

Zero Carbon and Nature Rich: Herefordshire's Action Plan for Waste

Key:	Existing action	In development	Proposal - needs resourcing	Parked	Complete
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Action	Details	Status	Enabling/Lead Partner	Delivery Partners	Funding	Project start date	Project end date	Ongoing Progress
Resource and Waste Strategy - Implementation of new Waste Strategy for Herefordshire	Strategy sets out the changes that will be taking place to the way that household and business waste is collected and then treated, and schemes that support and encourage a reduction in the amount of waste being produced	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	N/A	Herefordshire Council	2021	2035	Cabinet approved the integrated waste strategy on Thurs 29th July 2021. Collection Model approved 25th November 2021. Project team established to deliver priority actions within the strategy. New procurement for new collection service started 7/11/22 for delivery 4/6/24
Resource and Waste Strategy Implementation - Food waste collections	Council's are expected to provide a weekly food waste collection service for every household and offer this as a commercial service to businesses.	In development	Herefordshire Council	TBC	Net increase in cost to deliver new service is to be met by central government	2022	2024	Included in above
Resource and Waste Strategy Implementation - Garden waste	Council's will be required to collect garden waste separately.	In development	Herefordshire Council	TBC	Herefordshire Council	2022	2024	Included in above
Resource and Waste Strategy Implementation - Recycling collections	The government's preferred approach is that council's collect different recyclables separately to increase their quality.	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	TBC	Herefordshire Council	2022	2024	Twin stream recycling collection, including paper and card segregation from the cans, glass and plastics built into specification for new recyclables and rubbish collection service. Included in above
Resource and Waste Strategy Implementation - Deposit return schemes	Nationally, a deposit return scheme for all drinks containers up to 3 litres will be set up. Encourage use of the scheme in Herefordshire via information on website and social media	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	2023	2023	Awaiting confirmation and start date from Government
Increase recycling rates	Target of 65% reuse and recycling rate for municipal (household and commercial) waste by 2035	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	With appointed contractors	Herefordshire Council	Ongoing	2035	New recyclables and rubbish collection service to be implemented 2024 with new collections to increase segregation of materials. Included in new service
Reduce waste to landfill	Municipal waste to landfill reduced to 10% or less by 2035	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	With appointed contractors	Herefordshire Council	Ongoing	2035	Waste disposal contract variation implemented seeking to reduce waste to landfill to 1% throughout 2022/23.

Expand reuse opportunities 1	Explore opportunities of reuse with social and commercial sectors.	Proposal - needs resourcing	Herefordshire Council	TBC	TBC	2022	2023	Project mandate in development to develop innovative way of increasing reuse including exploration of bulky waste items; and working in partnership with reuse organisations across the county
Expand reuse opportunities 2	Improve reuse and recycling at all HWRC sites to achieve a reuse and recycling target of 85% by 2035.	Proposal - needs resourcing	Herefordshire Council	SWS	Self funding	2022	2025	Options will be explored as part of the project mandate to explore opportunities under above action. As above
Community reuse and repair initiatives	Promote community recycling initiatives	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	NA	N/A	Ongoing	2023	One repair cafe launched and new grant scheme will be available in 2022
Reduce the consumption of single use plastics 2	Promote 'real' nappies	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Existing real nappy groups and online providers	Internal	Apr-22	Ongoing	Vouchers provided to 350 families in 2022 for purchase of washable nappies. Working with the Hereford Nappy Library to provide more trial kits for loan to parents Phase 2 in development
Recycling of soft plastics	Kerbside collection of national pilot	In Development	Herefordshire Council/ SUEZ	Herefordshire Council/ SUEZ	Internal and external	Apr-23	Ongoing	Discussion underway with disposal partners Severn Waste as to the feasibility of involvement in national pilot. If not successful we will undertake an independent feasibility study
Promote home composting	Signpost residents to Get Composting.com	Existing action	Herefordshire Council		Internal	Ongoing	2023	Leaflets provided across library sites for distribution when collecting garden waste sacks.
Continue to offer waste advice and information to residents, community groups, businesses and schools in the county	Develop an annual communications campaign	Existing action	Herefordshire Council		Internal	Ongoing	Ongoing	Getting It Right communications campaign launched in May 2022 focussing on the correct disposal of flexible plastics, batteries, food waste reduction and reusable nappies. Reinvigoration of communications and engagement strategy, working with external third parties to ensure that messaging and all engagement of residents is completed by start of new collection service in June 2024

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Resource and Waste Strategy Implementation - Consultation	Public consultation on the Council's review of it's domestic and commercial waste service	Completed	Herefordshire Council	MEL Research	Herefordshire Council	Oct-20	Apr-21	Public consultation carried out from December 2020 to February 2021. Consultation report completed and published April 2021. Around 3,500 respondents and results will influence new Waste Strategy
Expand reuse opportunities 3	Create an online reuse directory signposting residents to local charities and other organisations to enable furniture, bikes etc. to be recirculated and if necessary refurbished	Completed	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	Jan-21	Jul-21	Complete and available on Council website: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory/17/reuse_organisations
Online information resources	Continue to update the online A-Z of waste and recycling in Herefordshire	Completed	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	Feb-21	Completed	Completed