

Recycling News

Recycle for Bath & North East Somerset

September 2020



This September Bath & North East Somerset Council are joining forces with Keep Britain Tidy and calling on you - our #LitterHeros - to do your bit to care for the environment on our doorstep, as we join forces to collect and safely dispose of litter from our country's streets, parks and open spaces.

There are three ways you can get involved and show your support for our Great British September Clean:

1. Organise a private group clean-up to five family and friends
2. Or you can pledge to do your own litter-pick whether it's 15 minutes while you walk the dog, or on your lunch break, any time you can give will make an immediate impact to the environment on your doorstep. To find out more, visit www.keepbritaintidy.org
3. Help inspire others to take part by making some noise about the campaign on social media. Share your good news stories, videos and pictures using the hash tag #GBSeptemberClean



Keynsham Wombles

Keynsham Wombles can provide you with all the equipment you need for your litter pick. For more information, please email Erica at womble@transitionkeynsham.org

'Since lockdown restrictions have eased, littering problems across our area have gone up. Our waste team and the volunteers who work hard to support us are fed up with picking up rubbish. It needs to stop now. Littering is illegal, anti-social, has a negative impact on our environment and costs thousands of pounds each year to clear.'

Councillor David Wood, cabinet member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services, Bath & North East Somerset Council

The Great British Spring Clean was postponed in early spring due to Covid-19. The campaign will now run from 11-27 September 2020. It aims to encourage the great British public to take part in small, socially distanced clean-ups to remove litter from our streets, parks and open spaces.

Why is it litter picking important

- Litter blights our streets, parks and beaches and costs us nearly £1 billion pounds a year to clear up
- Litter harms wildlife. The RSPCA received 7,400 calls to report incidents of animals injured as a result of litter in 2018
- 80% of litter that ends up in the seas begins on land, yet this is entirely preventable
- Litter picking can help improve people's mental health and well-being by getting outside and connecting with one another as part of a community

(Keep Britain Tidy, 2020)



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Improving People's Lives

Reducing waste helps us address the climate emergency.

Find out how you can do more

www.bathnes.gov.uk/climate-emergency

B&NES household recycling statistics

During April, May and June, we saw a huge increase in the amount of recycling collected by Bath & North East Somerset Council's waste teams, compared to the same period last year.

- Glass recycling increased by 43% to 1950 tonnes
- Card recycling increased by 38% to 1169 tonnes
- Cans & plastics recycling increased by 28% to 875 tonnes
- Food waste recycling increased by 22% to 1963 tonnes

Recycle Week 21-27 September

The theme for Recycle Now's 17th annual Recycle Week is 'Together - We Recycle' and will run from 21-27 September.

Recycle week is to thank everyone for continuing to recycle despite all that has happened this year.

Bath & North East Somerset Council will be supporting Recycle Week 2020 by sharing tips on recycling and waste reduction throughout the week on their social media channels

 www.facebook.com/recycleforbathnes

 @bathnes

Everyone – organisations and individuals can support Recycle Week by using #RecycleWeek on social media.

Dog waste



Please clean up after your dog

Put your bagged dog waste in a litter bin or take it home

Leaving bags of dog waste next to a bin, on top of a bin, on the ground, in a tree or hedge is still littering!

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Offenders will be issued with a £50 fixed penalty notice or on summary conviction a fine up to £1000
Environmental Protection Act 1990
Clean Neighbourhoods & Environmental Act 2005

Whilst we recognise that the majority of dog walkers within Bath and North East Somerset act responsibly and clean up after their dog, a minority of people still fail to do so and this causes problems within the area.

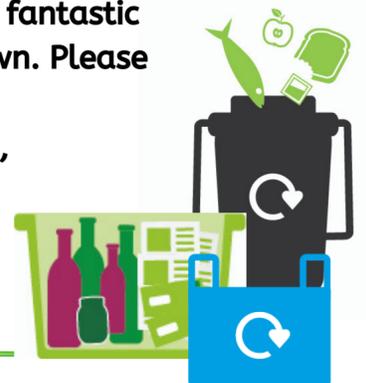
We have produced a poster to remind dog owners to put their dog waste in a litter bin or take it home. If you would like a digital copy of this poster, please email wastecampaigns@bathnes.gov.uk

Thank you!

We would like to thank you all for the fantastic efforts made to recycle during lockdown. Please continue to recycle all that you can.

For more info on what you can recycle, please visit

www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycling



Paint

All water-based emulsion paint tins must be empty or hardened before being brought to our recycling centres for disposal in with the general waste. Please add sawdust, sand or soil to the tin or buy a paint hardener and leave the lid off until the paint becomes solid and dry. If you have hazardous paint (gloss, solvent based) this doesn't need to be empty, but should be placed in our hazardous waste area on site for specialist disposal. Please do not dispose of any paint down the sink.

www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycling



Wrapping paper

We can no longer collect wrapping paper for recycling. Over the last couple of years the recycling market has significantly changed. We have always been fortunate to secure UK markets for our paper collected in B&NES. However, a huge proportion of paper from the UK was being exported until recent years. The drive to recycle more material closer to home has meant paper mills can demand higher quality.

Green alternatives to gift wrap

- Brown paper
- Old newspapers and magazines
- Fabric
- Cardboard gift boxes



Find out more:



www.bathnes.gov.uk/wasteservices



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