

## RECYCLING ANALYSIS Position at Sept 2013

The attached spreadsheet is our latest analysis of recycling statistics for local district authorities across England.

### What's special about this analysis?

Rather than wait until year end figures are released to see how you are performing compared to other authorities, we're giving you an early indication of results to date. All information is taken from [www.wastedataflow.org](http://www.wastedataflow.org)

There are two analyses provided:

- 1) Snapshot of Recycling Rate: This analysis shows the annual recycling rate for the year up to September 2013. The data shows a snapshot of how your authority is performing compared to other similar authorities. You can select your authority at the top, and the time period and view your performance compared to other authorities.
- 2) Recycling Trends: This analysis shows your authorities quarterly performance from 2006 to 2013/14 over time. The top and bottom of the graphs show the best and worst performing authorities. You can select your authority and one other to compare performance.

### Who is doing well?

Despite the complexities involved in delivering refuse and recycling services in rural sparsely populated districts, 6 of the top 10 performers are classed as Predominantly Rural by Defra and one is Significantly Rural.

### How are they doing so well?

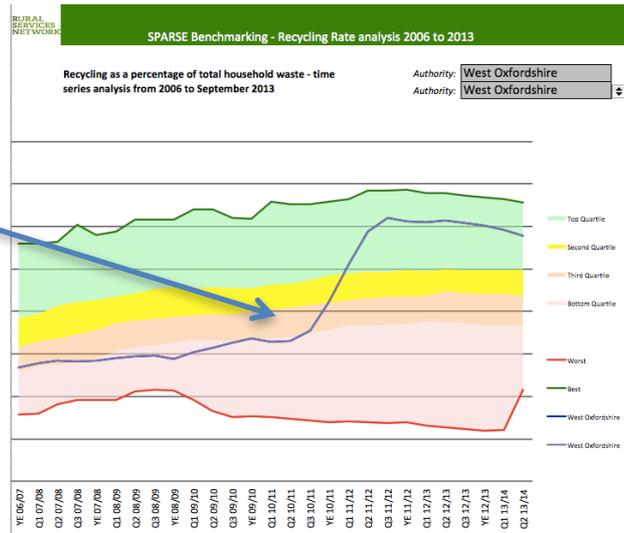
The top performing district is still Rochford, in Essex with a recycling rate of 65.67% for the year up to September 2013.

Rochford set itself a target of 70% and has been working to modify their recycling scheme. Until 2009, their recycling rate was below 20% and a new Maximise Recycling scheme was introduced in 2008. This scheme included an expansion of materials collected.

West Oxfordshire are number 9 in the list of top 10 improved authorities for their recycling rates in the year up to December 2013. Kier took over the contract in 2010 providing refuse and recycling collections and there was a marked improvement in recycling rates, saving money longer term rather than face large landfill costs.

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The graph shows the performance of West Oxfordshire and you can clearly see the point at which the contract was started, with different ways of working



The top 3 most improved district councils for the period of the year up to September 2013 are:

	% Improved in the period Sept 2012 to Sept 2013
Aylesbury Vale	25.92%
Tandridge	17.40%
Derbyshire Dales	13.18%

Aylesbury Vale, a Predominantly Rural authority, is the most improved district, increasing their recycling by over 25% in the last year! They introduced a new collection scheme that has also significantly reduced the amount going to landfill. Their new scheme includes:

- An 'all in one' recycling bin which collects paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons cans and tins
- A weekly food waste collection
- A paid for garden waste service
- Recycling is collected fortnightly on alternative weeks with the standard waste bin

Top 10 recycling rates Year to Sept 2013		
	Authority	%
1	Rochford	65.67
2	South Oxfordshire	64.34%
3	Vale of White Horse	63.47%
4	Three Rivers	61.43%
5	Surrey Heath	61.43%
6	Stratford on Avon	59.08%
7	Epping Forest	58.26%
8	Cotswold	57.87%
9	West Oxfordshire	57.84%
10	West Devon	57.80%

Biggest Annual Improvement to September 2013		
	Authority	%
1	Aylesbury Vale	25.92%
2	Tandridge	17.40%
3	Derbyshire Dales	13.18%
4	Reigate and Banstead	10.89%
5	Ashford	8.85%
6	Forest of Dean	7.13%
7	Boston	6.45%
8	East Northamptonshire	5.61%
9	Amber Valley	5.32%
10	Stroud	5.20%

Biggest Quarterly Improvement to September 2013		
	Authority	%
1	Ashford	9.40%
2	Aylesbury Vale	5.07%
3	Tandridge	4.70%
4	Derbyshire Dales	3.94%
5	North Hertfordshire	2.83%
6	Canterbury	2.09%
7	Amber Valley	2.02%
8	Chiltern	1.96%
9	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1.80%
10	Hertsmere	1.67%