

IOW Councillor Report February 2020 for Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council

Spring is coming, join the waiting list for the 'gardening gang'

The waiting list is open for next year's green garden waste kerbside collection service. Our fortnightly garden waste subscription service is entering its third year in 2020 – and it's been so popular that we're increasing the number of homes that we can visit. Residents who want to join this service in 2020 can put their name on the waiting list now by providing their email and postal address online: <https://bit.ly/2QAbOKQ>. Subscriptions will open in mid-February to start collections for the April-March 2020/21 subscription year. 7,000 households already subscribe to our fortnightly kerbside collection garden waste service, which is great for avid gardeners and garden maintenance people alike. It's fantastic that we're now able to offer 3,000 more spaces. The most positive and regular feedback that I hear from people across the Island is that it is a great timesaver, with fewer trips to the tip meaning that they can spend more time enjoying the fruits of their labours, relaxing in the garden. Existing subscribers whose contract period is due to end will be contacted directly within the next few weeks regarding their current subscription, with details of how to renew their subscription for 2020 and beyond. I have worked with the Waste Team and I.T. to make sure we have the capability to offer Direct Debit for this service both annually and monthly so that subscriptions can run from year to year seamlessly into the future.



Waste and Recycling Survey 2020

The Waste and Recycling Satisfaction Survey is now open and will run until 14th February so I would urge residents to go to the council website and fill in the survey or collect a hard copy from County Hall which should be returned to County Hall by 14th February.

This is an important survey that gives us your thoughts on what we are doing right and what we can do to improve in Waste Services. I thank you in advance for your participation.

National Statistics From Defra

The League tables look at two Key Measures:

1. Percentage of HH Waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting
2. Collected household waste per person (kg)

The industry media has published the data in two different ways with

- **Lets Recycle** showing all WCA (district), WDA (county) and UA (unitary) in a single table (**345 LAs in total**)
 - The IWC has seen good improvement and has moved up in the ranking from **51st in 2017/18 to 36th in 2018/19.**
The is 36th out of 345 LA's
This has been achieved thanks to:
 - A strong foundation in the technical collection service delivery
 - The restricted 140 litre black bins

- The introduction of measures at HWRCs to prevent trade waste abuse (permits, trailer restrictions, introduction of a commercial lane)
 - Strong communication campaigns and clear information for residents on what can be recycled
 - Comms campaigns to remind businesses of their Duty of Care
 - On going waste and recycling education from the Environment Officers Team and Amey in the community
 - Behaviour change and buy in from our community
- Resource Magazine** has separated the WCA's (Districts) into a separate table from the WDA (county) and UA (unitary)(**156 LA's in total**). This is to reflect that it is the WDA's and UA's that are responsible for treatment and disposal.
- The League table published by Resource focuses on the measure residual waste in each local authority focusing on the circular economy goal of zero waste.
 - This ranks the IWC at 21st of 156 in the 2018/19-year (does not include the WCA's).

**Performance on climate change by local authority area in England and Wales
by Friends of the Earth**

Friends of the Earth have created a league table of all local authorities in the UK looking at their performance on climate change and their local climate action plans and I am very pleased to report that the Isle of Wight has been ranked in second place behind only Wiltshire.

This is good news but we are still not being complacent and have created a Task and Finish Group since we declared a climate emergency at Full Council in July last year (which I was instrumental in) our climate change strategy and action plan is nearing completion to be presented to Scrutiny in February and we then look forward to getting on with some of the issues and implementing some of the ideas within the plan.

I am looking forward to this Summer when we will have our new energy from waste plant open which will deliver power for local buildings such as the prison and St. Mary's Hospital and the heat created from the plant would also be able to supply heat to such buildings.

The environmental agenda is developing nationally with new government legislation moving through parliament and pressure on Local Authorities to contribute towards UK carbon budgets set out in the UK Climate Change Act.

This Environment and Climate Corporate Strategy will set out the activities that the council can corporately undertake in the fulfillment of its duties and undertakings to reduce the Isle of Wight Council's carbon footprint and which activities we can facilitate and encourage outside of the council's direct control. The activities set out in this plan will support the following medium-term and long-term outcomes of the corporate strategy:

With best wishes,

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