



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **We want your help to shape our future waste and recycling service – survey now available until end of 20 July**



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*What would encourage you to recycle more?*

*How often would you like your recycling to be collected?*

These are just some of the questions in a [survey](#) that Cotswold District Council has launched today to gather views about the sort of waste/recycling service that is the best fit for the District and also the County as a whole.

Our service provider Ubico Ltd needs to replace its existing fleet of kerbside collection vehicles during 2019 as the current ones will be at the end of their service life. Improvements in technology should mean that the new vehicles will offer smarter and more efficient ways of collecting recycling and we are seeking the views of residents to help us maximise the benefits of these advances.

Cllr Sue Coakley, CDC Cabinet Member for Environment, comments:

“We have a great opportunity to improve our kerbside waste and recycling services in line with the needs of people across the District. We plan to gather customer feedback on the current service and suggestions for improvement. This will enable us to come up with new ways to deliver the service so that we can reduce the amount of residual waste going to landfill and

increase recycling. The introduction of a better system will also help us keep down the cost of Council Tax.”

**The survey is available on the CDC website now –**

**see <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SRM7M3M> -** and will run until the end of Friday 20 July. We are working with Parish and Town Councils and the media to publicise the survey with a view to capturing as many responses as possible.

With the continued housing growth across the District, CDC is also reviewing collection rounds so that the new vehicles can be used as efficiently as possible. This could involve changes to some collection days as part of the introduction of the new service.

Cllr Coakley explains further:

“There have been significant changes to the distribution of housing in some parts of the District over the last decade. We altered several rounds in 2016 to accommodate those changes and the optimisation exercise went very smoothly, thanks to the support of residents. The distribution of recently built and planned housing continues to affect the make-up of waste and recycling collection rounds and we believe there is scope for further route alterations to increase efficiency. It is probable that this will result in changes to some collection days. When this occurs, we will again ensure that everyone is fully informed and understands the new collection arrangements.”

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