

# Waste Planning

## Covid-19: Recycling rates and quality surge for Horsham

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Horsham District Council has reported “dramatically improved” recycling rates for the first quarter of 2020, particularly since the start of the coronavirus outbreak.

Statistics recently released have shown that the quantities of recycling for January, February and March of 2020 across the West Sussex district are significantly higher than for the same period last year.

The council says that the quality of the recycling collected has also improved substantially with no recycling loads being rejected for poor quality in the month of March.

This effectively means that everything residents have put into their blue-topped recycling bins will be reprocessed into new items.

Philip Circus, Horsham District Council cabinet member for the environment, recycling and waste, paid tribute to householders who have increased levels of recycling, despite the difficulties they face during the Covid-19 crisis.

"The recent results are all the more impressive as the recycling has improved in terms of both tonnage and quality," he added.

"We already have a very good track record for recycling, so to build upon this is excellent."

In 2019 the Horsham district achieved a recycling rate of 53.5%, exceeding the 50% target for 2020 ahead of time.