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# MK Eco Champions Newsletter

 Milton Keynes  
City Council



Welcome to the first MK Eco Champion newsletter!

Each newsletter is designed to increase eco knowledge levels, to help you and those around you with everyday decisions and ideas to be more sustainable. This month's theme is Recycling in MK.



## Wheeled bins are coming!

MK is changing to wheeled bins for [waste and recycling collections in 2023](#). Since October 2020 almost 3,000 properties across MK have piloted the scheme, which has been very successful. Residents have reported a drop in litter and an increase in recycling. The new service has been formed using lessons learned here, as well as the 5,000 responses to the wider public consultation.

See our [bin FAQs](#), covering issues such as residents with mobility issues, larger families, and what goes in each bin.

There are bin displays in all the libraries during October and in the coming months there will be information events and stands across MK to inform residents and answer any queries they may have. If you have any suggestions on a good location where we can talk with residents in local communities, please contact [yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

## Know your stuff!

# Let's recycle right



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It's useful to refresh ourselves on what can and cannot be recycled. Watch our [Let's Recycle Right video](#) to find out what can be recycled in MK. We have useful information on our website:

[What goes in each recycling container and bin at home](#)

[Alphabetical list of items and which bin they go in](#)

[Find out what recycling is turned into](#)

## New bin posters

Good recycling happens when the bins are clearly defined and signed. Check out your office and home bins – does everyone using them know what items goes in each bin?

Visit [our webpage](#) for new bin posters, including rubbish, recycling, food waste, glass recycling and shredder sign.

Also see our [free articles](#) for noticeboards, newsletters and social media posts.



## Workplace in Bloom competition

Our contractors, Ringway have been awarded second place in their company Workplace in Bloom competition. They have introduced a staff garden area with seating, cleverly reusing old PPE and traffic cones as part of their design. Find out more about their [competition entry](#).



## Share your news

Have a story to share? Send them across to [wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk). Share your successes and inspire others each month. It could be a community litter pick, local eco event, an environmental project, or how you are improving biodiversity.

Your achievements will be listed on the [Eco Champions webpage](#) and the best story of the month will make it into the newsletter.

November's issue will have a focus on plastic.