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New Recycling for Rugby

Rugby Borough Council is making improvements to the way in which your recyclables and refuse is collected, which means it will be easier to recycle more materials from the kerbside.

The new services will consist of 3 bins, the green bin for garden waste and food waste, and a blue lid bin for 'dry' recycling which will replace red boxes. The original black bin will be used for anything that can't either be recycled or composted. Blue lidded bins will be delivered to residents during February and March in time for the start of the scheme in April 2009.

Why is the Council changing the scheme?

National and European legislation requires every Authority to decrease the amount of waste sent to landfill and increase the material recycled or composted. If Rugby BC were not to make these changes the fines and increasing cost of disposal could be passed on to residents increasing your council tax to totally unacceptable levels.

The new service is already operated by 38 out of the top performing 50 authorities. Stratford upon Avon already operates this system. By providing

residents with a blue lidded wheeled bin for recycling, residents will no longer have to lift boxes and, as proven elsewhere, it is simple and effective. Residents frequently request that plastics and card be collected from the kerbside and this new service will enable us to collect a much wider range of materials including cooked and uncooked food waste, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic food containers such as margarine tubs and yoghurt pots, glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, foil, aerosols and mixed papers.

Liberal Democrat Councillors have called for a Keep Rugby Tidy campaign along side this roll out and also extra support in giving advice and help to local people, this was thrown out by both Labour and Conservative Councillors.

Want to know more?

Before the new services starts residents will receive two leaflets; one an introduction to the service and the second, which will be delivered nearer to the date when the new services will begin, will give more detailed instructions. Contact www.rugby.gov.uk or one of us, our details are on the reverse side of this Focus newsletter. Alternatively phone Rugby Borough Council on 01788 533533.



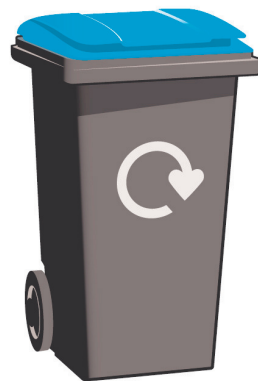
"What price road safety?"

ask Cllrs Jerry Roodhouse & Richard Dodd. See overleaf for main story

What goes where?

Blue Lidded Bin

- Card & cardboard
- Mixed tins and cans
- Aerosols & foil
- Glass bottles & jars
- Plastic bottles
- Yoghurt pots
- Margarine tubs
- Drink cartons



Green Bin

- Garden waste
- Raw & cooked food
- Fruit & Vegetables
- Meat & fish inc bones
- Dairy products
- Rice, pasta & beans
- Uneaten food from plates & dishes



Black Bin

By providing additional recycling and food waste collections the amount of non-recyclable waste you will have left will reduce significantly. You will be able to use your black bin for this material which will go to landfill. This bin will also be collected fortnightly.



County Council Budget Latest - Labour and Conservatives support each other but not the hard pressed families of Warwickshire; Liberal Democrats Vote Against Cuts in Vital Services whilst still Proposing a Lower Council Tax

Conservative and Labour Councillors voted:

- to cut spending on new library books by £150,000, and introduce charges for the use of computers in libraries for the first time;
- in favour of spending £ 1.5 million on council offices in Warwick, when our schools are in dire

need of refurbishment and repair.

- voted for cuts in grants to the voluntary sector and charities of up to £600,000. In a recession and with increasing numbers of people facing hardship, many of these voluntary and charitable organisations offer vital help and support.

As a result of the deal done between

Conservative and Labour Cllrs, the County Council tax increase for next year will be 3.9%.

Only the Liberal Democrats opposed the Conservative budget cuts. Labour councillors sat on their hands and let it happen!

Cllr Jerry Roodhouse said "The Liberal Democrats were the only group to vote consistently against

the Conservatives throughout the budget. Our own budget proposals would have meant the smallest council tax increase of the three groups, while protecting front line services, cutting bureaucracy and avoiding raising charges that will hit those least able to afford them. Sadly neither Labour or Conservative Cllrs were willing to support us."

Liberal Democrats - Working all the year round