

STOWMARKET ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTER



Local New Initiative



Changes to Recycling and Waste Services

What is changing?

Under Simpler Recycling, there will be a more consistent range of materials collected from households. This means recycling services will be clearer and more straightforward, helping residents take part with confidence and recycle as much as possible.

These changes are designed to make recycling simpler, more effective and better for the environment.

Why are these changes happening?

Changes to waste and recycling services are being introduced as part of the Government's nationwide Simpler Recycling initiative. The aim is to create greater consistency in what can be recycled across the country, making it easier for households to recycle more.

By simplifying the system, residents will have clearer guidance on what can and cannot be recycled, helping to reduce confusion and increase recycling rates. Recycling also plays a vital role in preserving natural resources, reducing energy use and cutting carbon emissions, supporting wider environmental goals.

How often will each bin be collected?

Week 1: Black Bin & Food Caddie

Week 2: Green Bin & Food Caddie

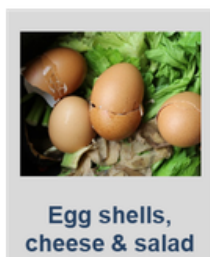
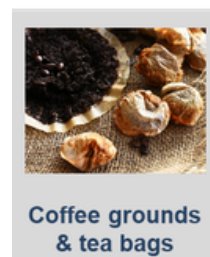
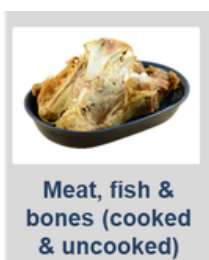
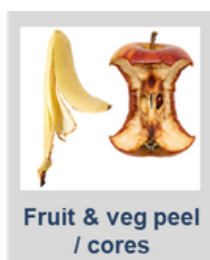
Week 3: Blue Bin & Food Caddie



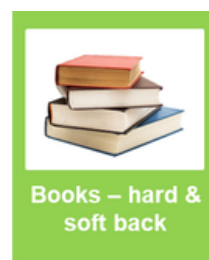
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Food waste caddies:



Green-lidded Bin:



Further Information :

A Primary information pack and additional bins will be delivered to all mid Suffolk addresses between February – May

The Waste team will hold public engagement events leading up to the launch, you can find them at:

Stowmarket Market on
Thursday 26th March

Useful Links:

<https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/>

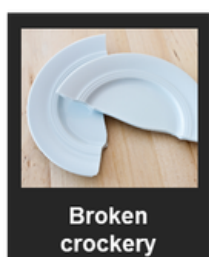
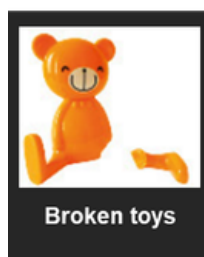
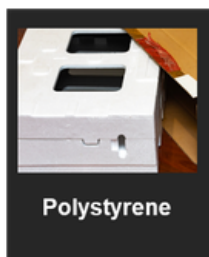
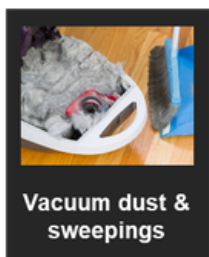
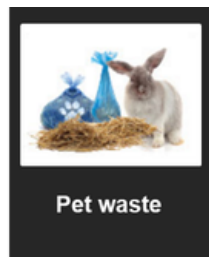
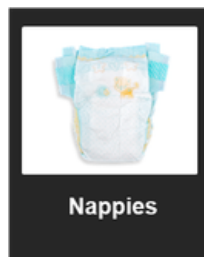
<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling>

<https://www.facebook.com/BetterForSuffolk>

Blue-lidded Bin:



Black-lidded Bin:



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Environment Forum Partner Updates

Stowmarket Town Council

Keep Stowmarket Tidy Week returns 30th March – 5th April!

Take part and plan a group litter pick or get involved in the Team Up to Clean up event held on 31st March 10.00am – 11.30am with refreshments provided after. Lets beat last years record of 150 people! email communities@stowmarket.org to register your interest

Mid Suffolk District Council

Mid Suffolk's Details of both grant schemes, Community Nature Recovery Grant and Catchment and Landscape Nature Recovery Grant can be found here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/community-funding>. Please note that the Catchment and Landscape Grant is not yet open, so information is not currently available.

An invitation to the Catchment and Landscape Grant launch event is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/639atpdb>

Pickerel Project

The volunteers continue to tackle the Himalayan Balsam. Tackling from the source before it flows downstream. The Pickerel Project are exploring drone mapping and involving employer support volunteers from Suffolk and Essex River Trust to help assist.

Stowmarket Eco Future Group

2026 Recycling Stall Dates

26th February, 26th March, 23rd April, 28th May, 25th June, 23rd July, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November.

The Recycling Stall also attends the Repair Cafe.

Volunteers of Stowmarket (VoS)

2026 Repair Cafe Dates

8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December.

A brand new Repair Cafe has launched in Elmswell! – Next date: 28th February

There are plans to start up a 'Repair Workshop' to pass on value repairing knowledge such as sewing skills.

Rattlesden River Valley Network & Stow Stories

Rattlesden River Valley Network have observed lots of nature and life within the area, including red kites, owls, badgers, otters as well as a good diversities of butterflies and mothes.

Stow Stories are keen to create a resource pack to offer to groups, to celebrate Stowmarkets rivers, rich by diversity, environment and heritage through Tinklers Quest.