

SWP: Update on Recycle More

February Board/Scrutiny



Recycle More: Eight-week Summary

Recycle More Impact after 8 weeks

Extra recycling

678
tonnes

15%
Increase

Extra small
electricals

13
tonnes

Extra
cardboard

378
tonnes

43%
Increase

Extra
food waste

172
tonnes

12%
Increase

Extra
plastic bottles
pots, tubs & trays

73
tonnes

25%
Increase

Extra
household
batteries

2
tonnes

Extra
glass bottles
and jars

138
tonnes

13%
Increase

Rubbish/
residual
waste

22%
Decrease



Communal recycling in Mendip

Approx. **3,270** households across **210** properties/sites – mostly flats, HoMOs and retirement developments.
Residents bring recycling to a shared point for collection.

Current service – **complicated & inconsistent!**

All sites are different, arrangements have evolved. Any combination of the following:

Communal recycling - bins in a shared space.

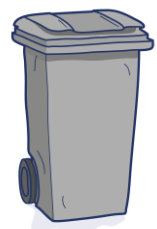
Only paper, glass bottles and jars, tins & cans, aerosols & foil.

Collected when 80% full, usually every 2 weeks. (approx. 2,200)

Individual/kerbside recycling – individually requested food waste collections from weekly 'kerbside' service & some cardboard/plastic bottles.

Picked up from a communal spot, or kerb if there is one.

No recycling – (approx. 60) where there is no space.



Rubbish – most have communal collections from a shared space.

Picked up when 80% full, usually every 2 weeks (some more often).



Communal recycling: what's changing?

Principles

Where possible, offer full individual/kerbside service:
Around 1,300 households.

If individual/kerbside not possible, offer expanded communal service.
Adds plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays & cardboard; stickers & signs.
Around 1,700 households.

Where we cannot offer whole site individual/kerbside service, any kerbside collections replaced with expanded communal.

Food waste: Where currently be collected, this will continue. All households can request food waste recycling. Further work after full Recycle More roll-out



4 recycling services

- 1. Communal recycling & communal rubbish:** 1,740 households.
- 2. Individual/kerbside recycling & communal rubbish:** 1,100 households
- 3. Individual/kerbside recycling & rubbish :** 350 households
- 4. No recycling possible:.** Approx. 80 households



Communal recycling: Communications

New services introduced in Mendip from **8 March 2021**



**Recycle More
is coming soon**

From March, your recycling and rubbish collections will change



- **Management companies** written to in Oct & Jan.
- **Warm up postcards** 5 weeks before change. Change is coming & timescales.
- **Letters to residents** 3 weeks before change – what is mean for them.
- **Stickers & signage**

Help and support

- Contact centre staff have been briefed & will be trained.
- Support from Waste Management Officers (temporary extra resource)

Recycle here



- Rinse and squash or crush if possible.
- No plastic bags, flexible plastic film coverings, or polystyrene.
- No cutlery or metal kitchenware.
- No plastic bags.

Most people in Somerset are recycling. Are you?

Communal recycling: in practice

Before



After



Planned roll-out timetable

Rolled-out in phases as depots are upgraded and to ensure we support residents:

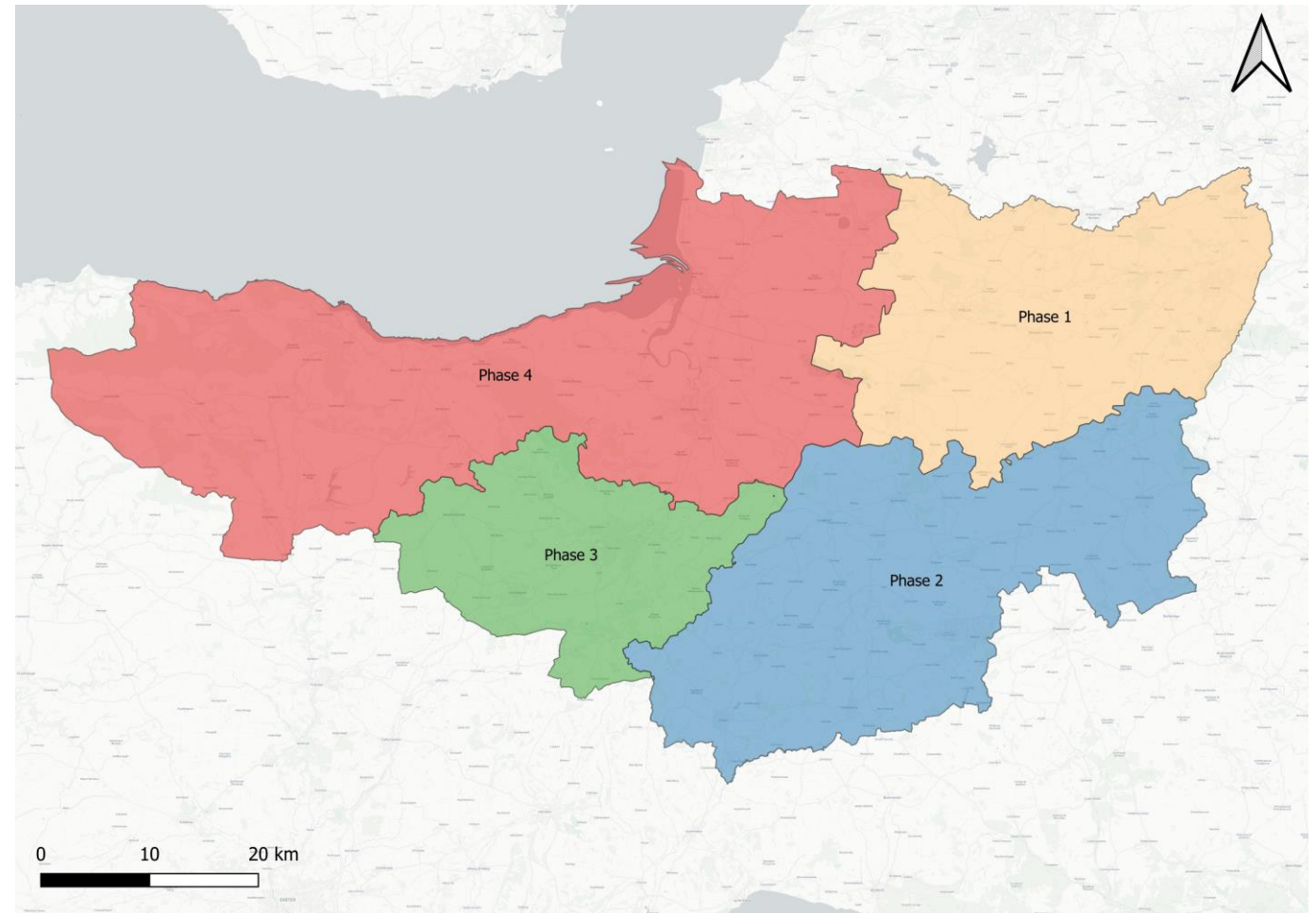
Phase 1: Complete Mendip communals – early March

Phase 2: June/July 2021

Phase 3: Sept/Oct 2021

Phase 4: Feb/March 2022

TBC: Schools roll-out



Planned South Somerset timetable

- **Awareness raising and engagement period:** March/April (inc. stakeholder briefing pack, posters, district/parish engagement meetings)
- **Warm-up leaflet:** w/c 17 May
- **Pre-launch leaflet:** w/c 7 June
- **Blue bag delivery:** from 14 June (inc. stickers on recycling boxes)
- **New service starts:** Monday 28 June (depending upon your collection day)
- **Period of support following launch** (inc. additional staff)

