



Recycling News November 2026

Welcome to the November 2026 issue of Recycling News. Inside, you'll find a roundup of October's recycling and waste prevention activities, helpful tips to reduce, reuse and recycle more, information about forthcoming events, and important updates on your household waste and recycling collections.



North Yorkshire Council Household Waste Recycling Centres Winter Opening Hours

All of our household waste recycling centres have changed to their winter opening hours of 8:30am to 4pm.

They're open every day except Wednesdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Find out more about your local centre at [Household waste recycling centres | North Yorkshire Council](#) Please don't forget to register if you haven't registered already. Visit our household waste recycling centre registration page to find out more and register online. Register [to use household waste recycling centres | North Yorkshire Council](#)

GOOD NEWS STORIES

North Yorkshire Recycling Officers have been encouraging residents to support international E-Waste day encouraging residents to recycle their cables and other electricals. International E-Waste Day took place on 14 October, but the good work can continue all year round. Keep recycling cables and other electrical items whenever you can, and help encourage others to do the same.

Find out more at [Recycle | Recycle Your Electricals](#)



Please keep on recycling those cables and electricals
Recycle unwanted cables and wires and electrical items at your nearest
Household Waste
Recycling Centre. Find your nearest centre via [Recycle Your Electricals: Find your local household waste recycling centre | North Yorkshire Council](#)



RECYCLING FIREWORK DISPOSAL NEWS

How to dispose of fireworks safely

Got leftover fireworks? You can dispose of them free of charge at any of our household waste recycling centres.

Any fireworks put in your household bin go to Allerton Waste Recovery Park and can cause fires resulting in damage to the plant, and more seriously, injury or death to the people handling your waste.

All used and unused fireworks should be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre where they will be disposed of safely.

Before taking fireworks to the household waste recycling centre

Before transporting fireworks to the household waste recycling centre, make sure you take the following precautions.

1. Soak all fireworks (used, unused, duds) in a bucket of water for 24 hours, making sure they are thoroughly wet through
2. Drain any excess water and dispose of it carefully - do not let it drain into the ground
3. Put the soaked fireworks into a plastic bag and close it to maintain the moisture. Take extra care with sparklers as they are sharp. Consider double bagging to stop them poking through

If you can't get to a household waste recycling centre

If you cannot take your fireworks to your local household waste recycling centre, then follow steps one to three above before putting them into your household bin.

Keep fireworks out of your recycling

Never put fireworks in your kerbside recycling! Fireworks cannot be recycled and overall aren't great for the environment.

Why fireworks must be disposed of carefully

Fireworks cannot be recycled and overall aren't great for the environment. They contain various toxic materials; for example, the colours come from heavy metals like barium, aluminium and strontium. Perchlorates, that make them go up in the air, are a family of extremely reactive oxygen and chlorine compounds; the same NASA use to launch rockets into space! Another reason why we need to take care in how we dispose of them. By doing it properly we prevent these toxic chemicals from getting into our waterways where they can do a lot of damage.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/household-waste-recycling-centres/fireworks>



More information: [Firework safety advice - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service](#) & [Fireworks | North Yorkshire Council](#)

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DONATE & REHOME PRELOVED ITEMS FROM YOUR DOORSTEP!

Clearing out before Christmas? Anglo Doorstep Collections will collect your unwanted toys, games, kitchenware, ornaments, books and clothes from your doorstep, free of charge. Items are reused wherever possible and a charity of your choice benefits. Book your collection at anglodoorstepcollections.co.uk



Each household we collected from gave an average of 29.9 kg.
Around 75% of that was reused, 22% was recycled and only 3% went to energy from waste.
More than half of what we collect by weight is not clothing.



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Additional information link : Free Charity Collection North Yorkshire | Donate Today

North Yorkshire Waste Prevention and Recycling Officer Events In November

Community and school workshops — Recycling and Waste Prevention Officer will be giving talks and workshops to community groups and schools throughout November.

Free waste prevention and recycling sessions

We offer talks, activities and workshops on waste reduction, reuse and recycling in schools and communities across North Yorkshire.

Nursery and KS1 offer

Free outreach workshops for nurseries, KS1 pupils and community groups, supporting climate action plan recycling goals, through fun, hands-on learning. Activities include recycling and waste prevention workshops, eco-crafts, interactive games, litter picking support, teddy bears' sustainable picnic and story time, costume and uniform swaps and bin lorry visits (subject to availability).

School offer (KS2+)

Free outreach sustainability workshops, games and assemblies for schools, colleges and community groups, helping to achieve recycling goals. Sessions cover recycling, waste prevention, food audits, fast fashion, battery recycling and litter reduction, alongside support for litter picks, uniform and clothing swaps, career events and bin lorry visits (subject to availability). Whether your school already has an active Eco group or is just starting its sustainability journey, our officers can help launch, support and take part in engaging with recycling and waste prevention activities.

Community events

We offer tailored recycling and waste prevention talks and workshops for community groups of all ages and can also attend community events, fetes, market stalls and open days.

To request a booking or to find out more, please email the [waste campaign team](mailto:waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk): waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk or visit [Free waste prevention and recycling sessions | North Yorkshire Council](#)



Le Cateau Community Primary School pictured above, on a recent recycling visit educational visit by our recycling officers.

North Yorkshire Rotters Events

We're out and about in October promoting the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign and home composting at a variety of schools, talks, and events.

Residents can come along to meet us at the events below

- **Community Events**
- Saturday 14th November 2026 - North Yorkshire Rotters stall with Nigel Brown's love food hate waste cookery demonstrations at Scarborough Indoor Market. Time: 9.00am to 2.00pm.



- North Yorkshire Rotters information
- Schools and community groups can book workshops and events.
- To book, contact the team using the following link [Home > North Yorkshire Rotters](#)

Additional Information & Contact Details

Confused about recycling rules, collection services or reducing waste? Submit your questions and our waste team will answer them in this column in future editions to help everyone recycle better.

Questions can be sent to: waste.campaigns@northyorkshire.gov.uk



Repair cafés and local recycling groups



Look out for local repair cafés and recycling groups in your area. Useful links are available on the relevant pages of the North Yorkshire recycling website. [[**Sustainability and Recycling in North Yorkshire Find a repair group, - Community Repair Network Visit a Repair Café Near You**](#)]



Household waste recycling centres

To find your nearest household waste recycling centre and check its opening times, use the information below.

Contact: [visit North Yorkshire Council](#)