

Clean and Green Newsletter April – May 2024

Our teams from Cleansing and Parks and Green Spaces have been busy responding to [reports](#). These reports relate to overgrown vegetation, cleaning of road signs, weeding, sweeping and litter picking. In March and April, we have responded to and resolved 882 reports which our teams have worked hard to fix.

Keeping our streets clean and green is essential for a vibrant and healthy community. Here are some ways we can work together to achieve this.

Our Cleansing teams have been also carrying out annual verge clearance this has resulted in **246 bags** being filled removing **738kg** of litter from the verges right across Bath and North East Somerset.

Here are some further examples of what we have been up to in the past couple of months.



Top Left – Batheaston Toilet Block Graffiti cleaning

Top Right – Westmoreland Street Graffiti cleaning

Bottom Left – Bradford Road Street weeding

Bottom Right – London Road

The Report It pages on the website allows residents and business owners to report local problems such as graffiti, fly-tipping, broken paving slabs, or malfunctioning street lighting. Simply enter your nearby UK postcode or street name, locate the issue on a map, and provide details. This will make sure your report is sent promptly to the correct team.

Watch our [short video](#) on how you can report issues.

Community Involvement: Have you considered participating in community clean-up events? Organise neighbourhood [litter picks](#), tree planting drives, or flowerbed maintenance. When we all pitch in, our streets become cleaner, greener, and more inviting.

For information on graffiti removal, please visit our [website](#).

Environmental Enforcement

In February, the team issued **65** fixed penalty notices related to commercial waste, littering and fly-tipping and the escape of controlled waste. Environmental Enforcement can catch offenders not disposing of waste properly and permitting dog fouling in public areas.

Find more information on Environmental Enforcement here: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-environmental-enforcement-fine>

Improving Hicks Gate- Our Enforcement team have been busy this month, engaging with landowners in the Hicks Gate area to improve the landscape and remove fly tipped environmentally damaging waste such as Building materials, cars and asbestos.





The number of enforcements issued in March and April

	March	April
Littering	7	11
Commercial Waste	16	28
Duty of Care	2	2
Fly Tipping	3	1

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Highway services continue to carry out gully cleansing action to maintain our drainage network to keep it running efficiently and to help prevent flooding. In March, the team inspected **1686** gullies of which **1484** were cleaned and April a further **2176** were inspected of which **2095** were resolved, the team continued to battle the elements with the prolonged wet weather, resulting in higher operational demands.

Residents can report gully problems by visiting the Report It page:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-problems-drains-or-flooding>

Recycling Centre Changes

In March we introduced some changes to improved recycling performance at our recycling centres. Anyone visiting a recycling centre to dispose of bags of mixed general waste are required to sort the contents of the bags on site to ensure all recyclable materials are removed and placed in the correct containers. Sorting tables and boxes have been installed in front of the general waste bays at each site. However, we're most keen to encourage recycling to be sorted as much as possible before visiting.



There have also been changes to the amount of domestic building waste (rubble, soil, ceramics and plasterboard) that can be recycled free of charge at the recycling centres.

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published updated legislation on this in December 2023. Our recycling centre policy now follows guidance from DEFRA, no more than the equivalent of two 50-litre bags of plasterboard, rubble, soil and ceramics is allowed to be disposed of in a single visit. The number of visits is also limited to four single visits per household in any four-week period. Residents who have waste in excess of these limits are encouraged to hire a skip or use a licenced waste removal company.



Did you know?

We now sell compost at the reuse shop at Keynsham Recycling Centre. It's produced locally from garden waste the council collects from homes in the district. The bags cost £4 for 40 litres of multi-purpose compost. Further details can be found in this recent press release:

<https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/council-partners-firm-offer-locally-produced-compost>

Need some information quickly, below are useful links, this will take you to our most frequently asked questions that we get asked.

Need more information?

For Information on all things rubbish and recycling

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

Unsure of your collection day?

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday/>

Recycling information

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/recycling>

Rubbish information (not literally!)

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish>

For further information on our services

Visit our pages: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

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