



Avoid a Jubilee jam - check the dates

Easter, bank holidays and the Platinum Jubilee between now and June mean plenty of waste changes, including five Saturdays of collections. Do check if an unexpected recycle or rubbish truck might disrupt your Platinum plans.

First up are the Good Friday 15 April collections that move to Saturday 16 April. With no collections on bank holiday Monday 8 April, Easter week pick-ups are a day later, including Friday collections on Saturday 23 April.

Bank holiday Monday May 2 means the week's collections are a day later, with Friday pick-ups on Saturday 7 May.

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, waste changes are more complex. The extra bank holiday on Thursday 2 June means that day's collections are on Saturday 4

WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

Usual day	JUNE	Revised day
Thursday 2		Saturday 4
Friday 3		Monday 6
Monday 6		Tuesday 7
Tuesday 7		Wednesday 8
Wednesday 8		Thursday 9
Thursday 9		Friday 10
Friday 10		Saturday 11

June, and Friday 3 June's pick-ups move to Monday 6 June, so waste collections all that week are a day later, including Friday's on Saturday 11 June.

Our new van needs a great name

Somerset will soon have a community repair coordinator touring the county in a customised van to promote the sustainable consumption of electrical-electronic items and offer practical help with the network of local reuse groups.

The van needs a name - and we want you to help choose it from great ideas suggested by Somerset residents.

Visiting events, schools and more with useful tools and an electrical testing service, the van will encourage people to get any item with a plug or batteries - radio to toaster, tablet to kettle - fixed and reused rather than discarded.

As well as promoting repair and reuse of electrical and electronic items, the van may take a wider role later if the project continues. So the right name needs to work for general repair and reuse as well as anything electronic or electrical.

The names up for your vote now are:

- Fixy/Fixy McFixface
- Norma
- Phoenix
- Revival
- Sparky

Vote until 12noon Monday 7 March here:
surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NameTheVanVote-SWP2022



Take action on food waste

Like a simple way to save money and lighten your carbon load? Cut food waste. To help us all, Food Waste Action Week is coming up on 7-13 March.

Top Food Waste Action Week tips:

- Make shopping lists and plan portions
- Turn your fridge down to 5°C or lower
- Keep an eye on food use-by dates
- Eat it all, from the roots to the shoots
- Use up all those tasty leftovers
- Keep stored food in eat-next order
- Freeze now what you will not eat

Food Waste Action Week will be reminding us that easy steps can help everyone eat better while saving not just food and money but all that goes into it:

soil, water, energy and more. Watch out for news about food waste action soon.



Recycle More reaches finishing line

Recycle More will finish its successful roll-out by starting the new expanded recycling services across Sedgemoor and West Somerset, collecting extra materials each week from 28 February. All West Somerset and Sedgemoor residents should hold onto their individual one-year calendars sent in the post, especially as thousands of homes will have an extra Saturday rubbish pick-up on **26 February** or **5 March**. Details: somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each partner council:
Mendip Cllrs Peter Goater, Tom Ronan;
Sedgemoor Cllrs Andrew Gilling, Janet Keen; **Somerset County** Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); **Somerset West and Taunton** Cllrs David Mansell, Andrew Sully; **South Somerset** Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB agendas: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

SWP manages waste services for all Somerset councils. On social media, follow **@Somersetwaste**. Advice and ezine sign-up: somersetwaste.gov.uk