

## BLUE BAG COLLECTION

As you will know, Somerset Waste Partnership launches its new Recycle More service in Mendip at the end of October. An important aspect of Recycle More is a new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag. We are writing to offer you the chance to try one of these containers before they are distributed across the district. **The bags are available for collection at the Mendip District Council offices in Shepton Mallet from now until Friday, 9 October. They can only be collected by prior arrangement, following the instructions below.**

We are extending this invite to parish, town, city councils in Mendip, and all district and county councillors representing Mendip wards. Numbers are limited so we would ask that each council and councillor takes only one bag each.

**They cannot be left out for collection until the Recycle More service has arrived.** However, we hope being able to 'test drive' one in advance will help bring the new service alive for you and respond to questions we know some residents will have about the bags.

Having early access to a bag will also show the difference the service will make - if you use it to collect the relevant items and see just how much accumulates over the course of a week.

They are tough, hard-wearing and have a 60-litre capacity. Each is base-weighted, has a Velcro-fastened lid and folds flat when not in use. When delivered in the two weeks ahead of launch, they will be a very visible sign that the new service is about to arrive, and that people will soon need to start doing their recycling differently.

Anyone collecting a bag will be asked to 'sign it out' and confirm that it will be for their own use only and will not be put out for collection until Recycle More arrives in their area.

We hope you are able to take up this offer. If you have any questions about it or arrangements for collecting bags, please email [recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk)

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### **Instructions for collection**

If you would like a blue recycling bag, please email [Debbie.Dingle@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Dingle@mendip.gov.uk) to arrange a day and time on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9am-5pm until Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for collection from the Mendip District Council Offices in Shepton Mallet. You must book a time slot for collecting due to Covid-19 regulations.

Once you have confirmed a day and time for collection, please go to the print room front desk which is at the far left of the main Council building. You will then be asked to print and sign your name and confirm, if relevant, which Parish you are taking the bag for.

Please park in the visitor bays of Mendip District Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT.

Please ensure you adhere to social distancing rules.