

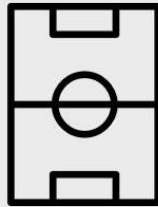


MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING & WASTE AUTHORITY

SEASONAL UPDATE – SUMMER 2015



Managed 77,500
waste vehicle
deliveries in 14/15



Enough carpet
recycled
to cover 270
football pitches

99%

**Percentage of
customers**
satisfied with our
Recycling Centres



Old Swan
Recycling Centre
**Construction
works about to
start for Xmas
opening**

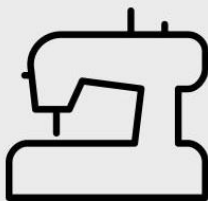


**Open for
business in
Bootle**

New YMCA
Community Re-
use Shop

£3m

£3,000,000 **saved**
through interim
contracts -
avoiding landfill
over 3 years



10 local projects
secured MRWA
Community
Funding, inc.
clothes repair



Seven major public
events attended by
**MRWA Waste
Prevention Team
this summer**

20,000

visitors to the Bidston
and Gillmoss Education
Centres since opening

Resource Recovery Contract

The £1bn Contract which will see almost all of Merseyside and Halton's household waste diverted from landfill is continuing as planned. Construction of the Energy from Waste (EfW – pictured below) facility in Wilton began in January 2015 and a number of the key

components have now been delivered and installed at the facility. The programme is scheduled to be completed in August 2016.

Before being transported by train to the EfW, waste will be delivered to the Rail Transfer Loading Station (RTLS) at Knowsley. Work on the RTLS is also progressing to programme and is expected to finish the commissioning process in May 2016.



Old Swan Household Waste Recycling Centre

The lease with Liverpool Council has been agreed and signed so construction work has begun on the brand new recycling facility for Liverpool. Contractors started work on Monday 20th July, including the upgrading of a temporary access road and the building of a perimeter wall.



The new Centre will handle up to 15,000 tonnes of recyclable material each year and will accept all sorts of household items from paper, cardboard and bottles, to larger items such as white goods, televisions and furniture, plus lots more beside.

Working with Liverpool City Council and Veolia we anticipate the Centre to open before the end of the year.

MRWA Community Fund

Ten Merseyside and Halton projects working to recycle or reuse everything from textiles to furniture have been selected for the Community Fund for 2015-2016. Most projects will

receive around £10,000 of funding and have the potential to recycle, upcycle and prevent waste, save money and avoid landfill.



The Fund not only contributes to the main objectives of our Joint Recycling and Waste Management Strategy, it also benefits individuals and communities by providing training opportunities, making environmental improvements, supporting isolated or vulnerable people and helping households struggling on low income. All of the projects supported represent

a real range of great ideas and show just how creative people can be when it comes to thinking of new ways of encouraging people to change their waste disposal habits.

The chosen projects include refurbishing bicycles that would otherwise go to landfill, the creation of 36 new allotments, sewing lessons for members of the public, supporting recycling activities in Liverpool, and several schemes which will teach people to repair unwanted and broken items.

Landfill and interim contracts

The Authority has recently signed two new contracts which will cut the amount of waste going to landfill. The agreements with Viridor and FCC will see 45,000 tonnes of material diverted from landfill. This brings the total of waste handled by interim contracts to 340,000 tonnes, with savings of over £3million over the three years compared to landfill costs. The interim contracts are in place up until the commission stage of our Resource Recovery Contracts begins accepting waste in 2016.

West Kirby and Huyton best performing HWRCs for 2014/15

West Kirby Recycling Centre has proven itself as Merseyside's best performing Recycling Centre with 79.59% of the material delivered through its doors diverted from landfill in 2014/15. Likewise, Huyton Recycling Centre was the best performing facility in terms of the amount of material recycled over the year.

In total, Merseyside's 13 Recycling Centres accepted over 150,000 tonnes of material through their gates from April 2014 to March 2015. During this period, enough carpet was recycled to cover 270 football pitches!

Satisfaction levels high at sites

The region's Recycling Centres have posted almost perfect scores in a recent survey of 1500 Merseyside householders. Overall satisfaction with the sites scored 99% from visitors, with 93% being 'Very Satisfied' in the Veolia and MRWA Customer Satisfaction Survey earlier this year. In other categories, visitors noted improvements in sites' layout and organisation, improved cleanliness and tidiness, and improved entrances and approach roads.



Comments and complaints from householders can be made by calling MRWA on 0151 255 1444 or visiting www.merseysidewda.gov.uk.



Sefton going wild for flowers

Sefton Meadows Recycling Centre in Maghull has been wowing visitors with its impressive wildflower display. The wildflower meadow was designed and planted three years ago, with the help of Landlife, the wildflower conservation charity based in Merseyside. This year the wildflowers on this former landfill site have exceeded expectations and are attracting compliments from visitors. Wildflowers provide essential habitats for bees and other insects, but in recent years studies have

discovered that around one in ten species of wildflower is threatened with extinction. Around 97% of meadows have been destroyed since the 1930's, so it's crucial that wildflower projects thrive.

Community Re-use Shop

The Community Reuse Shop at South Sefton Recycling Centre has officially opened to the public. The shop is the first of its kind in the whole of Merseyside and accepts used and 'pre-loved' items from householders which have been dropped off at the Recycling Centre.

Instead of being landfilled or recycled, the donations are cleaned and put up for sale. They include furniture, children's toys and tools/bric-a-brac. There is also PAT testing on site so electrical items can be sold.

MRWA and Veolia have worked jointly on the scheme, whilst YMCA is operating the shop with its charitable projects benefiting from any profit.



The shop is located at South Sefton Recycling Centre, Irlam Road, Bootle, and is open seven days a week, 9.00am to 5.00pm (Sundays 10.00am to 4.00pm).

20,000 Discover waste education

Our educational Recycling Discovery Centres at Bidston and Gillmoss have recently surpassed the 20,000th visitor mark since opening in 2009. The Centres offer free waste education programmes for all ages where visitors can discover what happens to household waste after it has been collected and - at Gillmoss - experience the process of recycling from our large viewing platform and live CCTV images.



The 20,000th visitor came from Oakdene Primary School in St Helens. Veolia's Waste Awareness Officer Kirsty Martin awarded the school's Eco Council with a certificate and special gift.

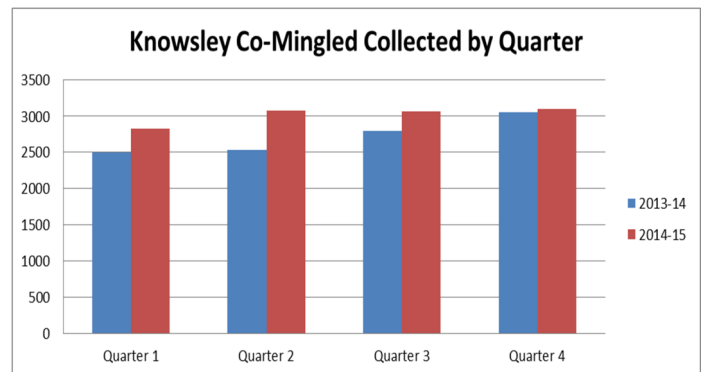
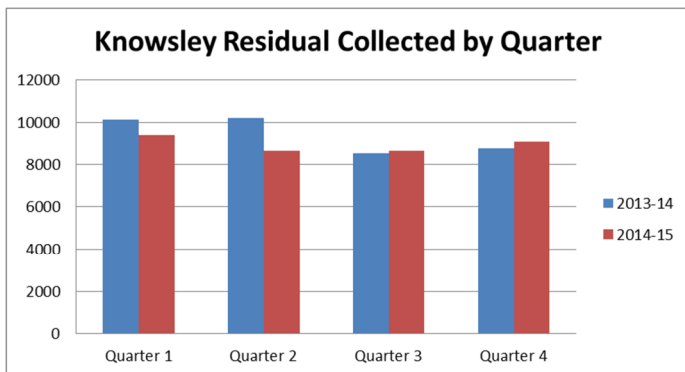
Events and festivals

Staff from MRWA are out and about at events and festivals over the summer months throughout the region, offering advice and help to householders about recycling and waste prevention:

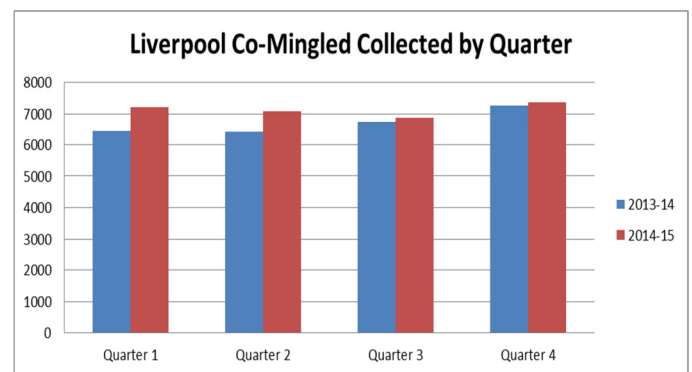
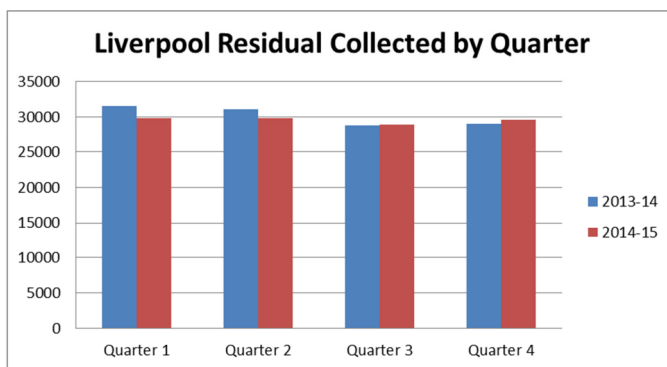


Event	Date	Venue
Southport Food & Drink Festival	Friday 29 – Sunday 31 May	Victoria Park, Southport
Wirral Farm Feast	Sat 13 / Sun 14 June	Claremont Farm, Bebington
Recycle Week Roadshow	Friday 26 June	Hardshaw Shopping Centre, St Helens
Liverpool Loves Food Hates Waste	Thurs, 6 August	Pier Head
Knowsley Flower Show	Sun, 9 August	Court Hey Park, Knowsley
Liverpool Food & Drink Festival	Sat 19 / Sun 20 September	Sefton Park, Liverpool
Halton Vintage Rally	Sat 26 / Sun 27 September	Victoria Park, Widnes

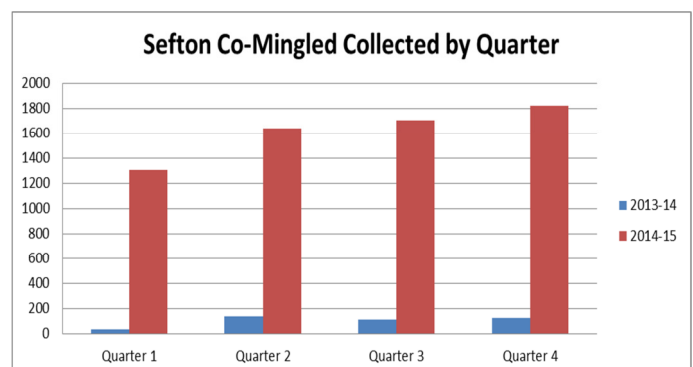
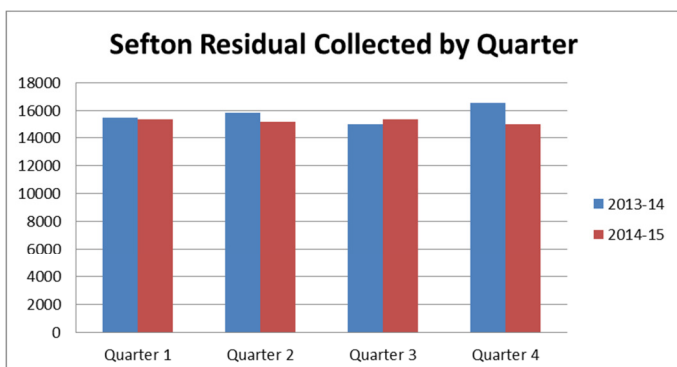
2014/15 Quarter Waste Statistics by Merseyside District (tonnes):



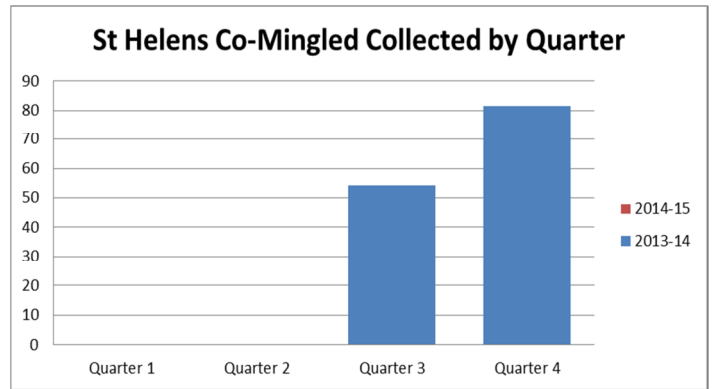
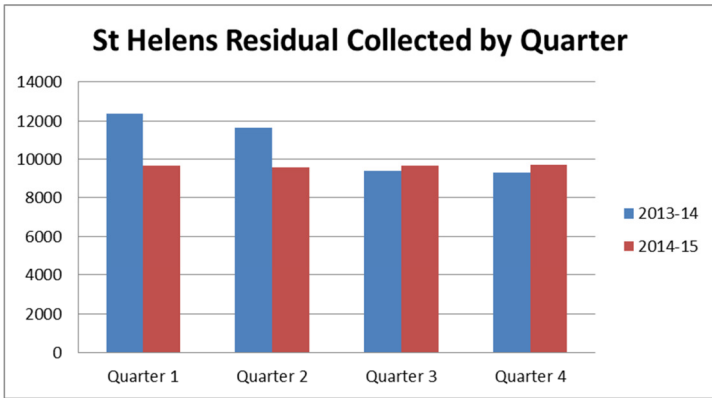
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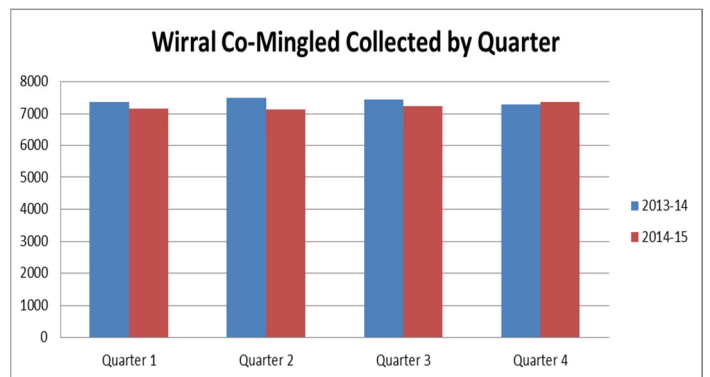
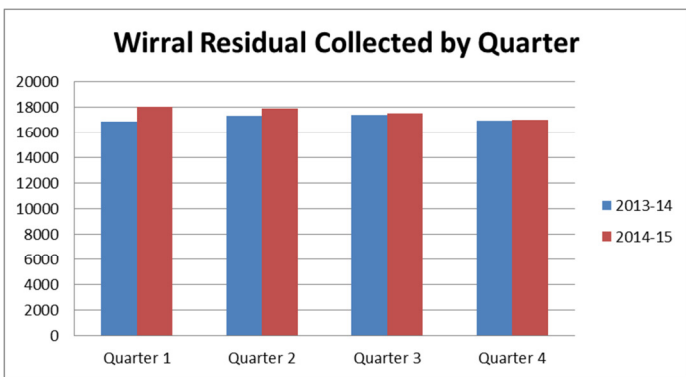
Liverpool deliver residual waste and co-mingled recycle to the Authority under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract. For information, a Managed Weekly Collection Service was introduced on 28th October 2013 to 115,000 properties with a further rollout to 21,000 properties in September 2014.



Sefton deliver residual waste to the Authority under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract and have separate arrangements for kerbside recycling. Co-Mingled Cardboard and Plastic service delivered to the MRF introduced April 2014.



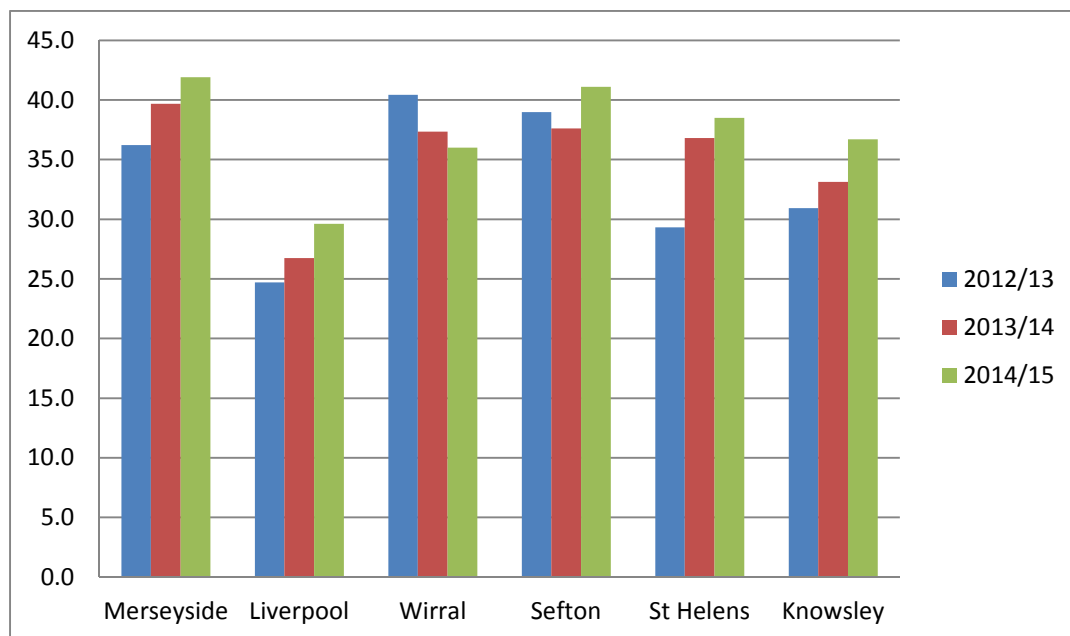
St Helens deliver residual waste to the Authority under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract and have separate arrangements for kerbside recycling. For information, a Managed Weekly Collection Service was introduced on the 23rd September 2013



Wirral deliver residual waste and co-mingled recycle to the Authority under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract.

Merseyside Household Waste Recycling % Rates 2014/15

The figures below are taken from data submitted by the Merseyside councils to DEFRA through WasteDataFlow and is in relation to household recycling performance (NI192). Data for 2014/15 is currently being validated and is therefore subject to change.



	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Merseyside	36.2	39.7	41.9
Liverpool	24.7	26.7	29.6
Wirral	40.4	37.4	36.0
Sefton	39.0	37.6	41.1
St Helens	29.3	36.8	38.4
Knowsley	30.9	33.1	36.7

Finance

This financial position is based on the latest available information which is up to and including June 2016:

	Budget 2015/16 (£)	Apr-Jun 2015/16 Actual (£)	YTD Budget 2015/16 (£)	Variance vs 2015/16 YTD Budget (£)
1. MWDA Establishment	1,824,043	438,255	456,011	17,756
2. Waste Disposal Contracts	60,473,131	2,461,002	15,118,283	12,661,111
3. Closed Landfill Sites	324,941	(4,999)	81,235	86,235
4. Rents, rates and depreciation	2,032,402	1,421,081	508,101	-912,980
5. Recycling Credits	6,545,926	0	1,636,482	1,636,482
6. Communications	27,229	229	6,807	6,578
7. Strategy and Resources	407,000	95,651	101,750	6,099
NET COST OF SERVICES	71,634,672	3,471,059	17,908,668	14,437,609

The position set out above suggests that the Authority is likely to underspend compared with budget estimates. However, the year to date budget is not a sophisticated profile of expenditure during the year but represents a more simplistic division of the budget into 12ths. It is anticipated that in the full year the Authority will have to contribute £2.073m from its resources to balance the revenue budget (in addition to receiving a sizable 'dividend' payment from the wholly owned company).

The establishment underspend reflects continued modest savings on the costs of the administration of the Authority. In future reports later in the year this will increase as redundancies which took place at the end of June 2015 do not yet show in the costs/savings for this quarter.

Closed landfill underspending reflects an outstanding accrual from two years ago which is still extant and has been chased up regularly. In the current year activity to date has not been fully charged, it is anticipated that this will be caught up over the next two quarters

The costs of rent, rates and depreciation reflects payment of bills that have been presented and which in many cases reflect a full year's costs rather than allocation of a part year payment to this period.

The underspend on recycling credits reflects the timing differences between receipt of tonnage information and claims for payment by individual districts once the tonnage data is verified.