
CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Segregated Recycling Collections Pilot Scheme

We know that most households are already using the recycling service; however, the recycling bags are not always being used correctly and often contain incorrect items. The way that we currently collect recycling also means that we use 24 million single use green bags every year.

We are therefore trialling a new recycling collection scheme with 4,000 properties across the city from the week commencing Monday 24 January 2022. Residents in the trial areas will be provided with:

- 1 red reusable sack for containers (e.g. items such as plastic bottles, tubs and trays, and tins, cans and clean foil);
- 1 blue reusable sack for paper and cardboard; and
- 1 new blue caddy for glass bottles and jars.

The recycling will be collected separately to the other co-mingled recycling and the outcomes, including resident feedback, will be utilised to model our business case for wider city-wide changes. This work will drive improvements to the quality of recyclable materials that we collect from households. It will also help Cardiff to become a carbon neutral city by 2030 and achieve the Welsh Government's recycling target of 70% by 2025.

Christmas Memorial Service

The annual Christmas Memorial Service at Thornhill Crematorium was held on 5 December 2021 and was broadcast live online for the first time because of the Covid-19 pandemic and in order to protect both the staff and public. This was very well received by the public and a recording of the service was made available on the Bereavement Services website, which could be viewed for a month after the event. Believe Organ Donor Support also supported the event and, as Bereavement Services' chosen charity this year, was presented with a total of £10,000 that was raised as part of our metal recycling scheme at the crematorium.

Cardiff Dogs Home

The Cardiff Dogs Home website continues to go from strength to strength and received over 2.5 million views in 2021. This provides a great platform for the development of other online commercial opportunities in the future.

Burns Pet Nutrition Ltd has confirmed sponsorship of the pet food provided to the dogs in our care for another 12 months. South Wales Police has also extended its contract with the Dogs Home for another 12 months to 31 December 2022.

The number of volunteer dog walkers continues to grow with 80-100 new volunteers being inducted each month. The demand for places on the induction sessions is constant and they are booked up at least 2-3 weeks in advance.

Flood Risk Management

Following submission of the Outline Business Cases, we have applied for Welsh Government funding to undertake Full Business Cases for both Rumney and Whitchurch flood alleviation schemes. Business Justification Cases are also being developed for submission to Welsh Government for a further four locations at Heathwood Road, Newport Road, Cyncoed Road and Bryn Celyn.

Drainage and Gully Cleansing

I want to thank members of the Highways Operations Drainage Team who worked tirelessly throughout the Christmas period during prolonged periods of heavy rainfall. The teams were despatched at all hours, including Christmas Day, to manage and maintain trash screens at critical flood risk points on local brooks throughout the city. In addition, our Gully Cleansing Teams were despatched to clear flooding of the highway to ensure safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during periods of prolonged inclement weather.

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