

To our Newark and Sherwood residents,

RE: Important information about a new wheeled bin kerbside glass recycling service

Great news!

We are delighted to be bringing a **free wheeled bin kerbside glass recycling service** to Newark and Sherwood! It means that across the district we will be able to recycle glass bottles and jars from kerbsides. Once collected they will be sent off to be recycled, avoiding them going for incineration.



Key information about our service

This will be a **free service** and you will be given a new, smaller 140 litre wheelie bin. Collections will take place every **eight weeks** and we plan to begin delivering bins to households later this year.

How to opt out of the new service or what to do if you don't want it

We hope you will join us in making our district cleaner and greener by taking advantage of this new service. However, if for any reason you would not like to receive a new bin and would like to opt out of the service, please do so by **16 July 2023**.

To OPT OUT of the free kerbside glass recycling service, please let us know by either:

1. Visiting www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/kerbsideglass or scanning the **QR code** to complete an online opt out form.
2. Contacting our Customer Services team using the information on the reverse of this letter.

Latest update on rolling out this new service

We are currently writing to everyone across the district to find out who will be using our service. We will then plan our collection rounds and start working towards rolling the service out. While we don't have an exact date yet, we'll keep you posted via our website and social media channels. If you have friends or relatives in certain areas in the north-west of our district (around Ollerton, Boughton, Edwinstowe, Bilsthorpe and Eakring for example) they will receive a slightly different letter from us because a local community group offer some kerbside glass recycling provision there already.



Being Cleaner and Greener

This new service is another part of our commitment to you, ensuring that we are doing **all we can** to create a **cleaner and greener Newark and Sherwood**. Over the past few years, we have also:

- Planted or given away over 22,000 new trees (and we will continue to plant more!)
- Organised nine days of action targeting cleaner, safer and greener issues in different villages and towns (with more planned too!)
- Introduced electric vehicles to our fleet (in fact we will be using even more electric vehicles in the future too!)
- Began installing solar PV panels on our corporate and leisure buildings (with more to come!)
- Joined in with national campaigns such as The Great British Spring Clean, Recycling Week and No Mow May (cutting back on mowing some of our green spaces so wildflowers can bloom to help our pollinating insect residents!)
- Committed £55,000 towards ensuring housing developers work with licensed and experienced ecologists when building new homes
- Grown our garden waste recycling service with over 17,000 households now having their garden waste collected from their doorstep (sign up and find out more on our website or by scanning the QR code!)
- Collected 1599 fly-tips and issued over 2000 fixed penalty notices for environmental crimes in the last year alone!
- Hit our highest ever recycling rate during 2023 (and are striving to better that with our kerbside glass recycling service!)
- Visit our website or follow us on social media to find out more on all the cleaner and greener things we are doing across Newark and Sherwood. From finding out how you can join in on our community litter picking programme, to how you can report your environmental issues to us to resolve, we'd love to share even more with you. You can also be **kept up to date** with our latest information by signing up to receive our regular monthly email update; you can register on the homepage of our website or by contacting our customer services team.



Thank you for taking the time to read this information and we hope that you will soon benefit from having your glass collected from your doorstep! If you have any questions, then please visit our website or contact our customer services team. We are looking forward to this new service rolling out across the district and doing yet more to make a cleaner and greener Newark and Sherwood.

Thank you,



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and Environment