC POTS, TUBS AND TRAYS

+ PLASTIC FILM/THIN PLASTICS
+ ALUMINIUM FOIL

FOOD WASTE

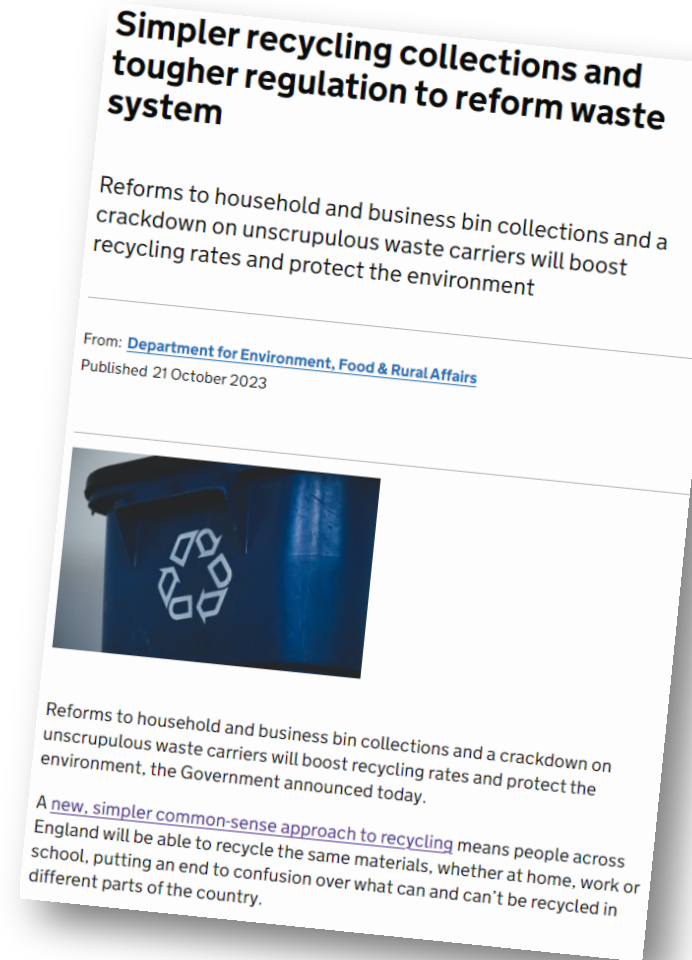
- UNEATEN FOOD AND PLATE SCRAPINGS
- BAKED GOODS E.G. BREAD, CAKES
- DAIRY PRODUCTS, EGGS INCLUDING SHELLS
- FRUIT AND VEGETABLES – RAW AND COOKED AND PEELINGS
- OUT OF DATE OR MOULDY FOOD
- PET FOOD
- RAW AND COOKED MEAT OR FISH INCLUDING BONES
- TEA BAGS AND COFFEE GROUNDS
- COOKING OILS (SMALL AMOUNTS)

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

- BATTERIES
- SMALL WEEE
- TEXTILES

Change of Direction

- Simpler Recycling – new requirements
- Weekly food waste collections across England by 2026
- New exemptions to allow co-mingled recycling
- Guidance that residual waste (non-recyclable waste) is collected at least fortnightly



Local Response

- Complex - 13 different councils
- Opinions
- In-house / contracted out
- Budgets
- Members



Next Steps

The Government changed their position and consequently the new burdens / funding timeline for food waste was also delayed.

- ✓ We still have an aspiration to deliver our new waste and recycling collection service as soon as possible.
- ✓ Project Integra partners will collectively agree a way forward by early summer.
- ✓ We may be in a position where we can offer a co-mingled service, rather than an additional blue bin.
- ✓ We will articulate our new way forward and timescale once agreed by the PI partners.

Thank You

Any Questions?