re3 - Waste Management Consultation (results)

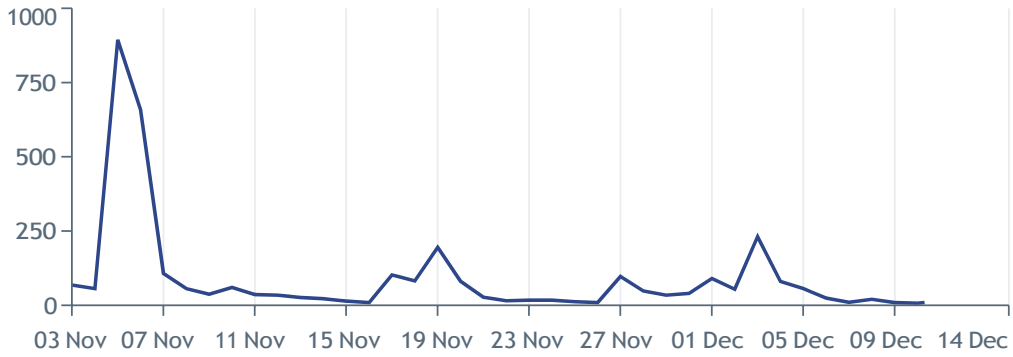
re3 Waste Management Strategy 2026-2031 consultation, for residents of Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham Borough Councils

Consultation period: 3 November 2025 - 14 December 2025

Participants timeline

Total participants

3466



1. Which local council area do you live in?

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Other	0.1% (5 choices)

2. How important is recycling to you?

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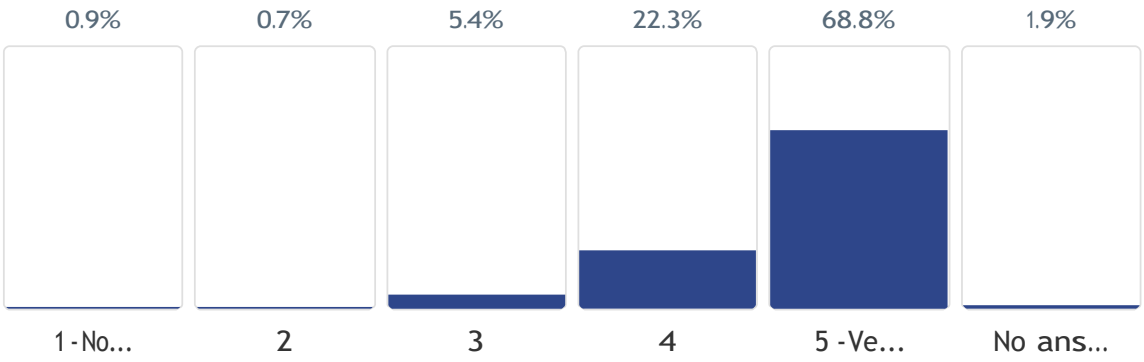

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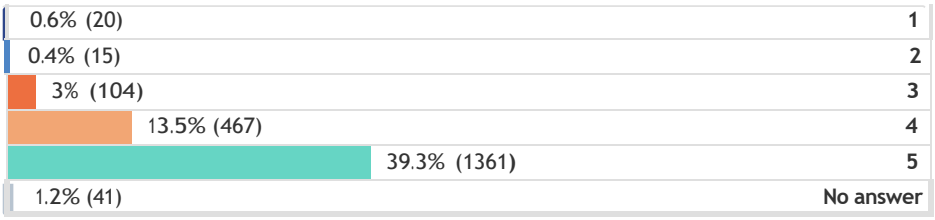

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1 - Not Important 2 3 4 5 - Very Important No answer

3. How much do you recycle?

I recycle most things 65.3% (2,263 choices)

I recycle everything 23.7% (820 choices)

No answer 6.2% (216 choices)

I recycle some things 4.6% (158 choices)

I do not recycle 0.2% (6 choices)

I rarely recycle 0.1% (3 choices)

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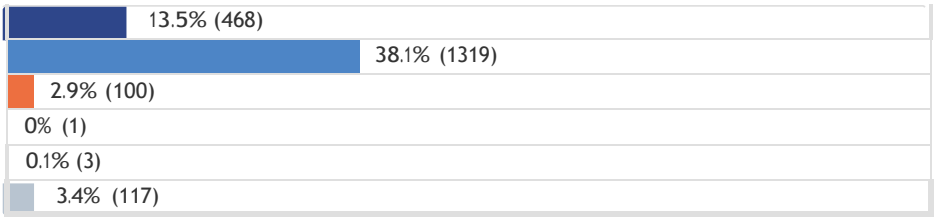

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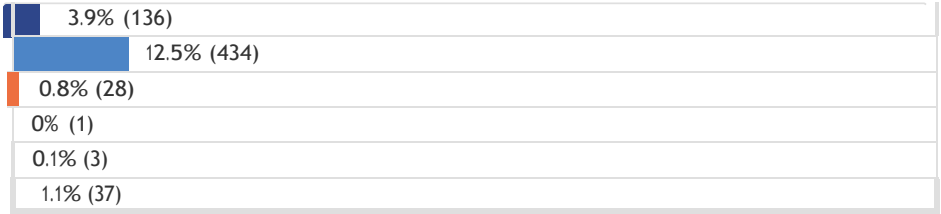

I recycle everything I recycle most things I recycle some things I rarely recycle
I do not recycle No answer

4. If you recycle, why?

#1	It's good for the environment	**#1.4** average
#2	I want to do my part	**#2.4** average
#3	It saves space in my general waste bin	**#3.1** average
#4	Following council guidelines	**#3.2** average

5. In the last year, have you used any of the following places to dispose of items? (Select all that apply)

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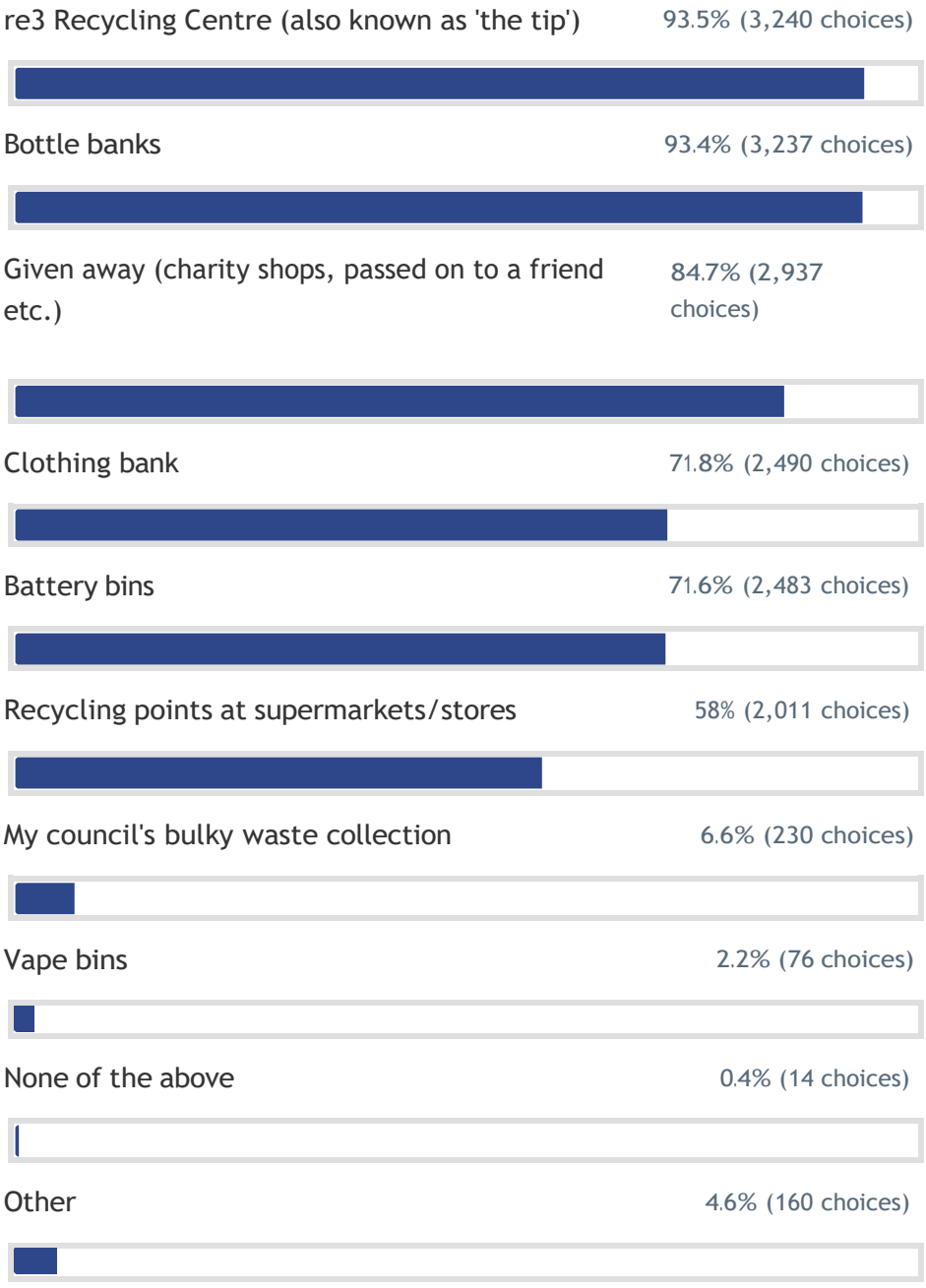

6. How would you like to receive information about waste and recycling from your council? (Select all that apply)

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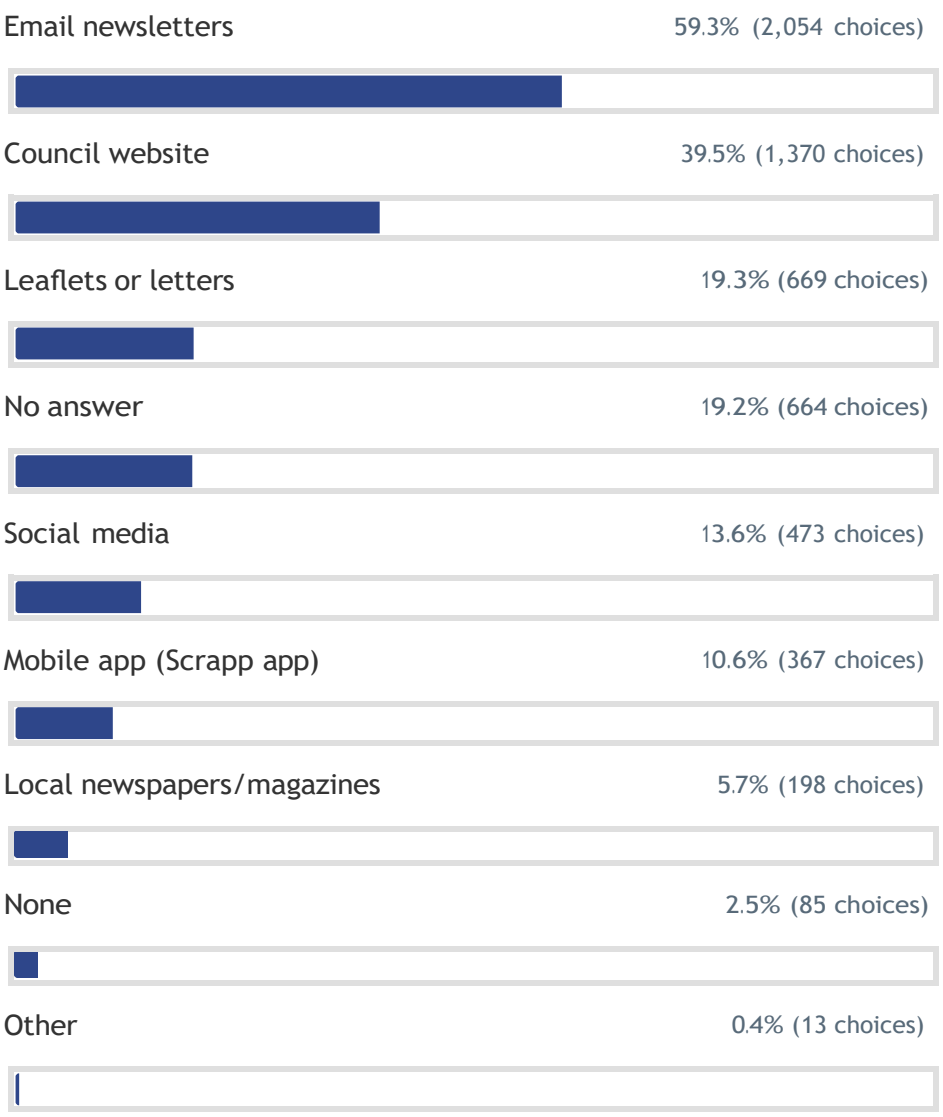

7. What topics do you feel are most important for us to focus on when communicating with the public?

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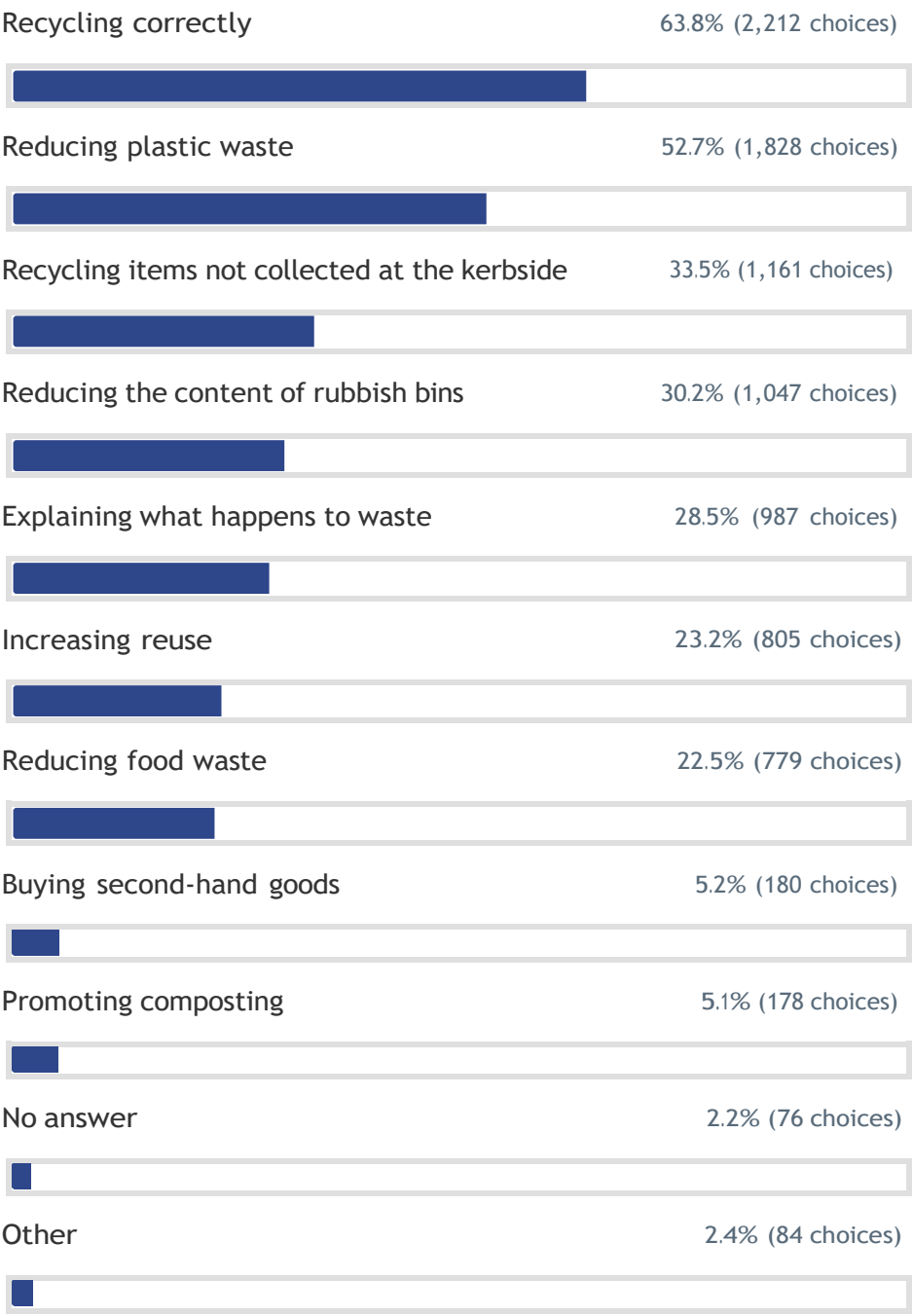

8. To what extent do you agree that recycling is easy to understand?'

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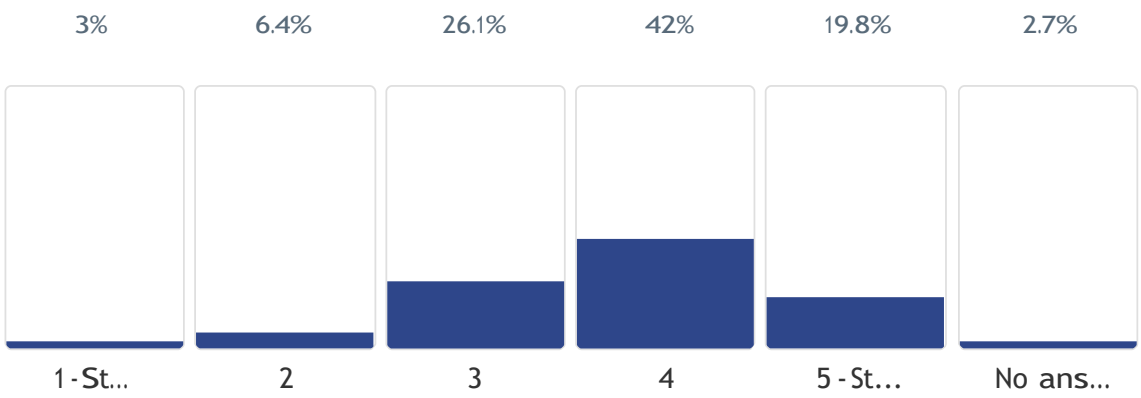

1 - Strongly disagree
5 - Strongly agree

9. Do you face any challenges when recycling? (Select all that apply)

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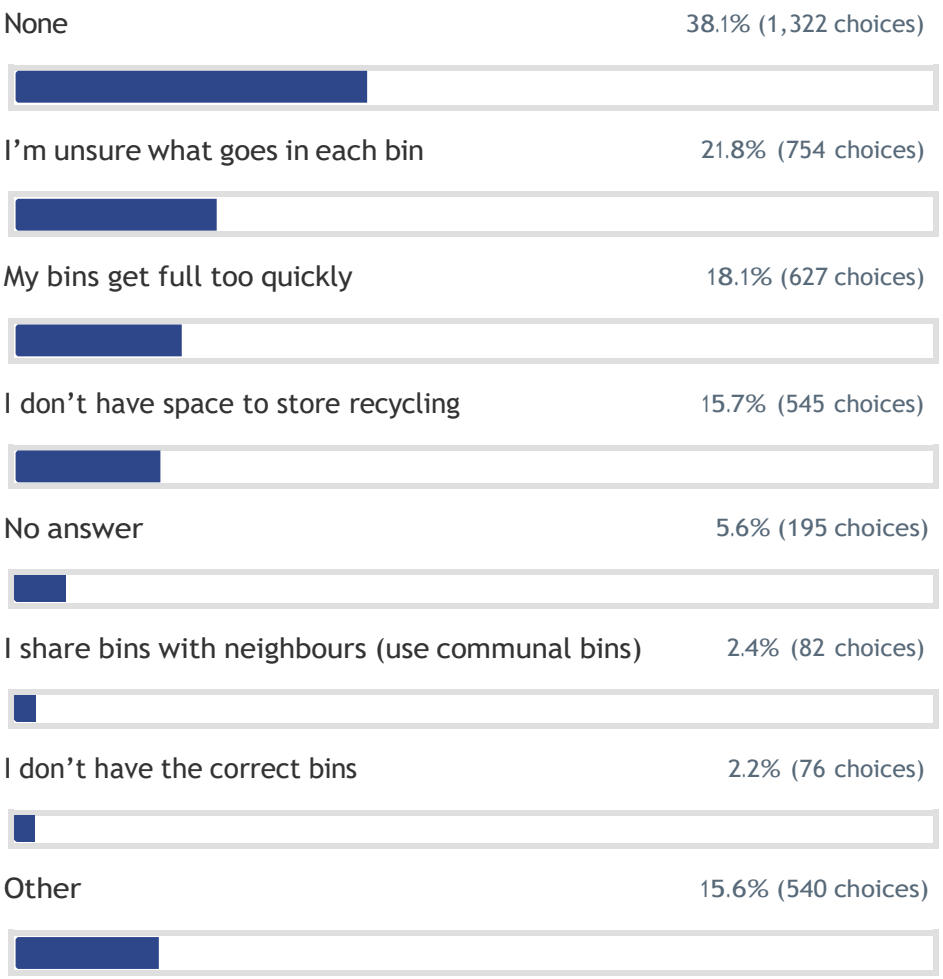

10. If you weren't sure whether to put something in your recycling bin or your rubbish bin, how would you find out? (Select all that apply)

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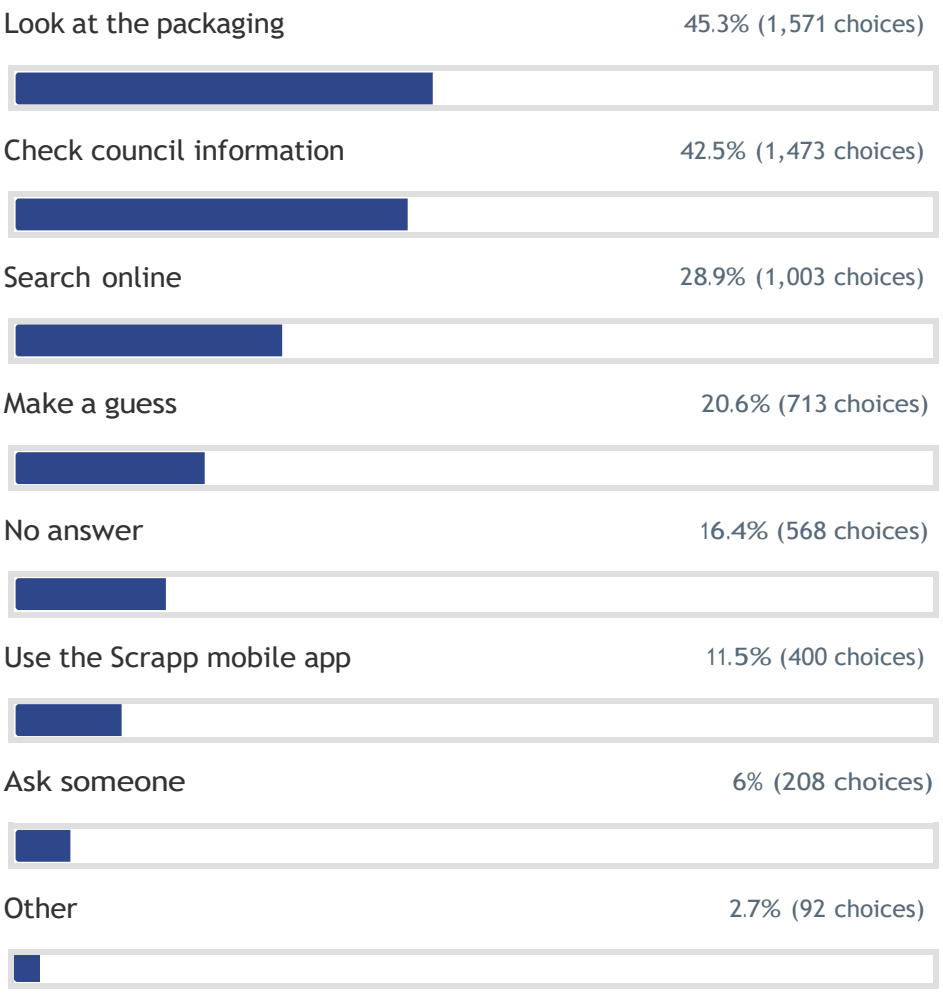

11. What additional services or initiatives would you like to see that both reduce waste and create community benefit? (Select all that apply)

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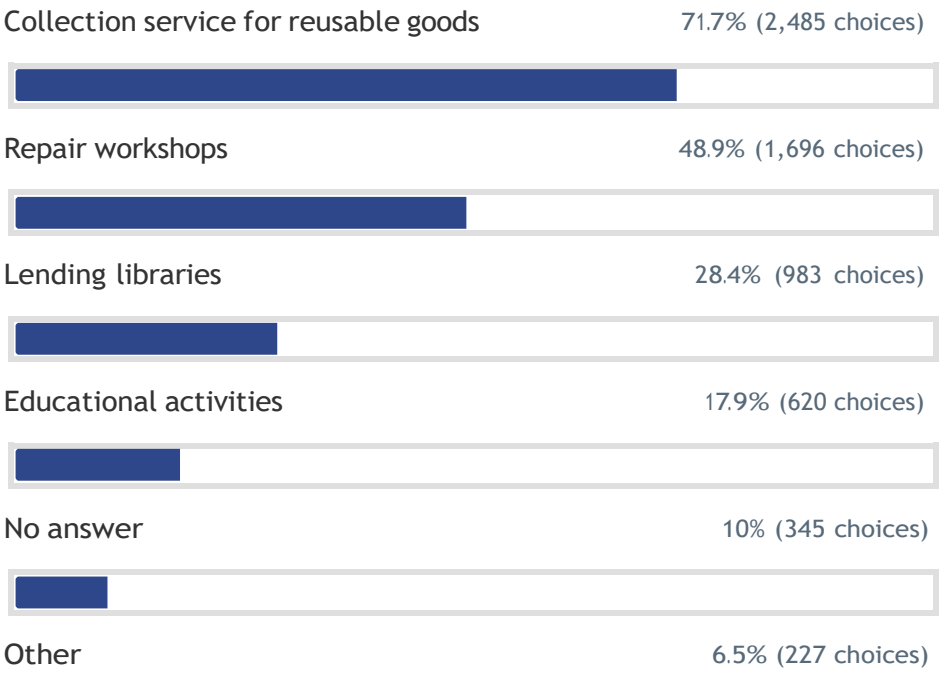

12. What do you usually do with unwanted clothes and textiles? (Select all that apply)

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Give away to charity, friends, family, or through community sharing platforms 68.1% (2,360 choices)

Take them to the clothes banks 64.6% (2,238 choices)

Take them to the recycling centre 23.4% (810 choices)

Sell or trade online 16.8% (583 choices)

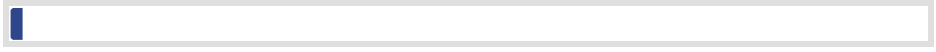
Repurpose or upcycle at home 11.5% (400 choices)

No answer 11.3% (391 choices)

Dispose of in my rubbish bin 9.5% (330 choices)

Keep them because I'm not sure what to do with them 4.5% (155 choices)

Other 1.3% (46 choices)



13. How often do you visit re3 Recycling Centres (also known as 'the tip')

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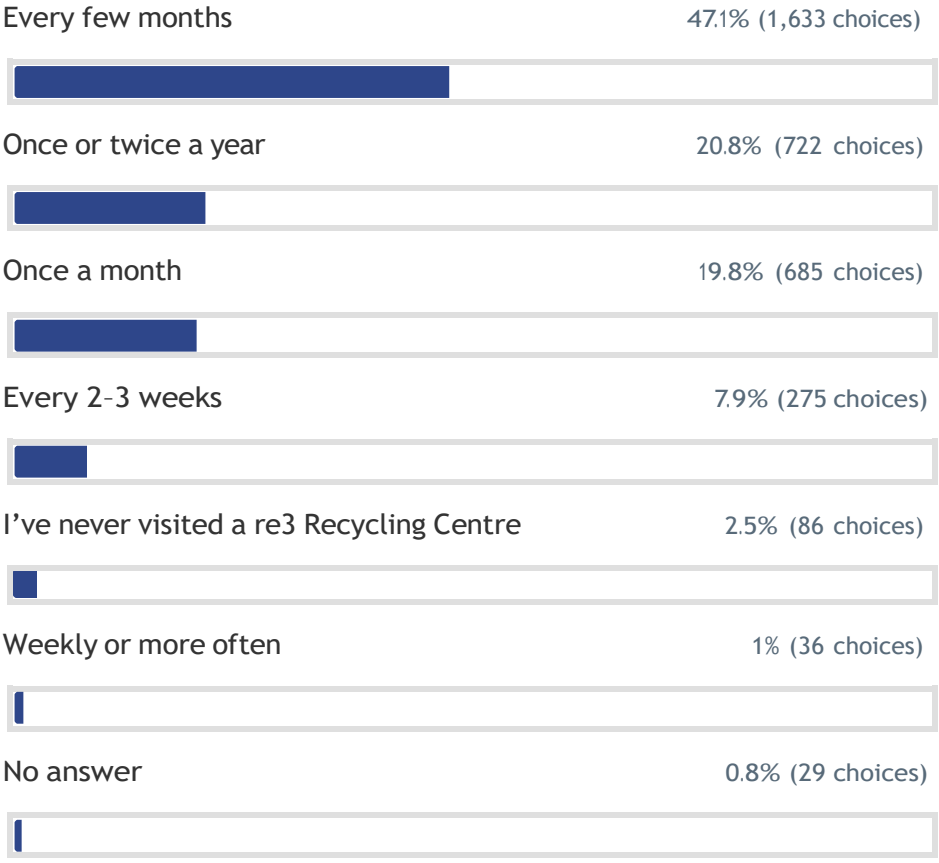

14. What is your main reason for visiting the re3 Recycling Centre?

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I occasionally have a clear out and need to dispose of extra waste — 78.8% (2,730 choices)

I regularly need to dispose of garden waste — 27.1% (940 choices)

I have extra recycling that doesn't fit in my kerbside bin — 25.8% (894 choices)

It's convenient for me to drop off reusable items — 11.5% (398 choices)

It's part of my regular routine — 4.6% (159 choices)

No answer — 3.7% (129 choices)

I like to pick up free items (e.g. paint or books) or buy compost — 2.1% (73 choices)

Other — 9.1% (315 choices)

15. How well do you currently separate your material for recycling when attending re3 Recycling Centres?

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Very well — 50.6% (1,754 choices)

No answer — 26.5% (919 choices)

Well — 21.1% (733 choices)

Not very well — 1.2% (42 choices)

16. re3 Recycling Centres are important places where residents recycle items that can't be put in their household bins. However, we are always looking at ways to improve efficiency and reduce cost. Would you support any of the following proposals?

3304/3466 - Choose one option

I am not willing to support any of these proposals 36.2% (1,256 choices)

I am willing to support all the above proposals 24.8% (861 choices)

Adjusting opening times by closing one day each week and reducing hours during quieter periods to better match demand and use staff and resources more efficiently 21.7% (753 choices)

Requiring visitors to open their general waste bags brought in and separate recyclables from rubbish at the Recycling Centre to help cut down on general waste 12.1% (420 choices)

No answer 5.1% (176 choices)

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- No answer

17. If we needed to consider closing the Recycling Centre on one weekday, which day would cause you the least inconvenience?

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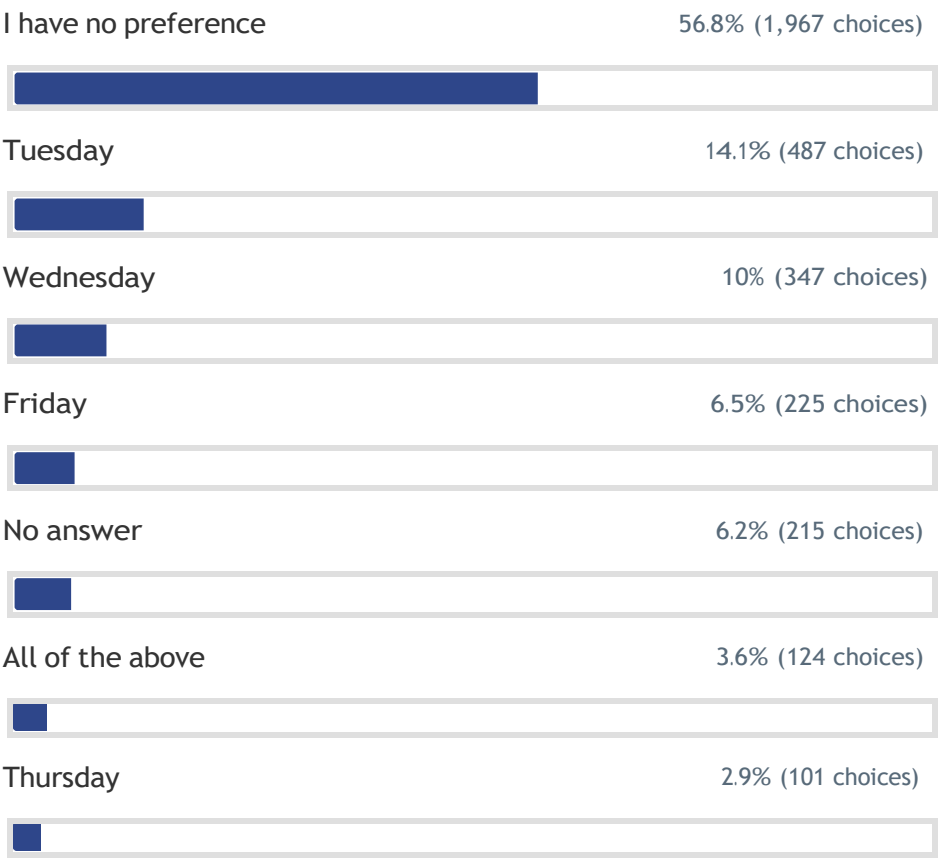

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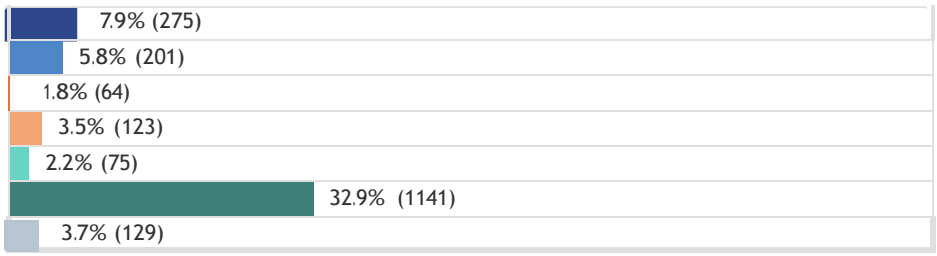

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Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday All of the above I have no preference No answer

18. If we needed to consider having shorter opening hours, which timings would affect you the least?

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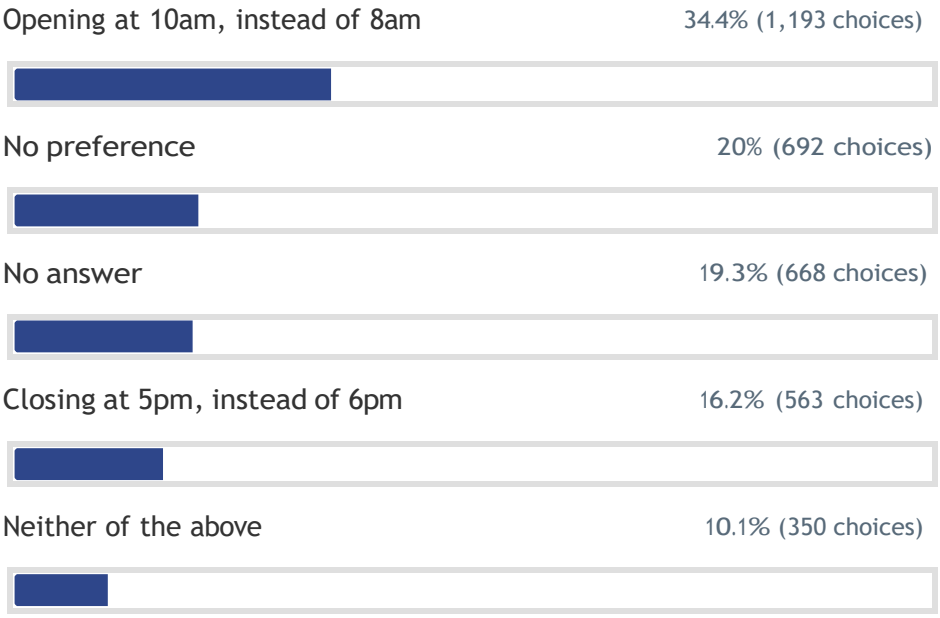

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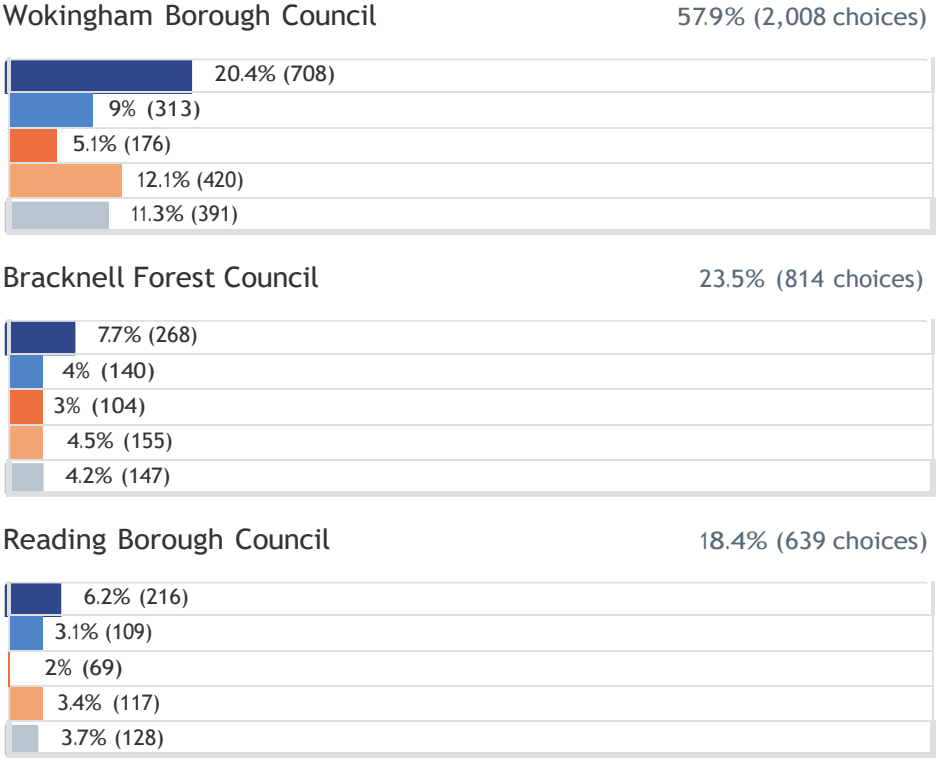

19. The re3 waste disposal contract runs until 2031, and we're planning for what comes next. Thinking specifically about recycling and waste disposal (not collection), what do you believe should be the top three priorities for the re3 councils over the next five years and beyond?

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Reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill 72.4% (2,511 choices)

Increasing recycling and reuse rates 60.6% (2,100 choices)

Reducing the overall volume of waste generated 34.1% (1,181 choices)

Lowering the environmental impact (e.g. reducing carbon emissions) 30.1% (1,042 choices)

Enhancing the quality of recycling (e.g. reducing contamination) 27.1% (941 choices)

Strengthening engagement with residents 21.4% (743 choices)

Improving transparency and reporting 10.1% (351 choices)

No answer 1.7% (60 choices)

Other 5.1% (177 choices)

20. Do you think re3 councils should work together to deliver waste disposal services?

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Only if it leads to lower costs or better environmental outcomes — 49.9% (1,730 choices)

Yes — 37.5% (1,300 choices)

Not sure / don't have an opinion — 8.3% (287 choices)

No — 2.7% (92 choices)

No answer — 1.6% (57 choices)

21. Do you think re3 councils should explore partnerships with other local authorities?

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Only if it leads to lower costs or better environmental outcomes — 58% (2,009 choices)

Yes — 21.9% (760 choices)

Not sure / don't have an opinion — 8% (278 choices)

No answer — 7.4% (258 choices)

No — 4.6% (161 choices)

22. Under new national recycling rules, glass and plastic film will be collected at the kerbside in the future years. In addition to this, which other materials would you most like to see collected from your home?

3107/3466 - Ranking - optional

#1	Batteries	**#1.8** average
#2	Small electrical items	**#2.1** average
#3	Clothes	**#2.5** average
#4	Vapes	**#3.6** average

23. The re3 councils may want to review how recycling will be collected at the kerbside in the future years. This could affect how many bins or containers you use for recycling. Please rank the following factors in order of importance to you.

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#1	Ease for residents – making recycling as simple as possible, with minimal sorting / fewer bins required at home	**#1.7** average
#2	Environmental impact – reducing carbon emissions and increasing how much waste can be reused or recycled	**#2.1** average
#3	Cost to the public – keeping the overall cost of the service low for councils and taxpayers	**#2.2** average