

LEADING THE WAY:



Mid Ulster's Continued
Excellence in Recycling



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE



RECOVER

*Recycling together,
thriving together*





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Setting the Context



- ▶ We serve a population of 148,500 covering an area of some 1714km².
- ▶ By population, Mid Ulster is the 6th largest of the 11 councils.
- ▶ Mid Ulster's population grew by 9.7% between 2009 and 2019, making the district the 3rd fastest growing of the 11 councils.
- ▶ Around 70% of our people live in rural areas.
- ▶ Youngest profile of the 11 Councils
- ▶ Manufacturing, construction, retail and agri-food are among our most significant economic sectors, accounting for 25% of our employment.
- ▶ Mid Ulster has the highest concentration of VAT-registered businesses outside of Belfast with Manufacturing, construction, retail and agri-food, accounting for 25% of our employment
- ▶ Mid Ulster is consistently among the top recycling councils in Northern Ireland.

Our Track Record

	Total Household Recycling Rate	NI Ranking
Apr 15 - Mar 16	50%	1
Apr 16 - Mar 17	52%	1
Apr 17 - Mar 18	54%	1
Apr 18 - Mar 19	56%	2
Apr 19 - Mar 20	59%	1
Apr 20 - Mar 21	59%	1
Apr 21 - Mar 22	58%	2
Apr 22 - Mar 23	58%	2
Apr 23 - Mar 24	58%	2
Apr 24 - Mar 25	60%	1

Percentage of household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling, composting and landfill by district council, DAERA NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2024/25.

Authority	Household waste preparing for reuse rate	Household waste dry recycling rate	Household waste composting rate	Household waste landfill rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	0.2	21.7	35.0	21.3
Ards & North Down	0.4	22.1	33.6	29.0
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	0.2	26.1	28.4	5.0
Belfast	0.4	24.0	18.0	0.9
Causeway Coast & Glens	0.4	23.2	26.9	16.5
Derry City & Strabane	0.4	29.3	18.7	7.3
Fermanagh & Omagh	0.1	27.0	20.6	22.9
Lisburn & Castlereagh	0.3	18.6	31.5	32.6
Mid & East Antrim	0.3	18.2	32.2	34.4
Mid Ulster	0.5	24.5	34.3	0.0
Newry, Mourne & Down	0.1	23.6	25.0	0.9
Northern Ireland	0.3	23.5	27.2	13.8

Highest Reuse Rate
 4th Highest Dry Recycling Rate
 2nd Highest Composting Rate
 Lowest Landfilling Rate

What's Driving Our Success?

Simple Co-Mingled 3 Bin System Replicated District Wide

Good Householder participation - High Presentation Rates for Blue & Brown Bins

Accessible Infrastructure - 11 Recycling Centres Across the District

Clear Communication - Simple Guidance on What Goes Where in 9 Languages & Use of Social Media Channels

Collaboration on Education with Schools, Businesses, and Community Groups

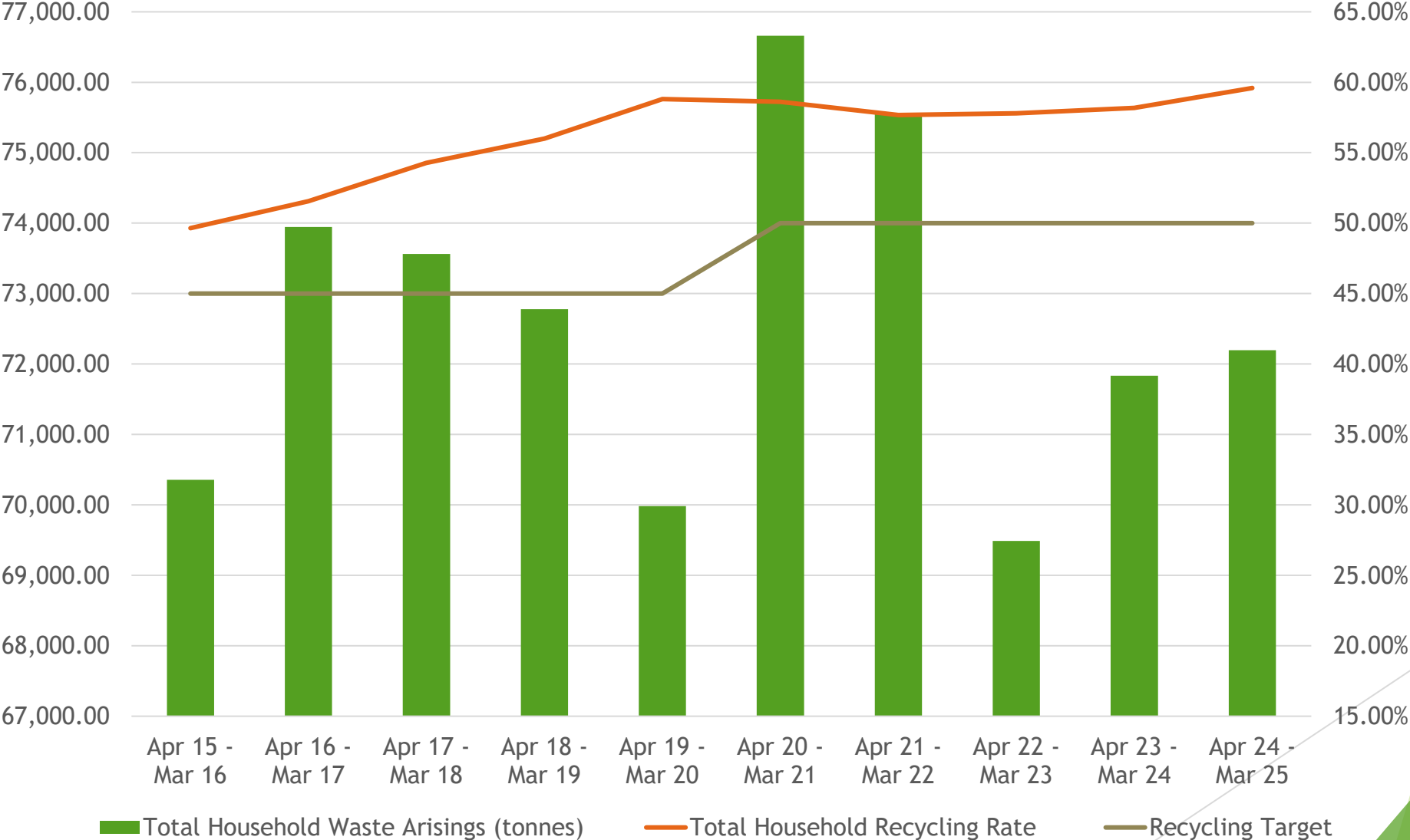
Compliance - Rejection of Contaminated Bins by Refuse Operatives & Follow Up Education Visits

Key Milestones

- ▶ 2015 - Finished Roll Out of Brown Bins to all Households
- ▶ 2015 - Partial Capping of Ballymacombs Landfill (Bellaghy)
- ▶ 2016 - Redevelopment of Drumcoo HWRC
- ▶ 2017 - Closure Of Magheraglass Landfill (Cookstown)
- ▶ 2017 - Transfer of Residual Waste from Cookstown Area to Recycling / Recovery
- ▶ 2018 - Closure Of Tullyvar Landfill (Aughnacloy)
- ▶ 2018 - Redevelopment of New Drumcoo Transfer Station
- ▶ 2018 - Transfer of Residual Waste from Dungannon Area to Recycling / Recovery
- ▶ 2023 - Redevelopment of Magherafelt HWRC



Mid Ulster District Council Recycling Performance Chart

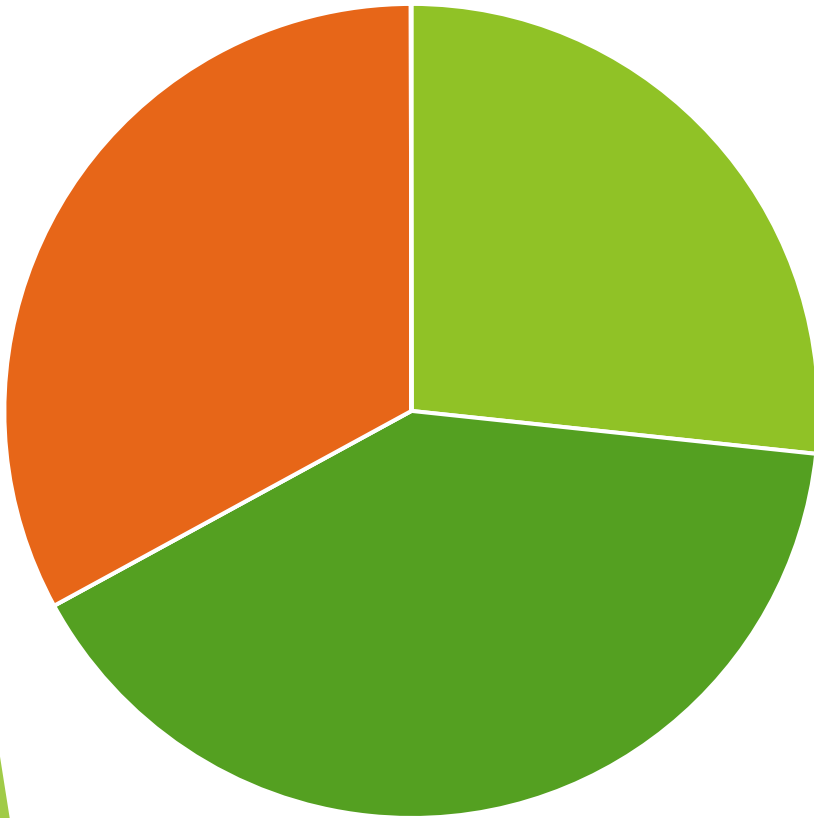


Utilising Best Practice

- ▶ No waste collected goes direct to landfill
 - ▶ Mixed Dry Recyclables - Sorting & Recycled
 - ▶ Residual - Sorted with some recycling, mainly recovered as RDF
 - ▶ Green Waste - Composting
 - ▶ Other Biowaste - In-Vessel Composting
- ▶ Social Media Communications
- ▶ Digital Transformation of Services
- ▶ Use of OAV Collection Vehicles
- ▶ Recycling Pack to All Households
- ▶ Data Analysis
- ▶ Education Campaigns



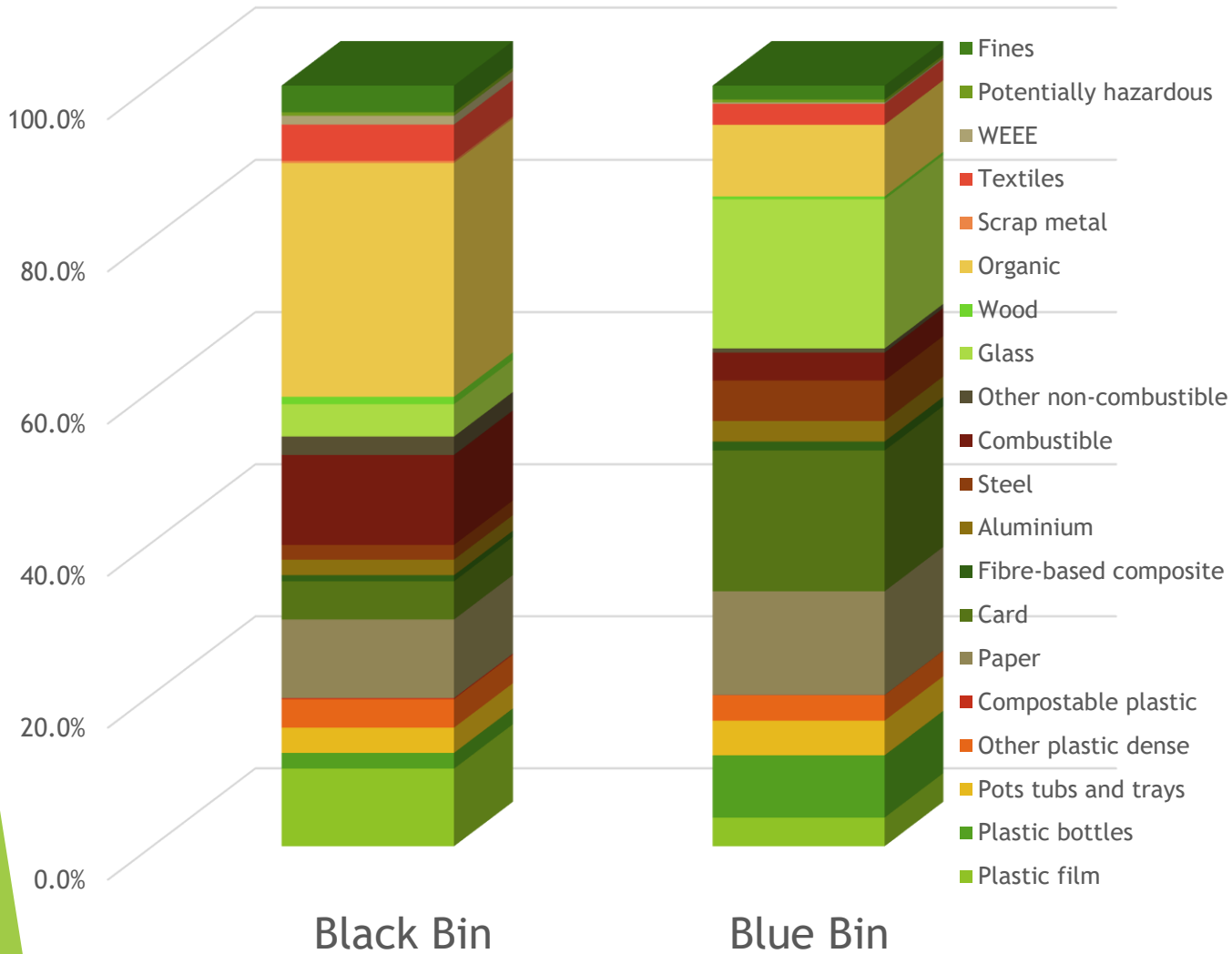
Analysis of HWRC Waste



- Recycling
- Energy from Waste
- Landfill
- Composting
- Reuse

Household Waste Recycling Centre	24- 25 Tonnage	Recycling	Energy from Waste	Composting
Cookstown	7358.71	27.4%	39.5%	33.1%
Drumcoo	7704.30	30.8%	43.0%	26.1%
Magherafelt	4219.22	34.8%	37.0%	28.1%
Coalisland	3471.79	16.5%	54.5%	28.9%
Moneymore	2227.91	20.8%	32.4%	46.8%
Maghera	2239.49	30.5%	39.5%	30.0%
Tullyvar	1636.62	23.3%	39.9%	36.8%
Draperstown	1305.27	28.2%	41.0%	30.8%
Castledawson	1229.93	25.6%	41.6%	32.8%
Fivemiletown	806.56	16.5%	33.7%	49.8%
Ballymacombs	434.93	39.0%	42.1%	18.9%
Total	32634.72	26.7%	40.4%	32.9%

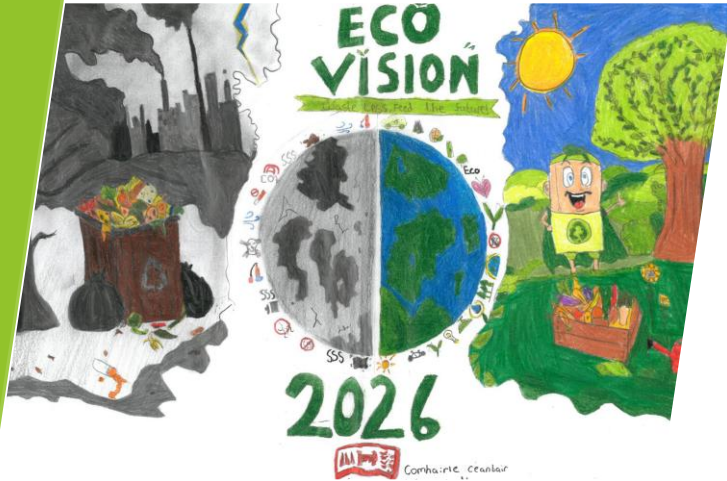
Bin Compositional Analysis



Waste Type	Black Bin	Blue Bin
Plastic film	10.2%	3.8%
Plastic bottles	2.1%	8.2%
Pots tubs and trays	3.3%	4.6%
Other plastic dense	3.8%	3.3%
Compostable plastic	0.1%	0.0%
Paper	10.3%	13.6%
Card	5.0%	18.5%
Fibre-based composite	0.8%	1.2%
Aluminium	2.0%	2.7%
Steel	1.9%	5.3%
Combustible	11.8%	3.7%
Other non-combustible	2.4%	0.5%
Glass	4.2%	19.6%
Wood	1.0%	0.4%
Organic	30.7%	9.4%
Scrap metal	0.3%	0.0%
Textiles	4.8%	2.7%
WEEE	1.2%	0.2%
Potentially hazardous	0.5%	0.4%
Fines	3.5%	1.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Recycling Education

- ▶ 2 Recycling Education Officers engaging with 120 Schools across the District
- ▶ In 25/26 there were 82 Schools visited and 11 community events attended
- ▶ 55% of schools in our district have a green flag which is above the NI average
- ▶ Engagement with multiple large businesses and their workforce on recycling and anti-littering initiatives.
- ▶ Hold an annual Eco Schools / Eco Vision competition
- ▶ Support National waste campaigns such as Recycle Week, European Week Waste Reduction & Compost Awareness Week





SCRiBE Programme

- ▶ In 2024-25, Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) launched its SCRiBE programme (Sustainability, Climate, Recycling and Biodiversity Education Programme) engaging schools, sports clubs and community groups.
- ▶ 10 Outdoor education events held coinciding with national campaigns such as Compost Awareness Week, Food Waste Action Week, Tree Week, World Environment Day and others.
- ▶ SCRiBE interacted with over 740 pupils from 27 schools across the district.
- ▶ 450 trees were planted and 2,000 wildflower bulbs sown, across multiple sites, alongside the creation of no-dig beds, fruit and vegetable planting, and hedgerow enhancement.



Recycling food
waste together for
a greener tomorrow

Remember food waste belongs
in the brown bin, not the black bin



Recycling plastics
together for a
greener tomorrow

We are reducing plastic pollution
by recycling in our blue bins



Driving towards
a greener future
together

This vehicle runs on renewable fuel,
reducing its carbon emissions by up to 90%



Abuse is not
in a day's work

We are here to help
Please respect us as we do our job



New Recycling Campaign

- ▶ Funding of £27,000 from the DAERA Household Waste Recycling Collaborative Change Programme
- ▶ 40 Vehicle Graphics Replaced
- ▶ 3 Digital Screens at 3 Largest HWRC's
- ▶ New Recycling Campaign Focusing on:
 - ▶ Food Waste Recycling
 - ▶ Plastic Recycling
 - ▶ Anti-Abuse of Staff
 - ▶ HVO Trial
 - ▶ Eco Vision Competition Winner Artwork

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Eco-Vision Schools Art Competition
Pollyanna Fell-Mullan (Winner)
Holy Trinity Primary School, Cookstown



Eco Vision 2025 Competition Winner



Mid Ulster Environment & Business Awards 2026

▶ Mid Ulster Climate Champion

- ▶ Won by H&A Group

▶ Net Zero Project of the Year

- ▶ Won by Mallon Technology

▶ Environmental Education & Engagement Award

- ▶ Won by St Colm's High School, Draperstown

▶ Excellence in Resource Management Award

- ▶ Won by O&S Doors Ltd



Challenges We Still Face

- ▶ Changing Regulations - Rethinking Our Resources / Common Collections
- ▶ Changes to Recycling Market Conditions
 - ▶ Deposit Return Scheme
 - ▶ Hard Plastic & Timber Markets
 - ▶ Textiles Income
 - ▶ Fuel Surcharges
- ▶ Language Barrier
- ▶ Compliance
- ▶ Aging Workforce / Attracting & Retaining Skilled Employees

The Road Ahead: Future Plans

- ▶ Efforts to Reach 65% Recycling Target
- ▶ Developing Recycling on the Go Pilot
- ▶ £3.8 Million Recycling Centre Capital Improvement Plan (inc. £1 Million from DAERA HWCCP)
 - ▶ New Relocated Recycling Centre in Maghera
 - ▶ Expanding Reuse and Repair Initiatives
 - ▶ Upgrades to the Other 8 HWRC's
- ▶ Deployment of New Communications Campaign on the new Digital Screens at our 3 Largest HWRC's

