Broxtowe Recycling Banks Review

Recycling Banks

According to the Broxtowe Website the council has 16 recycling banks in total across the Borough. Found in the towns of Beeston, Bramcote, Brinsley, Chilwell, Eastwood, Greasley, Nuthall and Trowell (Figure 1).



Figure 1: The current map of recycling banks within Broxtowe Borough Council

North Recycling Banks

All site visits for recycling banks in the northern area of Broxtowe were undertaken on 13 October 2026. There are currently five active recycling bank sites within the area. A recycling bank was previously located in Brinsley; however, as cartons (Tetra Paks) can now be recycled through the kerbside collection service, this facility is no longer considered necessary.

Across the five sites, all provide glass recycling facilities, two provide paper and cardboard recycling, and one provides clothing recycling. More detailed observations and recommendations for each site are provided in the relevant sections of this report.

Overall, it is recommended that a wider range of recycling facilities be provided at existing sites to improve accessibility for residents. During the review, it was also identified that the published postcode information for two sites is incorrect. These details will be updated by the Waste and Recycling Engagement Officer, with notes added to this report once the changes have been made. A high-priority recommendation is the provision of a recycling bank in Brinsley, as the area currently has no recycling bank facilities available. It is also recommended that glass recycling signage across the northern sites be updated to improve visibility and consistency.

South Recycling Banks

All site visits for recycling banks within the southern area of Broxtowe were undertaken on 20 October 2026. The south contains a total of eight active recycling bank sites, with a high concentration located within the Beeston area. According to the Council website, there are no Broxtowe-owned recycling banks located in Stapleford or Toton.

The sites provide a range of recycling facilities, with all eight locations accepting glass, six accepting clothing, and two accepting paper and cardboard. The availability of clothing banks across the area helps to ensure good accessibility for residents wishing to recycle unwanted textiles.

Site-specific observations and recommendations can be found within the relevant sections of this report. Overall, fewer improvements are required within the south compared to the north, as the majority of sites are operating effectively and do not require significant changes. Most recommendations relate to updating and improving signage, particularly for glass recycling, and ensuring sites are kept clean and free from broken glass to reduce potential health and safety risks for residents.

For online accessibility, it was identified that three of the recycling bank postcodes listed on the website are incorrect. These details will be updated by the Waste and recycling engagement officer, with notes added to this report once the changes have been made.

Beeston Recycling Banks

There are four recycling banks located within the Beeston area, which is the highest concentration out of all the recycling banks within the south area of Broxtowe. All within a 3-mile radius of each other.

Broadgate Park



Figure 2: a bird's eye view of the recycling bank location, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the food bank.

Website Information: The postcode listed on the website is incorrect. Whilst it directs users to Turnpike Lane, the recycling banks are located on Salthouse Lane, which has a different postcode.

Pre-visit records indicated the presence of glass recycling banks. A site inspection undertaken on 20 October 2026 identified two glass recycling banks and one British Heart Foundation clothing donation bank. The site was clean, well maintained and showed minimal evidence of glass deposits around the containers. Due to its location within university grounds and proximity to student accommodation, the site appears to be well positioned to encourage recycling amongst students. Vehicle access is more limited, as parking is primarily intended for residents.





Figure 3: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Broadgate park, details in Appendix 1

Recommendations

- Update the postcode information on the website.
- Continue monitoring the site to ensure adequate capacity is maintained during peak student occupancy periods.
- No maintenance works are currently required.

Derby Street (South) Car park



Figure 4: a birds eye view of the recycling bank at Derby Street, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the recycling banks.

A site inspection undertaken confirmed the presence of four glass recycling banks. Small quantities of broken glass were observed around the containers; however, no significant hazards were identified. The location is easily accessible from Beeston Town Centre and access to the banks is unlikely to be obstructed by parked vehicles. The banks remain operational, although signage is faded and there is evidence of general wear and tear on the containers.



Figure 5: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Derby Street, details in Appendix 2

Recommendations

- Replace or update recycling bank signage.
- Consider refurbishment of the containers to improve their appearance.
- Continue routine cleansing of the site to remove broken glass deposits.

Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground

Website Information: The site address is correct; however, information regarding accepted materials requires updating.



Figure 6: a bird's eye view of the recycling bank at Leyton Crescent, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the recycling banks.

Oxfam clothing donation bank. No Tetra Pak recycling facility was present, which is likely due to the introduction of household carton collections through Simpler Recycling. The recycling banks are situated within a dedicated enclosed area and one recycling bank bay is currently vacant. A noticeable amount of broken glass was observed around the site. Whilst the containers were in reasonable condition, the signage has become faded and would benefit from replacement.



Figure 7: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Leyton Crescent, details in Appendix 3

Recommendations

- Update website information to reflect current recycling streams available on site.
- Remove broken glass and improve housekeeping within the recycling bank area.
- Replace faded signage.
- Review the vacant recycling bank bay and assess potential future uses.

Youth and Community Centre – Beeston



Website Information: The postcode listed on the website is incorrect.

Pre-visit records indicated facilities for glass, paper and cardboard, and clothing recycling. The site inspection confirmed that all three recycling streams were available. The site contained four glass recycling banks, three paper and cardboard recycling banks, and one clothing donation bank. Discussions with staff indicated that the facilities are regularly used by local residents. Occasional contamination issues were noted, with unsuitable materials such as metal being left at the site. The containers were generally in good condition with no significant structural concerns; however, the signage on both the glass and paper/cardboard banks was faded.





Figure 9: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Beeston Youth and community centre, details in Appendix 4

Recommendations

- Correct the postcode listed on the website.
- Replace faded signage across the site.
- Consider additional signage highlighting accepted materials to help reduce contamination.
- Continue routine monitoring of contamination levels.

Bramcote Recycling Banks



Observations

Bramcote contains a single recycling bank site. Website information states that residents can recycle both glass and clothing at this location. A site inspection confirmed that this information is accurate, with the site containing four glass recycling banks and two clothing donation banks.

The site also includes a public litter bin, which was observed to be at capacity at the time of inspection. The contents included a mixture of waste materials such as a broken umbrella, whilst a can of paint had been left beside the bin. Both clothing banks were full, with additional bags deposited around the containers, indicating that the site may be experiencing capacity issues for textile recycling.



Figure 11: Pictures of the Recycling banks Bramcote Leisure Centre, details in Appendix 5

of wear and tear. As observed at other recycling bank locations, the signage has become faded and would benefit from replacement. It should also be noted that the site is expected to close temporarily during the construction of the new leisure centre.

Recommendations

- Replace or update faded signage on all recycling banks.
- Arrange for the removal of fly-tipped items, including the paint can, and ensure the litter bin is emptied regularly.
- Review the capacity of the clothing banks and consider increasing collection frequencies prior to the site's temporary closure.
- Install clear signage informing residents of the temporary closure, including details of alternative nearby recycling bank locations where possible.
- Ensure website information is updated to reflect the temporary closure and any changes to recycling provision during the construction period.

Brinsley Recycling Banks

A site visit was undertaken by the Waste and Recycling Engagement Officer to the recycling bank located at Brinsley Parish Hall on 13 October 2026.

Pre-visit records indicated that a Tetra Pak recycling bank should have been present at this location. However, upon inspection, no Tetra Pak bank was found on site. This is consistent with the changes introduced through Simpler Recycling, whereby Tetra Pak cartons are now accepted through household kerbside recycling collections and therefore no longer require a dedicated bring bank.



However, the removal of the Tetra Pak bank means there are currently no recycling banks located within Brinsley. As a result, the nearest recycling bank available to residents is now situated in Eastwood. This may reduce the accessibility of recycling facilities for some residents who previously relied on the Brinsley location.

Recommendation

Given that the site previously accommodated a recycling bank and remains a recognised recycling location within the community, consideration should be given to reintroducing a bring-bank facility at Brinsley Parish Hall. Potential options could include the installation of a glass recycling bank and/or a clothing and textiles recycling bank. This would provide residents with a convenient local recycling outlet

and help maintain recycling provision within Brinsley following the removal of the former Tetra Pak bank.

Chilwell Recycling Banks

Chilwell contains two recycling bank sites. A review of the website information identified that the postcode listed for **Chilwell Olympia** is incorrect and should be updated.

Chilwell Olympia



The recycling banks are located at the rear of the car park adjacent to the football cages. Website information advises residents that glass, clothing and shoes, paper and card, and Tetra Paks can be recycled at this location.

A site inspection confirmed the presence of facilities for glass, clothing and shoes, and paper and card recycling. No Tetra Pak recycling bank was present; however,

this is likely due to the introduction of Simpler Recycling arrangements, which now allow cartons to be recycled through household collections.







Figure 13: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Chilwell Olympia, details in Appendix 6

The site was generally clean and well maintained, with no significant operational issues identified. The recycling banks appeared to be in reasonable condition. However, the signage on both the glass and recycling banks has become faded and would benefit from replacement.

Village Hotel



The site comprises two glass recycling banks located to the rear of the Village Hotel. The information provided on the Broxtowe website accurately reflects the recycling facilities available at this location.



Figure 15: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Village hotel, details in Appendix 7

Whilst the recycling banks are present and accessible, the site is difficult to locate due to the absence of directional signage. The surrounding area is surfaced with loose gravel and vegetation has become overgrown around the recycling banks, reducing the overall appearance of the site. Although these issues do not prevent use of the facility, they can impact accessibility and user experience.

The recycling banks themselves provide a reasonable amount of space for users and remain operational. However, the signage on the glass banks has faded and should be replaced.

Recommendations

- Update the postcode listed for Chilwell Olympia on the website.
- Review and amend website information regarding Tetra Pak recycling facilities as these are no longer provided.
- Replace faded signage at both recycling bank sites.
- Install directional signage at the Village Hotel site to improve visibility and accessibility for residents.
- Liaise with the site owner regarding the management of overgrown vegetation around the Village Hotel recycling banks.
- Consider undertaking improvements to the overall appearance of the Village Hotel site where feasible.
- Review the suitability of the Village Hotel location and assess whether relocation to a more visible and accessible location, such as the nearby retail park, could increase usage and accessibility for residents.

Eastwood Recycling Banks

Website note: The information on the website contains an incorrect postcode for The Sun Inn car park and should be updated to ensure residents can accurately locate the site

Out of all the recycling bank locations within the northern area of Broxtowe Borough, Eastwood has the highest concentration of sites, with three recycling banks located within approximately a 10-minute walking distance of one another, or less than half a mile apart at their furthest points.

Albert Street Car Park



Albert Street Car Park is the smallest of the three sites in terms of available space. The recycling bank is located within a narrow car park and consists of four glass recycling banks.



Figure 17: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Albert Street, details in Appendix 8

As with many of the other recycling sites inspected, the signage requires updating. Whilst new signage has been applied to indicate mixed glass recycling, it appears temporary and unprofessional in appearance, with some sections already peeling away. During the inspection, a moderate amount of broken glass was observed around the recycling banks, which presents a potential safety risk to residents using the site.

Star Inn Public Car Park



The recycling banks at Star Inn Public Car Park are situated at the far end of a large car park, away from the pub itself. The location provides a generous amount of surrounding space, allowing residents to access the banks easily without being obstructed by parked vehicles.



Figure 19: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Star Inn Public Car Park, details in

Initial observations suggested the site was relatively clean and tidy. However, closer inspection identified a significant amount of broken glass around the recycling area. Although much of the glass was contained within the perimeter barriers surrounding the banks, it still presents a potential safety concern that should be addressed. The recycling banks themselves were in reasonable condition, with no major damage noted, although the signage was faded and would benefit from replacement.

Morrisons Car Park



Morrisons Car Park is the largest recycling location of the three Eastwood sites. Not all recycling banks present are owned by the Council; however, the range of recycling opportunities available makes this a valuable facility for residents.

The site contains two Morrisons textile recycling banks, three Berryman glass recycling banks, and three Broxtowe glass recycling banks. During the visit, a bag of clothing was observed next to one of the textile banks, suggesting that the container may have been full. This is particularly noteworthy as it is currently the only textile recycling point available across the recycling bank sites in the northern area of the borough.



Figure 21: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Morrisons, details in Appendix 10

Whilst the site was generally tidy, the signage on several of the recycling banks was visibly worn and marked with scratches, reducing its effectiveness and overall appearance.

Recommendations

The following actions are recommended across the Eastwood recycling bank network:

- Update and standardise signage on all recycling banks to improve consistency and clarity.
- Replace temporary mixed-glass signage with permanent, professional signage.
- Increase cleaning and maintenance around glass banks, particularly at Albert Street Car Park and Star Inn Public Car Park, where broken glass presents a potential safety hazard.
- Consider reviewing the distribution of recycling facilities across Eastwood, as the three sites are located within close proximity to one another.
- Explore opportunities to replace some glass banks with alternative recycling facilities, such as textile or paper and cardboard banks, to provide a wider range of recycling options.
- Assess whether some recycling facilities could be relocated to areas currently underserved by recycling banks, improving accessibility for a wider range of residents.

Overall, the Eastwood sites are generally accessible and well used. However, improvements to signage, maintenance, and the strategic distribution of recycling banks could enhance both the appearance and effectiveness of the facilities.

Greasley Recycling

Website note: Information on the website is generally accurate. However, references to Tetra Pak recycling should be updated, as Tetra Pak cartons can now be recycled through household recycling collections and no longer require disposal at a recycling bank.

The recycling bank is located within the car park of the local community and sports centre, making it an accessible and well-used location. Due to the range of activities hosted at the centre, the site benefits from regular footfall and provides residents with a convenient opportunity to recycle whilst visiting the facility.



The recycling banks are spread across different sections of the car park, which initially made it unclear whether recycling facilities were available on site. In addition, several Veolia bulk bins were located nearby, which may be intended for business use and could potentially cause confusion for residents regarding which containers are available for public recycling.





Figure 23: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Greasley sports and community centre, details in Appendix 11

During the inspection, the paper and cardboard recycling banks were found to be contaminated and overfilled, with black bin bags observed within the containers. Like the findings at the Nuthall site, the signage across the recycling banks was found to be old, faded, and outdated. The paper and cardboard banks had limited visible information, making it unclear whether they were available for public use and what materials could be deposited within them.

Recommendations

Whilst the site benefits from a good location, adequate parking, and easy access for residents, the following improvements are recommended:

- Install clearer signage for both the glass and mixed recycling banks, or consider relocating the banks so they are grouped together within a single area of the car park.
- Update the glass bank signage to reflect current recycling arrangements, as glass no longer needs to be separated by colour.
- Replace and improve signage on the recycling banks to clearly identify acceptable materials and reduce contamination.
- Add signage identifying the recycling banks as a Broxtowe Borough Council facility to minimise confusion with the nearby trade waste containers.
- Monitor contamination levels within the paper and cardboard banks and arrange clearance where required.
- Consider the installation of a textiles recycling bank to provide an additional recycling opportunity for residents.

Overall, the site is well positioned and easily accessible; however, improvements to signage, bank layout, and contamination management would help enhance usability and reduce confusion for residents.

Nuthall Recycling Banks

Website note: The information on the website contains an incorrect postcode for this recycling bank location and should be updated to ensure residents can accurately locate the site.



The Nuthall Recycling Bank is located within the car park of the local Methodist Church and is relatively easy to access due to its open location.



Figure 25: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Nuthall Methodist Church, details in Appendix 13

The site consists of four glass recycling banks. However, with the introduction of simpler recycling, it is no longer necessary for residents to separate glass by colour, meaning all four banks could be labelled simply as glass recycling bins.

The site also contains two bulky recycling banks, both of which appeared to be moderately full at the time of inspection. A litter bin is provided adjacent to the recycling banks, allowing users to dispose of non-recyclable waste appropriately.

Overall, the site was found to be clean, tidy, and well maintained, with no significant operational issues observed. The only notable concern was that the stickers and signage on the bulky recycling banks have deteriorated and are now largely unreadable.

Recommendations

The site is generally in good condition and does not require any major improvements. However, the following actions are recommended:

- Update the glass bank signage to clearly state that any glass can be deposited in any of the bins, or replace the existing labels with a simple "Glass Recycling" sign.
- Replace the faded and unreadable stickers on the bulky recycling banks.
- Improve signage on the bulky recycling banks to make their purpose clearer to residents, particularly on the bank that features a slot opening in the lid, as its use may not be immediately obvious.
- Consider installing additional signage around the site to increase awareness of the recycling facilities available.

Overall, the recycling bank is clean, accessible, and functioning as intended, with only minor signage improvements required.

Trowell Recycling Banks



Website Notes: The website currently states that residents can recycle glass at this location. Whilst this information is correct, a site inspection identified additional recycling facilities that are not referenced online.

Observations

Trowell contains a single recycling bank site located to the rear of the Festival Inn. Website information states that residents can recycle glass at this location. A site inspection confirmed the presence of three glass recycling banks, along with a clothing and shoe recycling bank.



Figure 27: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Festival Inn, details in Appendix 14

The site was generally clean and well maintained, with only limited evidence of broken glass around the recycling banks. The containers themselves appeared to be in good condition, and no significant maintenance issues were identified. However, the signage on the glass banks is showing signs of age and wear and is becoming increasingly difficult to read.

Recommendations

- Replace or update the glass recycling bank signage to improve visibility and ensure recycling information remains clear to residents.
- Consider introducing a paper and cardboard recycling bank, as this is the only recycling bank location within Trowell and could provide residents with access to additional recycling facilities.

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Appendix 1





Appendix 2








Appendix 3













Appendix 4

















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Appendix 11








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