

Recycling Survey 2018 – Results

Despite extensive public information campaigns, recycling rates have been tumbling across the nation. In Boston one of the biggest issues has been contamination of recycling collections from rubbish such as dirty nappies, used hypodermic syringes and food waste. Action is to be taken to deal with those who routinely or seriously contaminate their blue bin recycling collection. In August 2018 new enforcement laws come into place which could culminate in the worst offenders receiving a £75 fine.

A substantial period of education and information was embarked upon in Boston Market Place on various Wednesdays and Saturdays during June and July.

The majority of information was given face to face, however a survey was available for people to fill in if they wished, 36 surveys were filled in.

Headline Results

- **97% of respondents did recycle**
- **31 comments received felt that recycling was convenient**
- **22 comments received felt that the council needs to do more education around recycling**
- **72% of respondents were aware that after the 1st July Boston Borough Council will be carrying out enforcement action against people who continually contaminate their recycling with things such as Nappies, Dog Poo, Syringes etc and they could be fined?**

Results

Q1. Do you recycle?

	n*	%
Yes	35	97%
No	1	3%

Q2. How convenient do you find recycling

35 comments were received, a breakdown is below, for a full list see appendix 1: -

- Convenient/Easy x 31
- More could be done/more education x 4

Q3. Are there any items you think could be recycled, but are unsure?

27 different items were mentioned by respondents. 14 comments indicated that they were very clear on what can and cannot be recycled. For a full list see appendix 1.

Q4. Do you believe the Council needs to do more education around recycling?

34 comments were received, a breakdown is below, for a full list see appendix 1: -

- Yes x 22
- No x 11
- Unsure x 1

Q5. Contamination of the blue bin can cause a build up of rubbish, this has a negative effect on the local neighbourhood. Do you have any issues of this nature in your local area?

31 comments were received, a breakdown is below, for a full list see appendix 1: -

- Yes x 7
- No x 23
- Unsure x 1

Q6. Are you aware that after the 1st July we will be carrying out enforcement action against people who continually contaminate their recycling with things such as Nappies, Dog Poo, Syringes etc and they could be fined?

	n*	%
Yes	26	72%
No	10	28%

Q7. What do you think about Boston Borough Council taking enforcement action in the above cases?

All 36 comments received, think that taking enforcement action in the above cases is a good idea.