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| Welcome to Recycling: Let’s Sort It News – your waste and recycling e-newsletter from Wiltshire Council.This edition includes:* 🟢 Green Johanna summer prize draw – Winners announced! 🟢
* 🗓️ Countdown to National Recycle Week. Less than a month to go! ♻️
* What to do with medicine and vitamin blister packets
* Monthly myth buster
* ☕ Small items, big impact – 19 tonnes of coffee pods recycled through our recycling centres!
* Thank you for composting
* Give your unwanted clothes a second life
* Solar Together registration closes tomorrow – deadline extended due to high demand
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| **🟢 Green Johanna summer prize draw – Winners announced! 🟢**Great Green Systems has revealed the five lucky winners of its summer prize draw, held for Wiltshire residents who purchased a Green Johanna food waste composter between 7 July and 7 August.Each winner will receive an accessory pack worth nearly £100, including an insulation jacket, composting accelerator, kitchen caddy, and compostable liners – perfect for boosting their composting efforts at home.The prize draw supported our wider mission to reduce food waste and promote sustainable living. Residents can still purchase the Green Johanna at a subsidised price of £70 (RRP £144.99), making it an affordable way to compost all food waste, including cooked food, meat, and fish, alongside garden waste.🌱 Thank you to everyone who took part and continues to compost for a greener Wiltshire!  |

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| [**Winners announced in Wiltshire's Green Johanna composting draw**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=ff786464f0&e=0e7a906843)  |

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|  **🗓️ Countdown to National Recycle Week. Less than a month to go! ♻️**Recycle Week is nearly here, and it's time to start thinking about what we can do to reduce waste and recycle more effectively at home.Last year’s campaign focused on commonly missed recyclables, items that often end up in the general waste bin but can actually be recycled. These included:* Trigger sprays (like cleaning bottles) – pop these in your blue-lidded bin
* Toilet roll tubes – pop these in your blue-lidded bin
* Yoghurt pots – rinse then pop in your blue-lidded bin
* Aerosols – fully decompress of air, then pop in your blue-lidded bin

🌟 The impact was huge, post campaign research showed that: * The campaign reached 7.3 million people
* 2.9 million said they changed their recycling habits
* The rate of missed capture for the five key items dropped from 70% to 64%—a major achievement!

This year’s theme is still under wraps, but it’s a great opportunity to refresh your recycling knowledge and make sure you’re making the most of your household bins in Wiltshire.✅ **Top Tip:** Check what you can recycle at home by visiting the Wiltshire Council website here   |

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| [**Watch this video to see what happens to recycling collected in Wiltshire**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=5831eb27d0&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **What to do with medicinal blister and vitamin packets**Medicine blister packs are difficult to recycle as the plastic and metal is very hard to separate once it’s been bonded together, which is why they can’t be recycled in your bins at home.  However, you can now recycle these in selected Boots stores, and you even get advantage card points as a reward!  |

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| [**More information can be found on the boots website here**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=972e77bb1e&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **Monthly Myth Buster**Myth: You can't recycle items if they still have food residue on them.Fact:  While it's best to rinse containers like yoghurt pots or sauce jars to avoid contamination, a little residue doesn’t mean the item can’t be recycled. Most recycling facilities can handle minor food traces. However, heavily soiled items (like greasy pizza boxes) will need to go in the general household waste bin where they will be sent for energy recovery.   |

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| [**What you can recycle at home**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=a0f93feb2e&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **☕ Small items, big impact – 19 tonnes of coffee pods recycled through our recycling centres!**Since the Podback coffee recycling scheme launched in October last year, Wiltshire residents have recycled an impressive 18.91 tonnes of coffee pods\*, that’s over a million pods!This is an incredible achievement given their size and how easily they could end up in general waste. It’s a powerful example of how small actions can lead to big environmental wins.If you didn’t know, you can recycle your aluminium and plastic coffee pods at your local recycling centre, just look out for the dedicated Podback bins. Make sure to keep plastic and aluminium pods separate.\*(from November 2024 to June 2025)   |

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| [**Household recycling centre locations and opening times**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=8e518bb11e&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **Thank you for composting!**Thank you for composting your garden waste, either at home, using the household collection service, or by taking it directly to a household recycling centre.Last year we composted over 40,000 tonnes of garden waste, and that doesn’t include the home composting that we know is happening across Wiltshire!  You can sign up for a household collection at any time and the current service year covers your collections until 30 June 2026.   |

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| [**Want to know what happens to your garden waste? Check out this short video**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=aadcfe9038&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **♻️ Give your unwanted clothes a second life**Textiles don’t belong in Wiltshire’s home recycling bins, but many still end up there by mistake. This causes serious issues at sorting facilities, where clothes get tangled in machinery, posing risks to staff and leading to disposal instead of reuse.The fashion industry contributes 8–10% of global greenhouse gas emissions, so giving clothes a second life is a simple way to help the planet. Here’s how you can make a difference: * Drop off clothes at any of Wiltshire’s 10 Household Recycling Centres for reuse.
* Donate to charity shops or clothing banks, often found in car parks or near shops.
* Sell online via platforms like Vinted or Facebook Marketplace to reduce waste and earn money.
* Swap school uniforms through local community or school initiatives.

Let’s keep textiles out of the wrong bin and give them a new purpose!   |

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| [**Donate your items to a HRC**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=7231bf61d6&e=0e7a906843)  |

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| **Solar Together registration closes tomorrow – deadline extended due to high demand**Due to continued interest and the significant capacity of this year’s chosen installer, the deadline to register for the Solar Together scheme was extended to Friday 29 August – which gives residents one final day to sign up.The scheme offers homeowners and small businesses access to competitive pricing on solar panels, battery storage, and EV charge point installations, helping to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions.Through a group-buying model, participants benefit from vetted installers and lower costs.This year’s supplier, Sustain, has already completed over 1,600 installations through the scheme and holds a 4.9⭐ rating on Trustpilot.Don’t miss out – registration closes tomorrow, 29 August. |

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| [**Get your free, no-obligation quote**](https://wiltshire.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2883905f726c9fc694bef8b9e&id=fbd250b8a5&e=0e7a906843)  |

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