

# Sustainable Resource Management for a Circular Economy

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# Targets and Pending Legislation

- Under new Circular Economy Package new recycling targets for NI are:
  - 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 & 65% by 2035
  - 10% cap on waste to landfill by 2035
- Under Climate Action Bill new recycling targets for NI are:
   70% by 2030
- Upcoming Legislation that will impact how waste is collected:
  - Single Use Plastic Ban (beverage cartons and packaging)
  - Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
  - Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (UK)
  - Common Household Collection regulations (NI)
  - Collaborative Change model

# Borough Profile

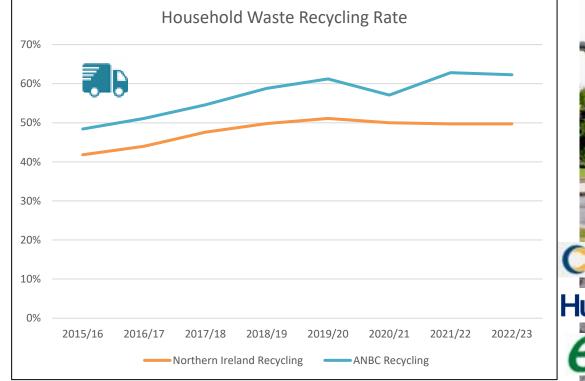


# WASTE MANAGEMENT

NORTHERN IRELAND'S TOP RECYCLER

### 90.8% Customer Satisfaction

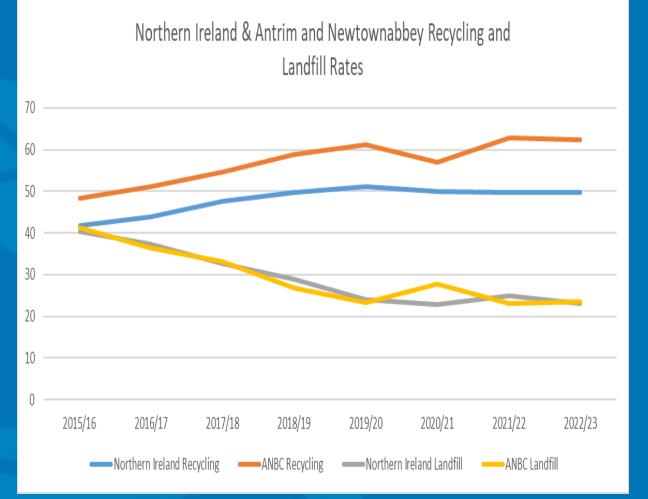
with our Waste and Recycling Service (UK Average is 76.6%)





# Waste Management cont...

- Only 23.5% of household waste went to landfill
- Waste to recovery rate approx. 14%
- Approx 80% of materials collected in Borough remain in UK/Ireland for processing assisting in Circular Economy
- ISO 14001:2015 EMS accredited
- Climate Action Plan in place



# Current Waste Management

- 5 Household Recycling Centres/14 Bring Sites collecting mix of recyclable, bulky and residual materials
- 58k households have food collection via organic kerbside collection service
- 36k household have a weekly dry recyclable kerbside sort collection service, which includes plastics and glass
- 22k households have co-mingled dry recycling collection system
- Plans are in place to harmonise kerbside collection to ensure all households have weekly kerbside sort, glass collection and reduced residual capacity of 180L

# Collaboration through collections

- First Council in NI to work in partnership with private and third sector to deliver all waste collection services;
- Successful partnership with two local companies with bases in the Borough nearly 110,000 bins collected every week;
- **Reduction of collection vehicles** on the road;
- £5M per annum contracts managed to the benefit of Council – minimum disruption of service during and post COVID/industrial strike action;
- introduction of Social Value managed through contract spec.



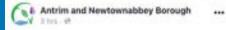
# Behavioural Change

- Significant shift in how we communicated over COVID, which continued through recovery process
- Big push on social media and "Influencers"
- Large scale focus on general recycling messages, litter and reuse
- Greater partnership working with stakeholders such as WRAP, Climate NI and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for resources



Creggan Primary School

Leanne from Antrim and Newtownabbey borough council visited the eco committee this week to talk about recycling. They learned so much and are now ready to start recycling at Creggan ()



As more of us shop online, there is more cardboard to recycle at home 💍

Here's some tips to help manage your recycle bin 👇

- Flatten and break it down into smaller pieces
- Place it in your box or an overflow bag
- Put it out as you get it rather than all in one go

More info about home recycling https://bit.ly/36SPGpT

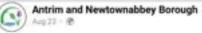
Do good. Feel good. Keep recycling.

#iRecycleRight #BetterRecycling



### Social Media Campaigns

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The Beach Clean Up hosted by Live Here Love Here at Hazelbank Beach was a success!

19 volunteers arrived and helped collect 20 bags of litter!

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough

For World Refill Day 2022, The Mayor, Alderman

Stephen Ross, joined the Eco-Committee from

#Refillution campaign with Pat McCauley from

We are the first Council in Northern Irel... See more

Rosstulla Special School to learn about the

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Northern Ireland Water.

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Huge thanks to Ethan, Daithi, Samuel, Matt, Finn, Jacob, Oliver and Toby, a group of hard working volunteers who collected 30 large rubbish bags and one trolley during their 12 weeks of litter picking contributing towards their bronze Duke of Edinburghi Great team work and lots of litter lifted and disposed of properly.



Eco-Schools Northern Ireland Official .... feeling fantastic.

We had such an inspiring time today recognising our pupils and teachers in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area ... See more



Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council are proud partners of the Wheele Big Challenge

Showcase your actions in school and at home for a chance to win prizes to support your Eco-Schools work.

Wheelie Big Challenge asks your school's Eco-Committee and all pupils and teachers to take a closer look at what happens to your waste in school and to take practical action to improve things.

Join now - https://www.eco-schoolsni.org/cgibin/generic?instance/D=61



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# Collaborative Working and Reuse Projects

- Community Christmas Toy Drive Scheme (3.5 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill)
- Partnership with Habitat for Humanity (15 tonnes of material from landfill in 2022/23)
- Bike Reuse Scheme (0.23 tonnes in 2022/23)
- ANBC Repair Café
- Uniform Reuse Scheme 2,200 items of clothing donated pilot year



# Pilots and Initiatives



### **Recycle your plastic bags and wrapping**

Antrim and Newtownabbey residents already recycle more than 56.9% of their waste, but we want to help you recycle even more. We're introducing a new trial to see how we can recycle your plastic bags and wrapping. The trial will last 6 months.

#### Why are we running this trial?

New recycling laws will be introduced in the UK which mean this type of plastic will need to be collected from households for recycling. We want to find the best way of collecting this type of plastic in order to make it easy for you to recycle even more from home.

#### What should I do?

- Start collecting your plastic bags and wrapping at home please see next page for examples of what we can collect.
- Please ensure that they are clean and free of food residue.
- Place your items in the bags provided with this leaflet.
- Tie the bag securely, removing as much air as possible.
- Place it in the bottom section of your Wheelie Box, along with your glass bottle and jars.

At the end of the trial we will ask you to fill in a quick survey to tell us what you think. Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 gift card.



 Kerbside plastics recycling collection from door step

- Partnership with Bryson Recycling
- 200 households for 9 months

 Measured scale, capacity, quality and customer satisfaction

# Recycling Centres

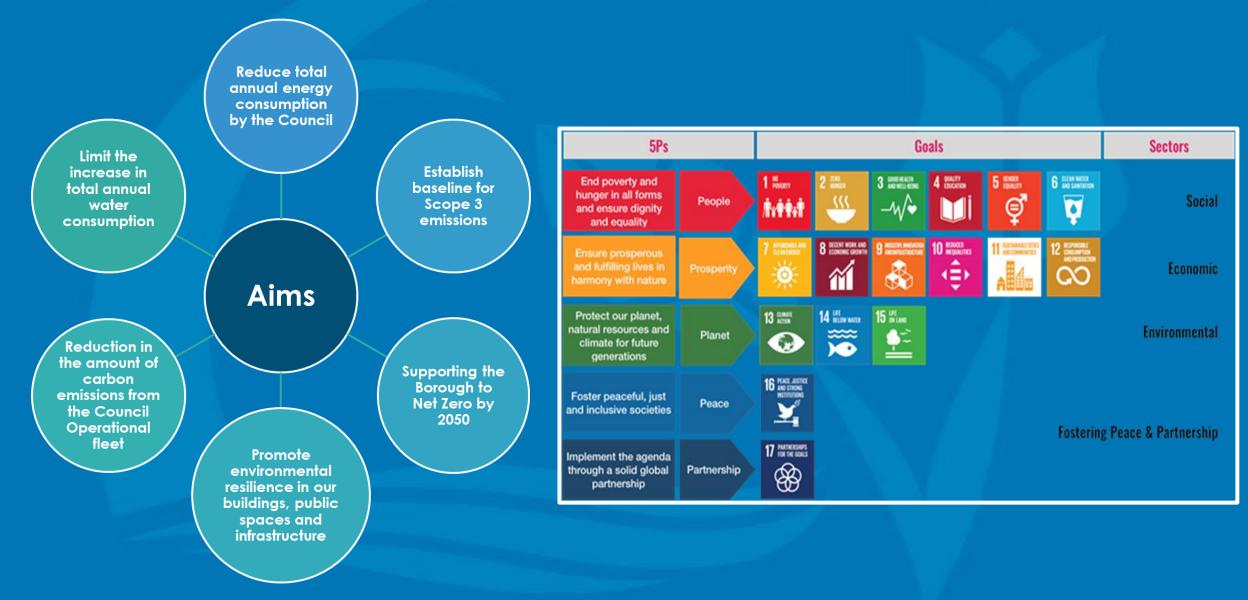


- Approx 60% recycling rate with 70% landfill diversion
- WRAP study to assess Recycling Centre Provision;
- Future proof facilities for new legislation;
- Maximise reuse and recycling
  opportunities;
- New proposed site layouts for a new recycling centre in Crumlin.





## Sustainability and Climate



# Plans for the Future

- Harmonise kerbside collection to include glass and EPR
- Separate Food Waste roll out
- Further push on Reuse Hub to support communities
- Increase recycling and reuse opportunity at all Recycling Centres
- Carbon initiatives and reduction for Climate Action
- Corporate focus on "Planet" and overall Sustainability.

# Thank you.

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