

Welcome to your latest Recycle for Dorset e-newsletter!

We hope you find this email useful. As ever, we'd love to hear from you about how it could be better and your own tips for ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. [Drop us an email](#) or contact us via [Twitter](#).

No changes to bin collections this Easter



As usual, collections will not be affected by the forthcoming bank holidays. We will be emptying bins on both Good Friday (25 March) and Easter Monday (28 March).

You can find out your collection days by visiting our [Bin Collection page](#) on Dorset For You.

And when the chocolate eggs have been eaten, remember that all those cardboard boxes and plastic cases can [go in your recycle bin](#).

Aluminium foil (the type the eggs are wrapped in and scrunches up if you squeeze it in your hand) can also be recycled at some [mini recycling centres](#).

Right stuff, right bin



With kerbside recycling now available across the county, Dorset residents are recycling more of their waste, which is great news. But now the Dorset Waste Partnership is turning its attention toward making sure we all continue to use the service properly.

The message is simple; please make sure you put the [right stuff in the right bin](#).

But why?

When something is placed in the wrong bin, it causes problems. Equipment used for sorting items can be damaged, while some recycling materials can be spoiled with rubbish items and therefore the whole load has to be treated or disposed of at landfill.

By sorting our recycling materials properly before we put them out for collection, we can ensure as much waste is kept away from landfill as possible.

Not only does this help protect the environment, it means councils can avoid paying as much Landfill Tax. In fact, if we all put the [right stuff in the right bin](#), we could save up to £1million per year for the essential public services that really matter to Dorset residents.

Take Your Litter Home - Christchurch Quay



In an experiment aimed at encouraging people to take their litter home, litter bins have recently been removed from Christchurch Quay.

They have been replaced with signs asking people to take their litter home with them and use their kerbside recycling and waste service to dispose of their litter.

Cllr Margaret Phipps, Portfolio Holder for the Environment at Christchurch Council, said: "It costs £175,000 a year to deal with litter in Christchurch,

money which could be used for so many other uses.

"There is no reason why people should leave litter anywhere but unfortunately there are some people who think it's reasonable to leave their litter for somebody else to clear up.

"Removing the litter bins is quite a radical approach to tackling the litter problem and we will have to see if it works. If people bring picnics to the Quay how difficult is it for them to take the wrappers, empty bottles, etc home with them and dispose of them in their waste or recycling bins?

"We hope that people will get behind this initiative and help us to keep our environment litter free."

When events are held at Christchurch Quay the event holders must arrange for litter to be cleared on a regular basis as part of their licence to hold the event.

Litter Free Dorset project Cleans for the Queen



A new local campaign aiming to get communities involved in reducing the amount of litter across the county has got off to a great start, thanks to the recent [Clean for the Queen](#) campaign. Litter Free Dorset, a partnership project, is gathering momentum after more than twenty events were organised by Dorset communities as part of the national clean-up campaign.

As well as around 500 bags of litter, the groups collected a baffling array of discarded items across the county, including a silver teapot, a child's bicycle, a golf club (found 2 miles from the nearest golf course!), a toilet seat and various car parts, highlighting that the problem of litter isn't just about sweet wrappers and coffee cups. Linda Williams from the Dorset office of [Campaign to Protect Rural England](#), a Litter Free Dorset partner, said "We are delighted by the achievements of the community clean-up weekend and public support for Clean for the Queen event." She continued to explain "Litter is a difficult problem to solve because it's the result of many different people dropping many different items for many different reasons, which is why working together on the issue is so important."

Another Litter Free Dorset partner, Marten Gregory from Dorset Waste Partnership said "It's been fantastic to see such an enthusiastic response to this campaign, all these community clean ups have kept our collection teams busy picking up all the bags they've filled! This weekend's campaign shows there's real appetite in our communities to improve how our towns, villages and open spaces look. We've been particularly impressed with the many groups who have made the effort to recycle the waste they've collected, not just keeping it out of our hedgerows and playgrounds, but out of landfill too."

Mr Gregory added that the project is still actively seeking new partners: "Importantly, Litter Free Dorset works with and through all its partners to help tackle not just the litter we already see, but to prevent more getting dropped in the future. We're still welcoming partner organisations and

community groups so, if you've been inspired by the Clean for the Queen and want to find out more, join us by contacting Dorset.coast@dorsetcc.gov.uk or calling (01305) 224833."

If you want more information on organising your own litter pick in Dorset, be sure to check out [our page on Dorset For You](#).



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