

# Your waste. Your future. **Your views.**



We asked you what you thought about our plans for dealing with the county's waste.

## **Results for Three Rivers.**



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**01 It is important that we all reduce the amount of waste we produce**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	572	80.68%		
Agree	129	18.19%	Strongly Agree + Agree	98.87%
Disagree	3	0.42%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	0.56%
Strongly Disagree	1	0.14%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>98.31%</b>
No Opinion	2	0.28%		
Not Answered	2	0.28%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**02 Smaller bins or less frequent rubbish collections help reduce waste and encourage recycling**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	55	7.76%		
Agree	129	18.19%	Strongly Agree + Agree	25.95%
Disagree	285	40.20%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	67.70%
Strongly Disagree	195	27.50%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-41.75%</b>
No Opinion	35	4.94%		
Not Answered	10	1.41%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**03 Households should pay according to how much rubbish they produce**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	87	12.27%		
Agree	156	22.00%	Strongly Agree + Agree	34.27%
Disagree	212	29.90%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	59.66%
Strongly Disagree	211	29.76%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-25.39%</b>
No Opinion	34	4.80%		
Not Answered	9	1.27%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**04 Manufacturers and retailers should reduce the amount of non-recyclable packaging with their products**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	627	88.43%		
Agree	74	10.44%	Strongly Agree + Agree	98.87%
Disagree	1	0.14%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	0.42%
Strongly Disagree	2	0.28%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>98.45%</b>
No Opinion	2	0.28%		
Not Answered	3	0.42%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**05 More publicity is needed to help residents reduce waste**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	241	33.99%		
Agree	355	50.07%	Strongly Agree + Agree	84.06%
Disagree	61	8.60%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	10.30%
Strongly Disagree	12	1.69%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>73.77%</b>
No Opinion	33	4.65%		
Not Answered	7	0.99%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**06 The promoting of the following activities will help reduce waste**

**06a Home composting**

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	349	49.22%		
Agree	252	35.54%	Strongly Agree + Agree	84.77%
Disagree	50	7.05%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	10.30%
Strongly Disagree	23	3.24%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>74.47%</b>
No Opinion	26	3.67%		
Not Answered	9	1.27%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

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**06b Real nappy use**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	364	51.34%		
Agree	217	30.61%		
Disagree	46	6.49%	Strongly Agree + Agree	81.95%
Strongly Disagree	5	0.71%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	7.19%
No Opinion	65	9.17%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>74.75%</b>
Not Answered	12	1.69%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**06c The promotion of re-use charities and businesses**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	345	48.66%		
Agree	293	41.33%	Strongly Agree + Agree	89.99%
Disagree	19	2.68%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	3.39%
Strongly Disagree	5	0.71%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>86.60%</b>
No Opinion	34	4.80%		
Not Answered	13	1.83%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**06d More campaigning and education**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	282	39.77%		
Agree	355	50.07%	Strongly Agree + Agree	89.84%
Disagree	29	4.09%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	4.51%
Strongly Disagree	3	0.42%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>85.33%</b>
No Opinion	25	3.53%		
Not Answered	15	2.12%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**07 I would re-cycle more if I could put all my recyclables into one container**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	98	13.82%		
Agree	103	14.53%	Strongly Agree + Agree	28.35%
Disagree	358	50.49%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	62.06%
Strongly Disagree	82	11.57%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-33.71%</b>
No Opinion	44	6.21%		
Not Answered	24	3.39%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**08 Recycling should be compulsory because it reduces landfill and saves council tax payers' money**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	372	52.47%		
Agree	230	32.44%	Strongly Agree + Agree	84.91%
Disagree	55	7.76%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	13.12%
Strongly Disagree	38	5.36%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>71.79%</b>
No Opinion	8	1.13%		
Not Answered	6	0.85%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**09 We should aim for a recycling target of 50% by 2012**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	299	42.17%		
Agree	208	29.34%	Strongly Agree + Agree	71.51%
Disagree	121	17.07%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	22.43%
Strongly Disagree	38	5.36%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>49.08%</b>
No Opinion	37	5.22%		
Not Answered	6	0.85%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

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**10 What should the target be? (Only answered by those disagreeing or strongly disagreeing to Q 09)**

	Number	Per Cent
Higher than 50%	137	86.16%
Lower than 50%	17	10.69%
Not Answered	5	3.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>22.43%</b>

**11 Collection arrangements**

	Currently Collected		If collected, Regularly Use		No collection but would use if collected		No collection and would not use if there was		No response at all	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Paper	696	98.17%	511	73.42%	8	61.54%	2	15.38%	3	0.42%
Food and drink cans	677	95.49%	495	73.12%	17	53.13%	12	37.50%	3	0.42%
Plastic bottles	684	96.47%	505	73.83%	17	68.00%	5	20.00%	3	0.42%
Glass bottles/jars	689	97.18%	505	73.29%	11	55.00%	6	30.00%	3	0.42%
Garden waste	674	95.06%	469	69.58%	11	31.43%	19	54.29%	5	0.71%
Kitchen food waste	591	83.36%	361	61.08%	41	34.75%	72	61.02%	5	0.71%
Cardboard	621	87.59%	441	71.01%	65	73.86%	18	20.45%	5	0.71%
Other plastic products					584	82.37%	51	7.19%	74	10.44%
Tetrapak cartons					558	78.70%	77	10.86%	74	10.44%
Household batteries					560	78.98%	75	10.58%	74	10.44%
Small electrical items					557	78.56%	78	11.00%	74	10.44%

**12 Disposal of waste which cannot be recycled - Important issues to be considered**

**12a Minimising transportation to the facility**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	202	28.49%
Important	420	59.24%
Not Very Important	62	8.74%
Not at all Important	8	1.13%
Not Answered	17	2.40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**12b Cost effectiveness and affordability**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	278	39.21%
Important	378	53.31%
Not Very Important	33	4.65%
Not at all Important	4	0.56%
Not Answered	16	2.26%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**12c Environmental impact (e.g., noise and emissions)**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	374	52.75%
Important	297	41.89%
Not Very Important	19	2.68%
Not at all Important	4	0.56%
Not Answered	15	2.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**12d Turning waste into energy (e.g., local heating or electricity)**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	428	60.37%
Important	248	34.98%
Not Very Important	20	2.82%
Not at all Important	2	0.28%
Not Answered	11	1.55%
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**About you**

**Are you male or female?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
Male	273	38.50%
Female	397	55.99%
Not Answered	39	5.50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**What age range do you fall into?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
18-24	2	0.28%
25-34	39	5.50%
35-44	101	14.25%
45-54	123	17.35%
55-59	91	12.83%
60-64	80	11.28%
65-74	146	20.59%
75+	118	16.64%
Not Answered	9	1.27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Which category best describes your ethnic background?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
White	673	94.92%
Mixed Heritage	4	0.56%
Asian or Asian British	4	0.56%
Black or Black British	2	0.28%
Chinese	0	0.00%
English	0	0.00%
Irish	0	0.00%
Welsh	0	0.00%
White European	1	0.14%
Other not stated	1	0.14%
Not Answered	24	3.39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**District of residence (derived from home postcode)**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
No answer	0	0.00%
Broxbourne	0	0.00%
Dacorum	0	0.00%
East Hertfordshire	0	0.00%
Hertsmere	0	0.00%
North Hertfordshire	0	0.00%
St Albans	0	0.00%
Stevenage	0	0.00%
Three Rivers	709	100.00%
Watford	0	0.00%
Welwyn Hatfield	0	0.00%
Out of County (Aylesbury Vale)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Barnet)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Chiltern)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Enfield)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Epping Forest)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Harborough)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Harrow)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Hillingdon)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Luton)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Mid Bedfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Milton Keynes)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Bedfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Cambridgeshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Oxfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Uttersford)	0	0.00%
Unsure	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Are you representing an organisation?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
Yes	3	0.42%