

Stratford on Avon District Councillor's Monthly Report for April 2025

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Stratford is third-best in England for recycling

Stratford-on-Avon District had the third-highest household recycling rate in England last year (2023/24), according to figures published by the government.

With a 61.0% household recycling rate, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has jumped up two places in the league table after seeing a 1% increase from the previous year.

Rank	Authority	Recycling rate 2023/24
1	South Oxfordshire District Council	62.9%
2	Three Rivers District Council	61.9%
3	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	61.0%

Put plastic bags in your recycling

Residents in Stratford-on-Avon District are now able to recycle plastic bags and plastic wrapping in their fortnightly 'blue bin' recycling collections.

Sherborne Recycling Centre in Coventry is now able to handle more flimsy plastic items. These may be used to make new plastic products such as packaging, 'bags for life', boxes, bins, and agricultural and construction materials.

There are a few rules to observe to keep your dry recycling as processable and reusable as possible. Please make sure your plastic bags and wrapping are empty and free from food residue and other contaminations. They should be placed **loosely** into your recycling bin with your other recyclables.

Please **do not** fill the plastic bags with other recycling as this makes the Recycling Centre's job in separating the different items far more difficult.

What can now be recycled:

- **All plastic bags**
- carrier bags
- salad/fruit/vegetable bags
- frozen food bags
- bread bags
- cereal bags
- flower bags
- **Confectionery wrappers**
- chocolate
- sweets
- biscuits
- cakes
- ice cream and chewing gum wrappers
- **Foil-lined packaging**
- crisp/snack packets
- coffee bags
- **Cheese, fish, and meat wrapping**
- **Outer layer bags and wrapping**
- multipacks
- toilet and kitchen roll
- magazine and newspaper wrapping
- **Plastic film and sleeves**
- removeable film lids
- plastic sleeves for bottles and jars
- **Bubble wrap and cling film**
- maximum 1m sections
- **Fruit and vegetable net bags**

What **cannot** be included:

- Pouches, sachets and packets - microwaveable food, baby/pet food, cosmetics, detergent and cleaning
- Balloons
- Blister packs, pills, and tablets packaging
- Compostable or biodegradable bags and wrapping
- Crisp tubes
- Disposable gloves or masks
- Foam or polystyrene of any kind
- Plastic straws or cutlery
- Textiles and clothing - put these in a bag at the side of your bin.

Subsidised prostate cancer screening

Local men will be able to get themselves tested for prostate cancer under a new initiative by the District Council.

Prostate cancer is the second-most common cause of cancer death in British males, but is not routinely screened by the NHS.

Now thanks to an initiative by Stratford District Council, all male residents over 40 years old will be eligible for a subsidised PSA test for prostate cancer.

The Council is putting aside £80,000 over the next two years to keep the cost down for residents to just £14.00 per test.

Carried out by the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust on behalf of the Council, the tests available will also include diabetes and cholesterol screening for all men and women over 18 years old, each for the same subsidised price.

Five screening days have already been announced in Stratford, Studley, Southam and Alcester Leisure Centres. The first is on 31st May at Stratford Leisure Centre.

It is hoped that further dates and venues may be announced soon in places like Henley, outside of the Council's Leisure Centres.

More details may be found at <https://sdc.mypsatests.org.uk> or by emailing info@myhealthtests.org.uk or calling 01926 419959.

More Climate Change funding now available

More money has been allocated by Stratford-on-Avon District Council for a third round of the Community Climate and Nature Fund (CCNF).

Another £150,000 is available in the fund to provide opportunities for the following groups to apply for grant funding:

- Town and parish councils
- Properly constituted community and charity groups operating within the Stratford-on-Avon District
- Sports clubs

These are the types of projects that are eligible for funding:

Physical interventions that generate renewable energy, reduce waste or reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, transport, commercial and industrial processes

Community initiatives/interventions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or promote greener lifestyles

Delivering projects which enhance biodiversity in an area

Measures which provide adaptation to Climate Change

Research including feasibility studies

Great Alne Parish Council, for example, was awarded £4,000 to develop a community flooding scheme.

Among other successful applicants have been Snitterfield Village Hall with nearly £5,000 to install an air-source heat pump and Bearley Parish Council, which got £2,000 for LED streetlight bulbs.

[You can view some case studies of the successful projects here.](#)