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New recycling scheme already proving a great success

The new and improved South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) recycling scheme has now been rolled out to the majority of households in South Northamptonshire, and already there has been a significant increase in recycling and a reduction in waste sent to landfill.

Since the new scheme was introduced in June recycling has increased from 550 tonnes a month to 730 tonnes, and for the first time 280 tonnes of food waste is collected a month. Another positive result has been the reduction in waste going to landfill which has dropped by 460 tonnes a month.

The improved service has seen the replacement of the old collection fleet with the latest vehicles capable of collecting more materials. The food waste goes to Cassington near Oxford, where it is processed to create electricity and a soil fertiliser. For the first time Tetrapak cartons are being recycled and household batteries, which are left on top of the blue bin in a plastic bag.

Councillor Dermot Bambridge, portfolio holder for environmental services, said: "We are delighted with the way residents have overwhelmingly supported the new service

which has already resulted in more waste being recycled, and for the first time food waste being collected each week.

“With less waste being sent to landfill the environment will benefit too, and this will help us keep down council costs. This year we anticipate that the scheme will save £118,000 with even bigger savings forecast for next year.”

Information on the new recycling scheme can be found at
www.southnorthants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling.