

Cashless trial at Taunton

The [cashless payment transaction trial at Taunton](#) (Priorswood) Recycling Centre has now gone live. Payments are accepted on Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards, Visa Electron and Diners Club, including contactless cards.

Card payments are required for [disposal of materials not classed as domestic waste](#), including gas bottles, soil and hardcore, car tyres, vehicle parts and commercial waste. Electronic payments are also required for the purchasing of [Revive Soil Conditioner](#). 40 litre bags are £4 each or three for £10.

Payments for domestic [asbestos and plasterboard](#) will continue to be taken online in advance at the SWP website.

Cash will still be taken to pay for items at the [Taunton Reuse Shop](#).

Sharing support in Frome

Working with the local community, SWP has successfully bid for £18,020 from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills to support the SHARE shop in Frome. This is the UK's first sharing shop and was set up by a team of young unemployed apprentices working with the Town Council and the social enterprise Edventure Frome.

It enables the local community to share a wide range of useful items, such as tools, toys and musical instruments. These are unwanted or little used items donated or lent to the shop, which are

then loaned to others to use. The funding will promote the reuse of electrical appliances and support weekly repair sessions every Saturday morning, 10.30 – 12.30. Further information at: sharefrome.org

Side waste enforcement

SWP Officers are reminding residents in the Bridgwater station area of good practice in relation to correct waste presentation, i.e. waste in wheeled bins with the lid closed, or up to four black sacks in properties not suitable for a wheeled bin.

Residents are also reminded of the correct collection date for their round, in order to cut down on waste being presented too early, which leads to littering. An initial letter to residents immediately reduced the amount of excess waste presented by around 50% and helped identify local businesses taking advantage of the situation to dispose of commercial waste with the household service. This sort of action improves neighbourhoods and cuts costs.

Recycling sites getting busier

With the longer daylight and hopefully better weather, recycling sites at weekends become busier and busier places. For those able to avoid visiting on a weekend, there are five recycling sites which are open seven days a week 8am and 4pm. These are Bridgwater (Saltlands), Frome, Minehead, Taunton (Priorswood), and Yeovil.

All other sites have two mid-week closed days, but they are open 8am to 7pm every **Monday**, including Easter, May and the August bank holidays. (All sites close on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day). To check the full opening hours, see the individual [recycling centres and sites page](#) on our website.

Latest media releases

Media releases from SWP in the last month included:

- ['Library of things' wins big cash grant to boost reuse](#)
- [Cashless trial at Taunton Recycling Centre](#)
- [Kerbside collections later for bank holiday](#)

Somerset Waste Board

SWP is the executive arm of SWB, which consists of two members nominated by each of the six partner councils in Somerset, one of which must be the portfolio holder for waste and/or the environment.

The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected at the annual general meeting from the Board's membership.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday 17 June 2016.

For details of SWP, SWB and waste services: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

SWB membership by council is:

- **Mendip** – Cllrs Nigel Woollcombe-Adams (Vice Chair), Terry Napper
- **Sedgemoor** – Cllrs Dawn Hill, Gill Slocombe
- **Somerset County** – Cllrs Derek Yeomans (Chair), David Hall
- **South Somerset** – Cllrs Jo Roundell Greene, Angie Singleton
- **Taunton Deane Borough** – Cllr Patrick Berry, Steve Ross
- **West Somerset** – Cllrs Martin Dewdney, Brenda Maitland-Walker

Agenda, papers and reports for SWB meetings are available [online](#).

Information on SWP services

The main source of advice and information on SWP services is www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

Customer service helplines for all partner authorities can assist with service enquiries.

SWP publishes the Sorted monthly e-zine (sign-up on the website) and posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

