

# **Recycling, Future Plans & Environmental Enforcement**

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# Recycling



# Life before Wheelie Bins

## What we can collect?

Materials should be left for collection as shown in the photograph.  
Please only include items listed, and keep materials separate where shown.

### KITCHEN, GARDEN WASTE AND CARDBOARD



#### Collected in Brown sack

##### Green garden waste:

- ✓ Grass & hedge cuttings
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Flowers & plants
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings

##### Food waste, including:

- ✓ Fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Meal leftovers, including meat & bones
- ✓ Stale bread
- ✓ Cardboard & shredded paper

Please wrap wet food waste in newspaper.

Please don't include plastic or corn starch bags, even if they say they are biodegradable.

Cardboard can be left flattened and bundled next to brown sacks.

\*A maximum of 4 brown sacks will be replaced each collection.

\*Additional sacks can be purchased from local suppliers, details are available at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01353 865555.



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#### Collected in Black box

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ White paper
- ✓ White envelopes
- ✓ Catalogues (please remove cardboard cover)

### GLASS



#### Collected in carrier bag

- ✓ Glass bottles & jars (please remove lids)

### CANS/TINS & AEROSOLS



#### Collected in separate carrier bag

- ✓ Food & drinks cans
- ✓ Aerosols (don't squash)

### PLASTICS BOTTLES

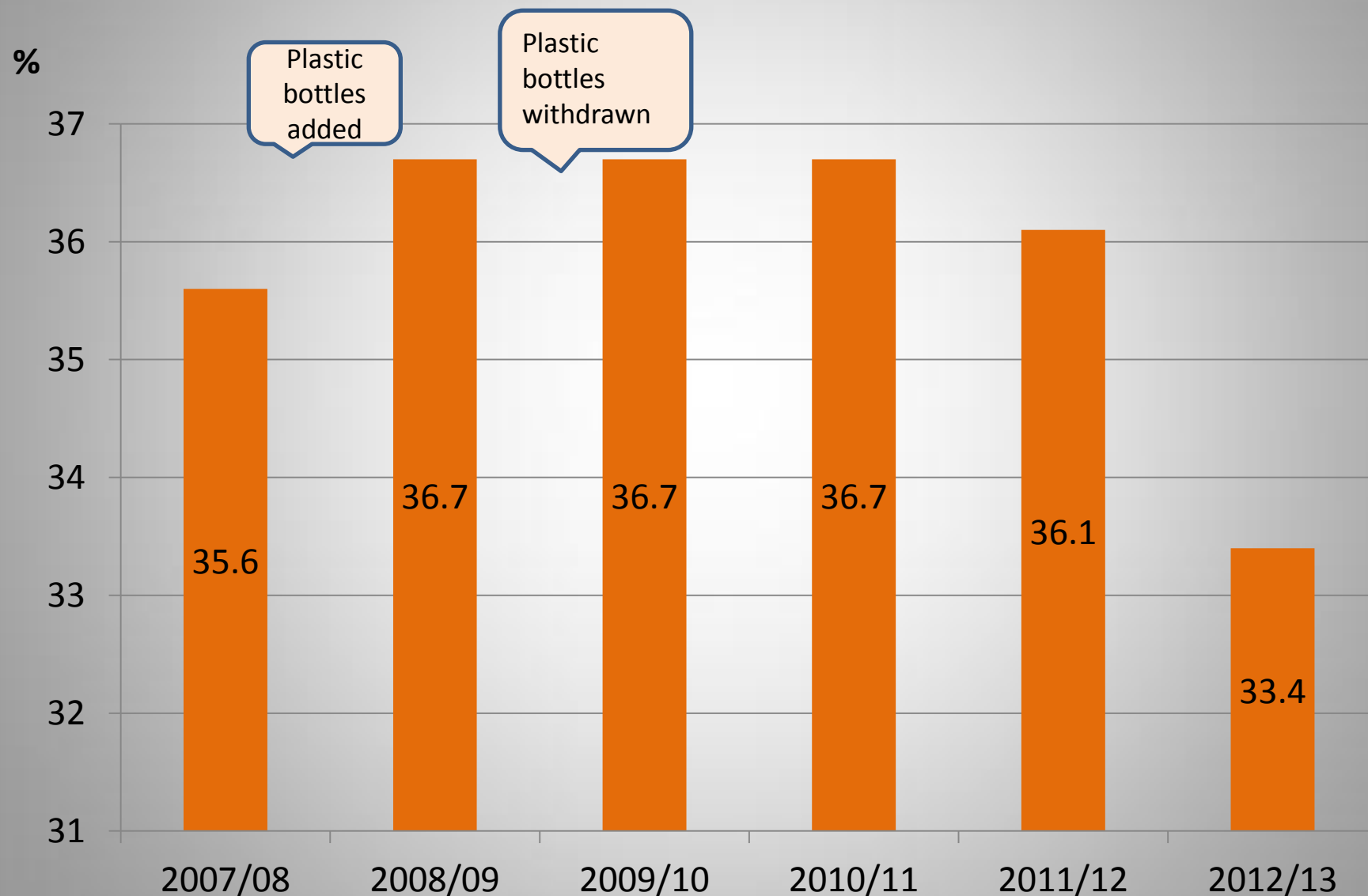


#### Collected in Plastic recycling sack (provided)

- ✓ Plastic bottles only

Please remove lids & dispose of with rubbish  
Please do not include any other plastic items

# Recycling performance





# New Services from 2013

## Using your waste and recycling services

- **Collection Point** - at your property boundary closest to the road access and clearly visible. Where your property is accessed by a private track or road, material must be left for collection where this joins the public highway.
- **Collection time** - Waste must be ready for collection by 7am, but please do not put material out earlier than 6pm on the evening before collection.
- Materials will only be collected if in the correct bin or sack provided to the property. Bin lids must be closed, & bins must not be too heavy to comfortably move.

## Recyclables (blue lidded wheeled bin)

### ✓ Yes please:

#### Paper



- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Office paper
- Catalogues & brochures
- Telephone directories

#### Cans, Foil & aerosols



- Aerosols
- Aluminium foil & cartons
- Food and drinks cans
- Metal lids from jars and bottles

#### Plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays



- Plastic bottles (please put lids in the bin separately).
- Hard plastic food containers (pots, tubs and trays).

#### Food & drink cartons



#### Glass bottles & jars



#### Cardboard



Please rinse out all food and drinks cans / containers.

### ✗ No thank you:

- Plastic bags or film
- Polystyrene
- Textiles
- Food or garden waste
- Anything not on the 'Yes Please' list

## Garden and food waste (green lidded wheeled bin)

### ✓ Yes please:

#### Garden Waste

- Grass cuttings
- Leaves
- Hedge cuttings
- Prunings
- Dead plants/weeds
- Small branches (less than 7cm/ 3 inches diameter)



#### Natural bedding from vegetarian pets

- Straw
- Hay
- Shredded paper
- Sawdust



#### Food Waste \*



- Fruit and vegetables
- Egg shells
- Tea bags
- Meal leftovers
- Meat and bones (cooked or uncooked)

\*Please wrap wet food waste in newspaper or paper bags, not plastic or cornstarch bags even if degradable.



### ✗ No thank you:

- Plastic bags
- Flower pots/trays
- Stones/rubble
- Soil and turf
- Animal waste
- Poisonous weeds e.g. Japanese Knotweed & Ragwort
- Cat litter
- Anything not on the 'Yes Please' list

## Refuse (black sacks)

This service is for small items of household waste that cannot be recycled through existing services.

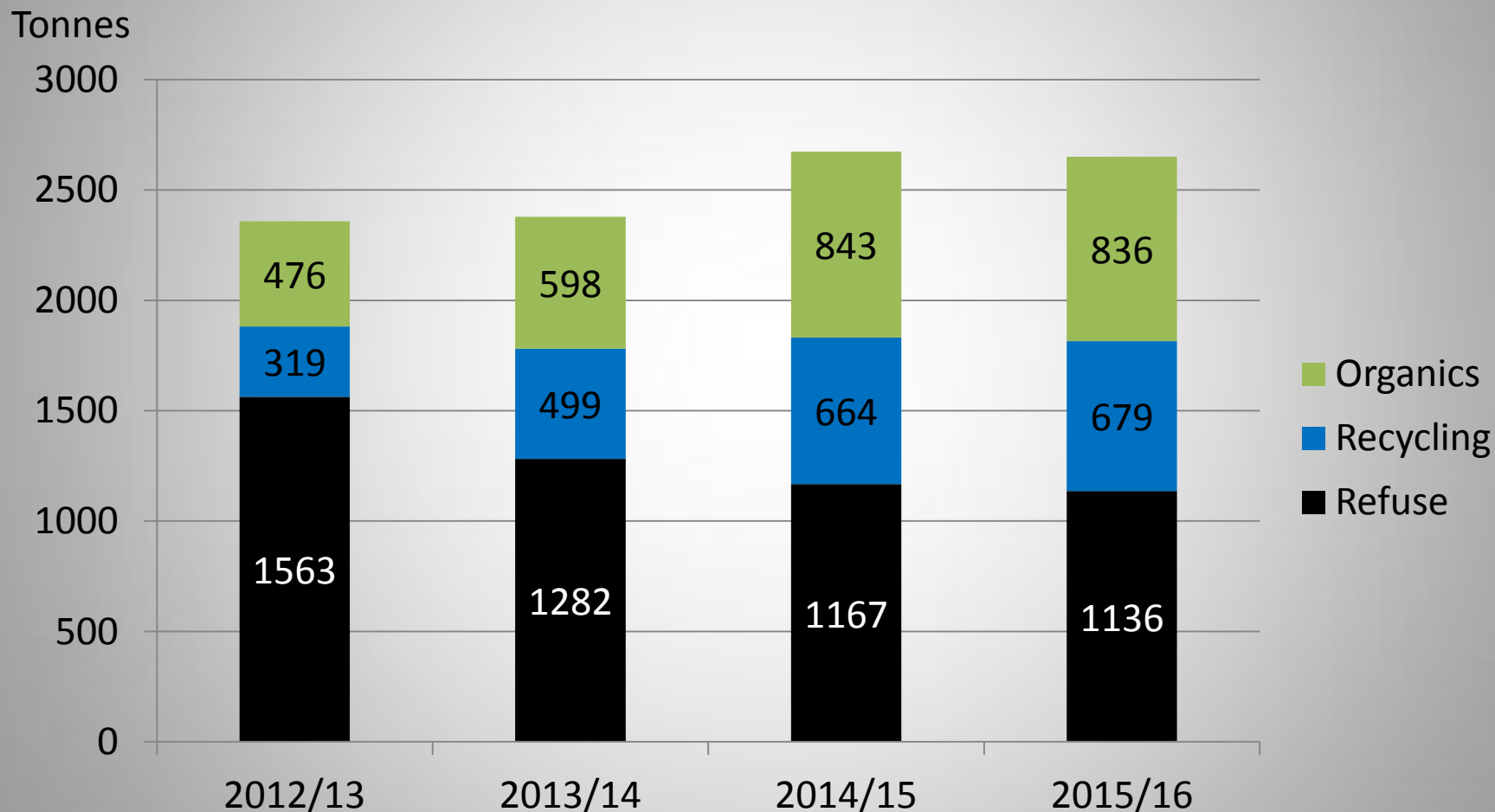
52 black sacks (2 rolls of 26) are delivered once a year to all households. Additional black sacks will be collected, but no further sacks will be provided before the next due distribution date.

Please tie sacks securely to reduce the risk of spillage and wrap sharp items. Do not include hazardous materials such as chemicals or paint. Please take these to Witchford or Milton Recycling Centres (0345 045 5207).

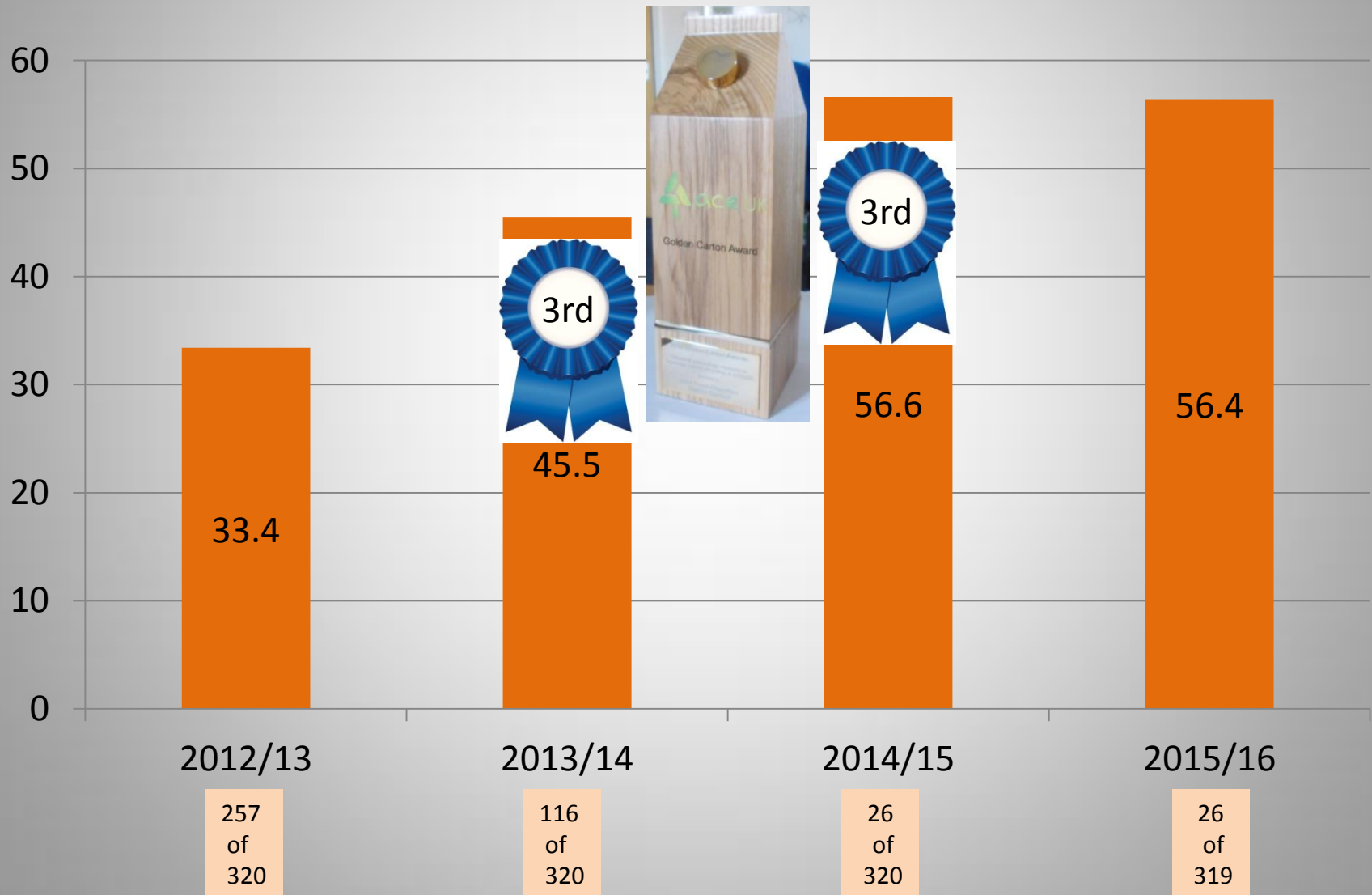
**Black sacks containing garden waste will not be collected.**



# Up with recycling down with rubbish!



# New service performance



# **We have no problems, only challenges!**

- Do nothing & recycling declines
- Rubbish is changing
- East Cambridgeshire commitment to 60% recycling
- EU target of 65% by 2030
- Local government funding reductions
  - Less money
  - Less staff



# How can Parish Councils help?

- Encourage residents to:
  - Recycle
  - Increase what they do recycle
  - Only include acceptable materials
- Publicise information provided by ECDC e.g. monthly 'It pays to recycle in East Cambridgeshire' winners
- Arrange visits to Amey waste treatment site

# How can Parish Councils help?

- Recycling Champions
  - Encourage
  - Explain
- Host presentations on recycling
- Invite Recycling Team to community events
- Direct people to web site & forward enquiries
- Promotion in local schools

# Where next for waste services?



# Current Services

- Waste collection & street cleaning services currently provided by Veolia.
- Contract to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- Extension option until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

# What next?

- Review of options:
  - What collection services?
  - Delivered by who?
    - Commercial contract
    - Trading Company
    - Jointly with neighbouring council
  - Should Veolia's contract be extended?
- Aims:
  - weekly waste collections
  - 60% recycling target
  - affordable

# When will we know?

- Decision at Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February.



# Environmental Enforcement



# Most common issues

- Fly tipping
- Littering
- Dog fouling
- Graffiti
- Fly posting
- Abandoned vehicles

# Help keep East Cambridgeshire clean & green

- Report it
- Give as much detail as possible:
  - Location
  - Nature
  - Scale
  - Patterns
  - Known or suspected offenders
- Do not challenge offenders



**Get involved**

# Volunteer litter picks

- ECDC offers:
  - Loan of equipment
    - Litter pickers
    - Bag hoops
    - Gloves
    - High visibility vests
  - Sacks
  - Advice
  - Removal of collected material

# Recycling Survey

A few minutes of your time to help shape future waste services

- Web site
- Printed copies