

JANUARY MEETING

— 2nd Speaker —

Dover Recycling and Waste

A Talk by Mandy Pile - Waste Services Manager, Dover District Council

Reported by Alan Lee

Mandy introduced herself and named the other 8 members of her team, 4 contract members and local residents who were passionate about recycling and waste. Then followed an overview of what services her department were responsible for. She stated that she sits on the National Recycling Committee as a representative of Dover District Council. This ensures that the district's voice is heard concerning recycling and waste.



Mandy Pile

Mandy continued by detailing various areas within the town and how the town was divided into different zones depending on each areas footfall. The town centre is designated a high footfall zone. This meant that it was litter picked and swept by 8am each day and washed down twice a week. In addition a daily barrow operative is on duty and with litter bins regularly emptied. The cleansing times for winter are 6am to 6pm and for summer are 6am to 10pm.

Waste collection is segregated as follows;

Weekly

Food waste - collected from the green bin.

Fortnightly

Glass, cans and plastics - collected from blue lidded bins or boxes. This includes

glass bottles and jars, drink tins, food cans and drink cartons [Tetra Pak]. Plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles. Food packaging from the kitchen and packaging from the bathroom.

Unwanted plastics (these cannot be recycled)

Thin plastics like bread bags, grape bags, magazine wraps, crisp bags, frozen vegetable bags, shrink wrap plastic that

might hold 6 cans of baked beans etc. Example: If you buy a tray of tomatoes the wrapping is refuse but the tray is recyclable.

Paper and cardboard - collected from black box or blue bag. Large cardboard should be broken down into 'dustbin sized' pieces and placed safely near your black box for collection.

Unwanted items in this box

Greetings cards with metallic or shiny finishes. Wrapping paper with metallic finishes. Drinks cartons [Tetra Pak]. Hardback books.

Battery Recycling - batteries can be recycled at the kerbside with your other recycling. Just fill the bag supplied with batteries and put it out on the top of your black box for recycling. If you have not got a bag, put the batteries in a clear food bag

and when we empty it we will leave it ready for you to use again.

Batteries are collected every two weeks on recycle day at the kerbside from on top of your black box and usually tipped into a side pod on the freighter (some are contained elsewhere). When the freighter returns to the depot they are bulked up to await collection.

Alternatively you can pick up a battery recycling bag free of charge if you are passing the Council Offices at Whitfield.

Garden waste - collected from green bags/sacks - for this service there is an extra annual charge of £39.95, the cost of the sacks are not included in the annual charge. Up to 6 bags will be collected per collection.

General refuse - collected from grey lidded bins or purple sacks. This will include any waste that will not be put in any of the other categories.

Clinical waste - special arrangements are made for clinical/medical waste using yellow sacks. This must be organised through a District Nurse.

Bulky Item Service - A bulky item service is offered to householders in Dover district.

Up to 5 items: £29.95
Additional Items: £5 each

*For further information or to book this service; Dover District Council Wasteline:
01304 872428*

Email: waste@dover.gov.uk

Assisted Bin Collections - these can be arranged where there is nobody at a property able to carry the bins to the

normal collection point (the property boundary). This may be due to physical inability, illness or disability. The assisted collection can be arranged on a temporary or permanent basis. Please contact DDC.

Community Clean Ups - DDC can help you with equipment for your own community clean-up. They are committed to keeping Dover district clean, so if you spot a problem with cleanliness please report it to us first be it a dirty street or fly tipping. Community clean-ups make a special contribution to the environment but do not replace our daily cleaning schedules. DDC lend out, free of charge, community clean up kits which contain: litter pickers, protective gloves, Hi-Viz tabards and large grey bags. The kits can be collected, by prior arrangement, from the Council Offices at Whitfield and returned the day after the event.

If you collect lots of litter during your event, including separated cans and plastics for recycling, DDC will pick it up and recycle it for you. DDC can only collect litter that has been bagged up and are unable to collect any large items of dumped rubbish. They will arrange a collection point and clearance at a suitable time to suit your event. You must carry out your own risk assessment for the safety of the event.

The council, working with partners clears the verges of litter on the A2/A20 three times per year. Including the relevant Health and Safety and traffic management the cost works out at £10k per pick.

DDC achieves a recycling rate of 42% over the district.

Mandy completed her presentation with a lengthy and varied question and answer session.