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## CDC Press Release: Kerbside recycling – a big thanks to residents for expediting collections

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Earlier this year Cotswold District Council asked residents to do more pre-sorting of their kerbside recycling to help speed up collections.

Most people responded positively to our campaign and their efforts are making a real difference. Improvements are particularly evident in households that requested a second black recycling box. This means that they can now separate recyclables, using one box for paper and magazines and the other for glass, jars, and bottles. We have also noted that many people who could not accommodate a second box have helpfully placed papers at one end of their single box and the glass, jars and bottles at the other.

We are also seeing many residents using their white recycling sacks for tins, cans (including pet food cans\*), aluminium and aerosols, as well as for the usual plastic bottles, food trays, yoghurt pots and other types of mixed rigid plastics. There has also been an increase in residents 'washing and squashing' the items before discarding them which is very encouraging.

*\*Please note, however, that dog/cat food pouches are not to be placed in white sacks.*

Cllr Sue Coakley, CDC Cabinet Member for the Environment, comments:

“We have had a fabulous response to our recent recycling campaign and I'd like to thank all those who have helped by pre-sorting their recycling. When we order replacement sacks we will be sure to list all of the additional items that can now be placed in them, but in the meantime please do put all your cans, tins, aluminium cartons and aerosols in the white sacks with your plastic. We can now sort these at the Recycling Centre so they don't need to be presented separately, and putting them all in the sack speeds up the collection process, reducing the time the collection vehicles are on the road. As before, we would appreciate it if all items are ‘washed and squashed’ as this helps ensure they can be recycled and also keeps the sacks clean.”

Cllr Coakley continues:

“The Council will always be happy to supply a free extra black recycling box on request - please contact the CDC Waste Team email us at [cdc@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:cdc@cotswold.gov.uk) or phone 01285 623123.

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