

## Recycling News & Service Updates

# March 2026

### Food Waste Action Week

This March, **Food Waste Action Week** returns with a rallying cry: **Make Your Food Go Fuuuuuuurther** - for your pocket, for our planet. Running from **9-15 March 2026**, the UK's biggest annual food waste reduction campaign inspires simple, practical actions that helps food go further - saving money, time and stress.



Every Year, UK households throw away **4.4 million tonnes of edible food - worth a staggering £17.5 billion**. That's an average of £1,000 wasted per household of four every year. At a time when the cost of living continues to squeeze family budgets and climate pressures intensify, reducing food waste is one of the fastest, simplest ways to save money and protect the planet.

**60% of food waste happens in our homes** - creating 16 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually. From bread and milk to fresh vegetables and leftovers, the food we buy with the best intentions often ends up in the bin. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

### North Yorkshire Rotter's Updates



The North Yorkshire Rotter's will be delivering assemblies and workshops at a variety of schools and after school clubs in February 2026.

The Rotter's are also offering information and advice to residents about reducing food waste and home composting.

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Nigel Brown's Love Food Hate Waste cookery demonstrations	Scarborough Indoor Market, Saint Helen's Square, Scarborough, YO11 1EU	10.00-14.00
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	North Yorkshire Rotter's	Kirkby in Bloom Green Day at the Mechanics Institute, Main St, Kirkby Malzeard, Ripon, HG4 3RS	10.00-13.30
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Nigel Brown's Love Food Hate Waste cookery demonstrations	Pickering Market, YO18 7AA	9.00-14.00
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Nigel Brown's Love Food Hate Waste cookery demonstrations	Scarborough Indoor Market, Saint Helen's Square, Scarborough, YO11 1EU	9.00-14.00

**North Yorkshire Recycling & Operations Officers**



The North Yorkshire Recycling & Operations Officers will be available in some libraries and community events to chat to you about recycling, assisted collections, garden waste collections and much more. We even will be collecting small electricals on the day.

<p>Friday 27<sup>TH</sup> February</p>	<p>Chat to us about:</p> <p>Your bin and recycling service: assisted collections, garden waste collections, recycling queries and any other queries. We can support you in signing up for services.</p> <p>Recycle your small electricals with us.</p>	<p>Whitby Library</p> <p>Windsor Terrace</p> <p>YO21 1EY</p>	<p>10.00-13.00</p>
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Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Chat to us about:</p> <p>Your bin service, assisted collections, garden waste collections, recycling queries and any other queries. We can support you in signing up for services.</p> <p>Recycle your small electricals with us.</p>	Selby Abbey  (Ageing Well Health Fair)	10.00-14:30
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## School Assembly Visits From Our Recycling & Education Officers



Our Recycling and Waste Prevention Officers offer school assemblies and workshops: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover, free of charge. These assemblies & workshops are held in conjunction with the education officer from Allerton Waste Recovery Park. Explaining the journey of your recycling, rubbish and recovering energy from waste. **For More Information Contact [waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk) or Waste Education Experience [Waste Education Experience](#)**

## News & Initiatives

### The Great British Spring Clean



The North Yorkshire Council is signing up for the Great British Spring Clean by Keep Britain Tidy, for the first time since the organisation has come to be!

We are thrilled to share we have already signed up and given Keep Britain Tidy information on how we will support you to organise some clean ups across the county.

**From 13th – 29th March 2026** we will support litter picks across the county. We have selected a couple areas from each operational locality under the Waste and Streetscene service where we support Clean Up Events and staff will provide additional support as well as issuing and collecting litter picking equipment.

These areas are **Picking, Norton, Scarborough, Whitby, Easingwold, Leyburn, South Milford, Carlton, Knaresborough, Embsay with Eastby, Kettlewell with Starbotton.**

Our communications staff will be in touch with these Parish and Town Councils to let them know how we are getting involved and how we would like to work with you and local communities.

Please do not fear if your area is not on this list, you can still get involved! Please get in touch and we can continue to support your litter picks as we normally would., The bags can still be pledged to the Spring Clean if they take place during this window of time. If you would like to be more involved in the next Spring Clean, please get in touch with [cleanupevents@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:cleanupevents@northyorks.gov.uk) and we can add you to the waiting list.

## News & Initiatives Continued....

### Disposable Vapes Leaflet

You may have seen in the news recently that the incorrect disposal of vapes in household rubbish or recycling bins is costing the waste industry millions of pounds due to fires and disposal [costs Exploding vape batteries 'putting lives at risk' - BBC News](#). We have produced a leaflet to try and discourage residents from disposing of vapes at home and instead direct them to specialist recycling points in shops that sell vapes and Household Waste Recycling Centres.

# DON'T BIN YOUR VAPE



Please **DO NOT** place vapes, batteries or electricals in your rubbish or recycling at home



Take them to recycling points at shops that sell them or to your Household Waste Recycling Centre



North Yorkshire recycles

Garden Waste Service 2026



- **Collection season:** March to early December
- **Cost:** £52 for the year (one-off fee)
- **What's included:**
  - One 240-litre wheelie bin emptied fortnightly
  - A licence pack sent within 14 days of payment
  - A bin sticker that must be displayed before collections can begin

#### On collection day:

- Put your bin out the night before
- Collections start from 6am
- **Collection method** varies depending on where you live: wheelie bins, compostable liners, sacks, or bags
- You will receive an email confirming your first collection date
- **Terms and conditions**
  - For more information, please see the full garden waste service terms and conditions for 2026 to 2027.  
[Garden waste service terms and conditions | North Yorkshire Council](#)



### Additional Information & Contact Details

Please don't forget to keep an eye out for local repair cafes and recycling groups in your area, many of which are listed here. Please click on the useful links below to find groups in your area.

[Sustainability and Recycling in North Yorkshire](#), [Find a repair group](#) , - [Community Repair Network](#) [Visit a Repair Café Near You](#)

## Contact Details

-  Please [visit North Yorkshire Council](#) to find your nearest household waste recycling centre for further information and opening times over the Christmas and New Year Period.
-  [North Yorkshire Rotter's Information](#) Home > [Home > North Yorkshire Rotters](#)
-  [School Assemblies & Educational Tours & Visits at Allerton Waste Recovery Park: via their education & North Yorkshire Council officers : FREE Bookings: \[waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk\]\(mailto:waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk\) or Waste Education Experience \[Waste Education Experience\]\(#\)](#)