

County waste sites to re-open

Leicestershire County Council is preparing to re-open its remaining recycling and household waste sites.

County recycling and household waste sites will begin to re-open later this month, starting with Bottesford on Thursday, 30 July, with online timeslots available to book from Friday, 17 July.

Kibworth and Coalville will re-open on Monday, 3 August and Tuesday, 4 August, respectively, with online bookings for both sites available from Friday, 24 July.

Lutterworth waste site will re-open from Friday, 14 August, Loughborough from Saturday, 15 August and Somerby from Sunday, 16 August. On-line bookings for all three sites will be made available from Friday, 31 July.

Barwell, Lount, Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Mountsorrel, Oadby and Whetstone waste sites will continue to be open for the extended seven days a week and Shepshed five days a week for now, but this will gradually change as more sites re-open.

All sites will require residents to book an appointment in advance online, to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

The booking system will help ensure queuing is kept to a minimum and residents can safely use waste sites without delay.

Councillor Trevor Pendleton, county council cabinet member for waste disposal, said: "We'd like to thank residents for their understanding and patience during this time. We appreciate that, in some situations, people have had to travel further than they normally would to dispose of their waste.

"We are continuing to monitor government guidance closely to ensure we can offer a safe and resilient service going forward."

People wanting to use a waste site are reminded that all information about the types of waste accepted at each site and links to the booking system are available on the Leicestershire County Council website: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/waste.

Notes to editor

Sites will be opening according to demand, site restrictions and safety requirements.

Bottesford will be open for three days a week (Thursday to Saturday).

Kibworth will be open five days a week (Monday to Friday).

Coalville will be open five days a week (Saturday to Wednesday).

Lutterworth will be open five days a week (Thursday to Monday).

Loughborough will be open two days a week (Saturday to Sunday).

Somerby will be open two days a week (Sunday to Monday).