

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	6 th February 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12 Community Skip Days		
Background	<p>As you are aware with the closure of the Cheshire East Household waste and recycling site, we have had an increase in fly tipping across Congleton and the neighbouring parishes. It is thought that the introduction of a Community Skip Day in key spots across the Town will support residents in disposing of troublesome large items and provide a more convenient option than transporting waste to Macclesfield or other Waste Disposal sites.</p> <p>We are seeking input from the Committee to ‘design’ the service.</p> <p>About the community skip service</p> <p>For those residents who haven’t used the service before, you can get rid of up to 3 large unwanted household items every 3 months for free using the community skip service. The service may be provided using vehicles rather than skips, where this is more efficient.</p> <p>Suggested Community skip location and service dates – (This would roll out gradually – starting with one or two sites.)</p> <p>Community skips are available across the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bromley Farm Estate Bromley Farm Play Area Car Park - Buglawton Estate – St Johns Road Scout Hut Car Park - West Heath Estate - Back Lane Playing Fields Car Park - Lower Heath - River Dane Road <p>Suggested Hours of use</p> <p>Bring your items to the community skip from 8.30am to 3pm on your skip service day. We will treat any items left outside these times as flytipping and you could get fined.</p> <p>How to use the community skip service</p> <p>Proof of residency in Congleton</p> <p>You'll need to prove that you live in Congleton. Take your Council Tax or utility bill with you on your skip service day.</p> <p>Number of items you can bring</p> <p>Each household can bring up to 3 items on each Community Day.</p> <p>Suggested Eligibility Checks</p> <p>On arrival you'll need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. queue up on entry 		

	<p>2. show proof of your address to a member of Congleton Town Council staff</p> <p>3. place your non electrical items in the skip or hand them to the site staff to load onto the vehicle</p> <p>Items you can take to the community skip –</p> <p>We would be taking all items you can take to a household waste site - NOT hazardous materials.</p> <p>Any other <u>potentially hazardous materials</u></p> <p>We won't accept waste that you can get rid of through other services.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waste accepted through household recycling and waste collections, for example bags of waste. Use your <u>household refuse collections</u>. • waste from commercial properties or businesses.
Environmental	Providing additional services to encourage responsible waste disposal and recycling in the light of the increased travel distance to a recycling centre will help to minimise residents carbon footprint.
Equality	The closure of the HWRC has put many residents without transport or with mobility restrictions at a disadvantage with regard to visiting a waste and recycling centre. Having a locally based service which is more easily accessed by a short journey, on foot or public transport provides options for the all members of the community.
Financial	Should the proposed scheme be considered practical, a fully priced proposal will be created. It may be possible to get financial support for the programme in some areas (e.g. Plus Dane).It may also be the case that some fly tipping is avoided which may save money.
Decision Requested	To approve the request to work on a fully priced proposal for a trial Community Skip programme with in the Town.

Appendix A

Congleton Town Council
Carbon Footprint
Kg CO2
Per Cost Centre
Per Year
Current year updated to Month 6
Baseline 2018-2019

