

# **Chairman's Announcements**

**Subject:**

**Closure of mini recycling sites following the success of kerbside recycling**

## **Summary of announcement:**

The success of Wiltshire's kerbside collection of plastic bottles, cardboard, paper, cans, textiles, glass bottles and garden waste has led to a sharp fall in the amount of waste being taken to mini recycling sites, such as those in car parks. As a result, a review of the county's mini-recycling sites has taken place and the remaining 126 mini-recycling sites in Wiltshire will be removed. The money saved by reducing this service duplication will be ploughed back into vital council services.

Households across Wiltshire recycled 36,000 tonnes through their black box and blue lidded bin kerbside collections meaning the smaller recycling sites in the county are now used very little. Less than 3,000 tonnes is expected to be collected through the mini recycling sites this year.

Signs informing people about the proposed changes have been displayed at the sites from early April. The mini recycling sites with large wheeled bins will close from 5 May and the wheeled bins will be removed from the site before the end of May. Mini recycling sites with larger skips or banks will start to be removed from 26 May. Sites will be regularly cleaned after the containers have been removed to manage any littering or fly tipping issues that may occur in the short term.

Any households without a blue lidded plastic bottle and cardboard bin or a black recycling box, can obtain one by contacting the council. Households can also have up to two black recycling boxes for recycling paper, glass, cans and textiles.

On occasions where households have more recyclables than can fit into two black boxes, we ask that the extra materials are separated out into carrier bags and placed out for collection alongside the black box (mixed materials may not be collected). Anyone who feels they do not have space for extra bins or boxes can contact the council to discuss alternatives.