



## What A Stink...

Get Ready For Three Week Bin Collections from Next Year Thanks To The Greens & Independents...

The Green-Independent Coalition has decided to cancel the fortnightly bin collection and instead only collect "black bin waste" every three weeks. This is part of a drive for more recycling which will see households have up to 4 wheelie bins and be plagued with the smell of residual waste for weeks before it is collected. Households across the county already struggle with the fortnightly collection and for those with babies or living in flats, the prospect of holding on to waste for an extra week does not bear thinking about. This coupled with the lack of space for households to store rubbish across the

city and market towns shows just how out of touch this administration is. Residents pay council tax for the basic services to be delivered and under this Coalition, your needs are being wilfully ignored.



Residents Must Prepare For Three Week Waste Collections

**What a Stink:** Indeed! A stinking story that, once again, twists the truth and takes you all for fools. The retendering of the Collection and Disposal Waste Contract is one of the biggest decisions this council will make, and commits billions of pounds to a long term solution for the handling of our waste out beyond 2040.

Our current contract is so old that it was set up back in the day when waste was seen as a liability, rather than the money-generating asset it is today. **We need to modernise our approach to waste management** and make sure that we are doing everything we can to follow the waste hierarchy of: Prevent, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Dispose.

Being so out of date does have the benefit that **others have already explored and de-risked all the improved options for waste handling and the costs and benefits are well understood.** In 2020-2021 the options for improved handling and collection were consulted on widely with residents and with business. These consultations had the highest response to any consultation ever run by the council and **the public came out clearly in favour of a service which separates and recycles more of our waste.** The preferred collection service which will come into operation in the summer of 2024 looks like this:



Unlike now – when food waste sits in your bin for a fortnight, **the new service will collect smelly food waste every week and there will be special collection options for households producing medical waste, families using disposable nappies and homes with storage issues.** We already meet our target of less than 1% of our waste going to landfill. This new scheme will **reuse and recycle more, will compost more, and will remove the smelly waste from your property more frequently** than at present.

**Not so STINKY after all!**





The Conservatives published their own 'newspaper' full of misleading nonsense. For a full explanation of why their claims are such utter rubbish, go to the Myth Busting page. Meanwhile here are the headlines...



Planters were paid for out of a covid grant to improve the city centre, not from your council tax.

The 'bypass' was a Conservative waste of money. It would have encouraged more traffic at a time when we need to find ways to encourage less. Plus it would still take another 10 years to do and cost another £250 million+

Conservatives raised council tax by the full amount every year they were in power. Plus inflation was lower then.

Government directed all councils to reorganise bin collections with a greater emphasis on recycling. The public were consulted on the plans and a majority agreed with the new arrangements



Money spent on Hereford city centre is aimed at actually solving the cities transport problems, which these roads schemes never would.



Conservatives approved a massive increase in poultry farming without thinking of the effect of phosphates on our rivers. Now they try to blame us!

The new cycle lane was not our 'vanity project'. It was actually part of a scheme designed by the Conservatives. Costs went up because their design needed improvement.

Our Children's services have been in trouble since long before the Coalition took over. The headline cases date back to when the Conservatives ran the council. Funding has been under pressure for over 10 years.

The reason our rivers are so polluted is because Thatcher sold off our water to companies who want profit over nature. The Government still refuses to take the pollution of our rivers seriously, letting these companies discharge raw sewerage into our rivers.



Rural areas are undervalued by Government. It is they who spend billions on HS2 rather than local bus services. Not your council

Basically every story in their 'newspaper' is a total misrepresentation of the truth. Even the 'potholes have potholes' story conveniently forgets to mention that the government has slashed the money available to sort out roads while the cost of materials has gone up.

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