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Acorn Plus - countdown to the new and improved recycling collections

HOUSEHOLDERS in Bramber, Upper Beeding, Woodmancote and parts of Steyning and Henfield are being asked to look out for an information leaflet coming through their door in the next few days highlighting how their new household recycling collections will work.

Residents of the Horsham District have helped deliver good levels of recycling over recent years and by introducing this new scheme, called, Acorn Plus, household recycling rates should reach 50% or more.

This is phase one of five planned for the next eighteen months. Phasing over the district will allow those co-ordinating the new scheme's introduction to effectively manage individual enquires and ensure needs are accommodated whenever possible. Additional support will also be on hand when the scheme begins.

In around three to six weeks of receiving the information leaflet, each household in the areas above will be supplied with a new wheelie bin to replace the current recycling baskets.

Not only will this allow householders to recycle more but will also enable a wider range of materials to be recycled in the one bin, such as, corrugated cardboard, glass, paper, junk mail and beverage cartons. All this, and normal refuse collection will still be collected weekly.

With the new wheeled bin householders will receive a detailed information pack including a personalised collection calendar that will confirm when the new collections will start and a handy 'recycling wheel', which will help with knowing what to put in each bin.

Ian Jopling, Head of Operational Services at Horsham District Council, said:

"As with all our services we are making every effort to listen to residents' needs in order to deliver top quality recycling services that give value for money.

"Recent feedback has indicated that many people recycle in the district but that they would like to recycle more materials, particularly corrugated cardboard.

"I am very excited that Acorn Plus offers this very opportunity to easily recycle cardboard plus many more new materials."

"Don't worry if a friend or relative receives information that you have not; the likelihood is that you are simply in a different phase of the roll-out but if you have any queries then please visit www.horsham.gov.uk for more information or telephone the Acorn Plus Customer Service Team on 01403 739459."

Acorn Plus is an initiative from Horsham District Council.

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