

Waste and recycling data sheet – June 2026

Summary – Due to changes to Rushmoor’s waste and recycling collection service in 2021, the percentage of waste recycled and composted has increased. Rushmoor has a slightly higher recycling rate than the England average and the second highest recycling rate in Hampshire.

Changes to waste and recycling collection

In October 2021 Rushmoor introduced weekly food waste collection and changed weekly collection of general waste to every two weeks. This resulted in an increase in the recycling rate. Additionally, during 2025 small electrical recycling bins were introduced into the Borough.

Recycling - Household waste recycled and composted (Ex NI 192)

After the introduction of food waste the percentage of waste recycled and composted in Rushmoor has increased. In 2024/25 Rushmoor had a lower recycling rate than the South East but a higher rate than Hampshire and England.

The following table shows the % of household waste recycled or composted, over the last 10 years.

Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting – year on year

Year	Rushmoor	Hampshire	South East	England
2015-16	25.9%	39.1%	44.5%	43.0%
2016-17	26.6%	41.6%	46.2%	43.7%
2017-18	29.0%	41.7%	46.7%	43.2%
2018-19	29.0%	41.3%	47.2%	43.5%
2019-20	29.6%	41.7%	47.6%	43.8%
2020-21	31.9%	37.6%	46.1%	42.3%
2021-22	36.8%	38.6%	46.4%	42.5%
2022-23	41.7%	38.7%	45.4%	41.7%
2023-24	42.4%	39.7%	46.2%	42.3%
2024-25	42.8%	40.1%	45.7%	42.0%

(Source: Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [Local authority collected waste management - annual results - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-collected-waste-management-annual-results))

Refuse Collection - Residual household waste collected per household (kg) (Ex NI191)

The following table shows that over recent years, the amount of waste produced per household had been decreasing. Rushmoor has a lower rate of residual waste per household than Hampshire, the South East and England.

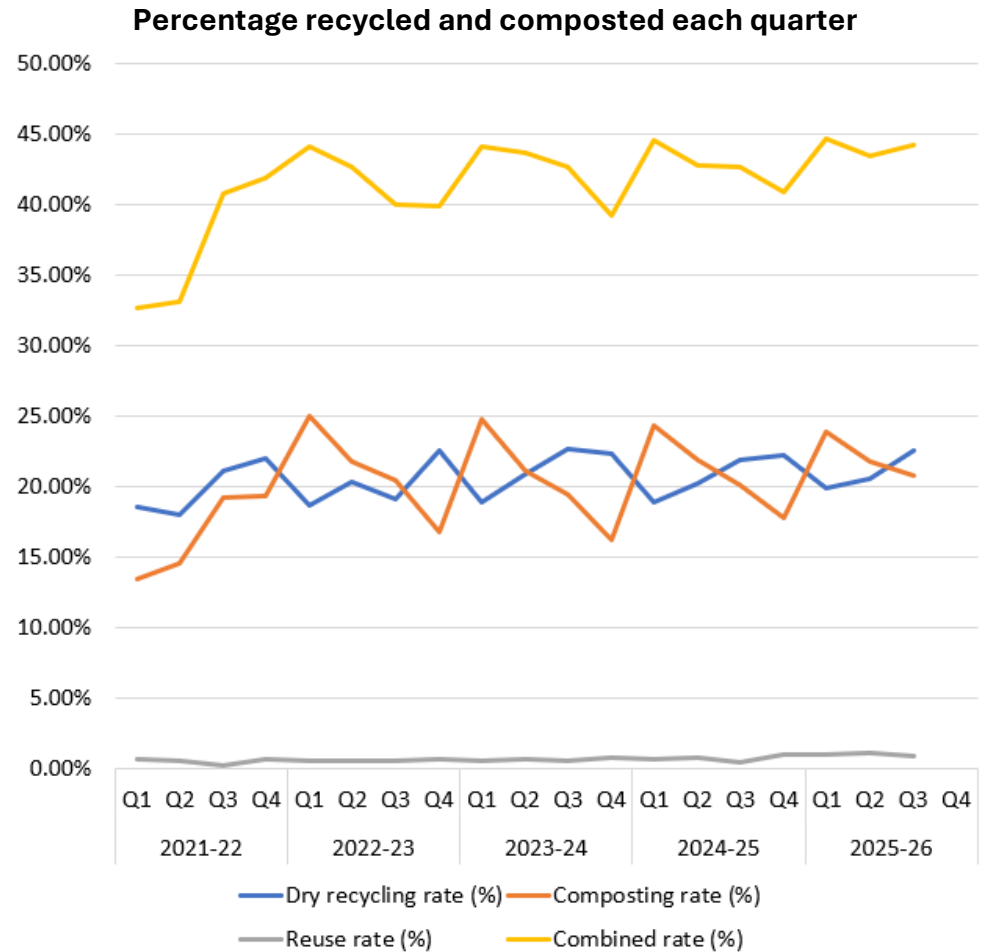
Year	Rushmoor	Hampshire	South East	England
2015-16	591.7	649.6	581	563
2016-17	584.1	616.6	562	555
2017-18	563.5	595.3	536	542
2018-19	550.9	595.5	521	532
2019-20	537.7	582.3	506	524
2020-21	556.8	600.8	529	553
2021-22	507.8	594.9	518	541
2022-23	426.0	557.3	492	509
2023-24	423.5	559.1	494	511
2024-25	414.3	557.4	500	513

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Rushmoor quarterly recycling rates

The following chart shows the percentage of recycling over time for dry recycling, composting, reuse and the combined rate.

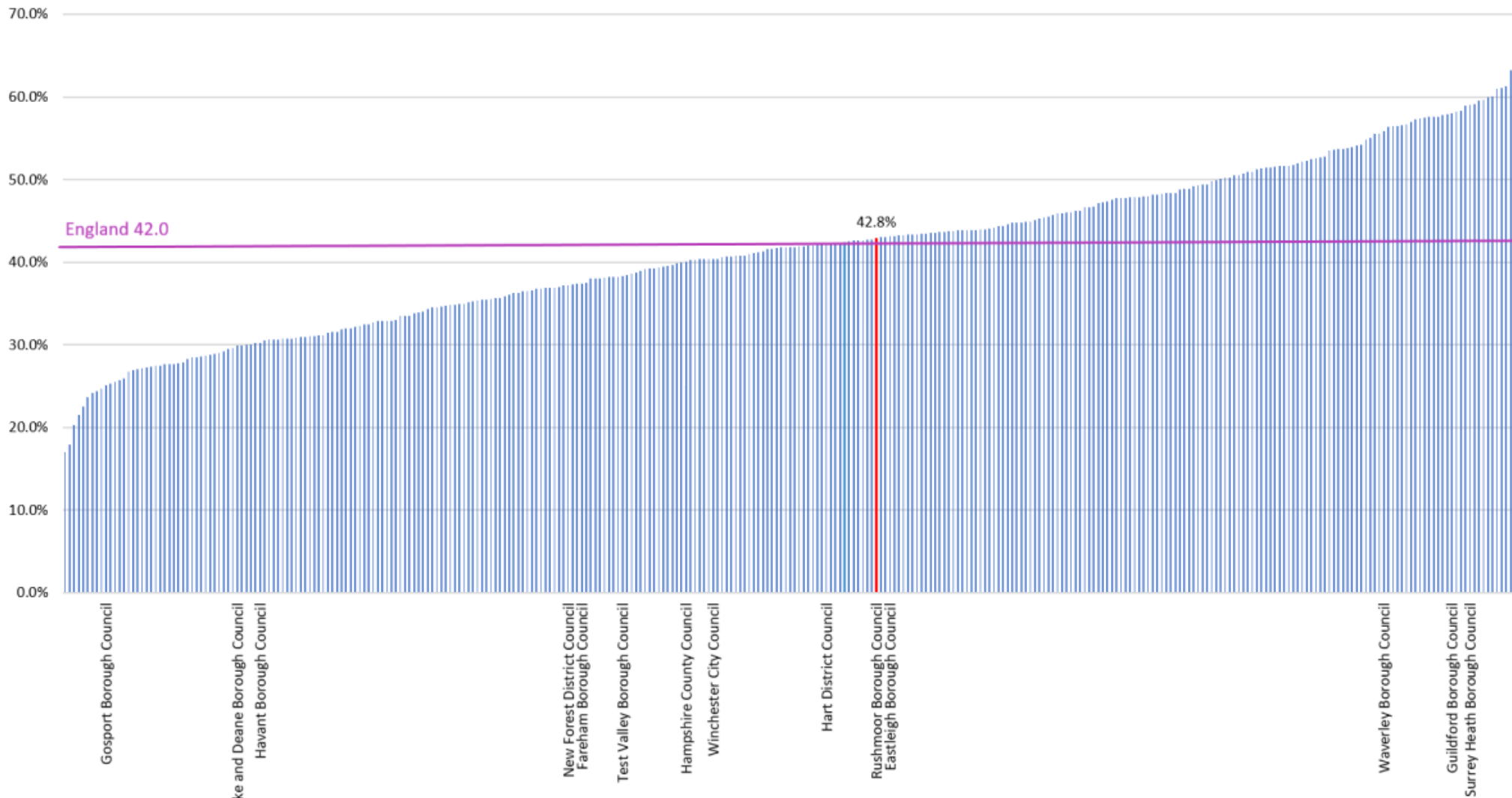
It shows that the composting rate rises with the introduction of food waste collection, in 2021/22. Additionally, the composting rate is seasonal, with peaks in Q1 (April to May), and falls in Q4 (January to March). The seasonal nature of the composting rate effects the quarterly combined recycling rate.



Recycling rates comparison

The following chart shows the percentage of waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting in 2024/25 for all authorities in England. At 42.8%, Rushmoor is ranked 142 out of 321 local authorities in England (with 1 being best recycling rate). In 203/24 Rushmoor was ranked 153. Rushmoor has the second highest recycling rate in Hampshire.

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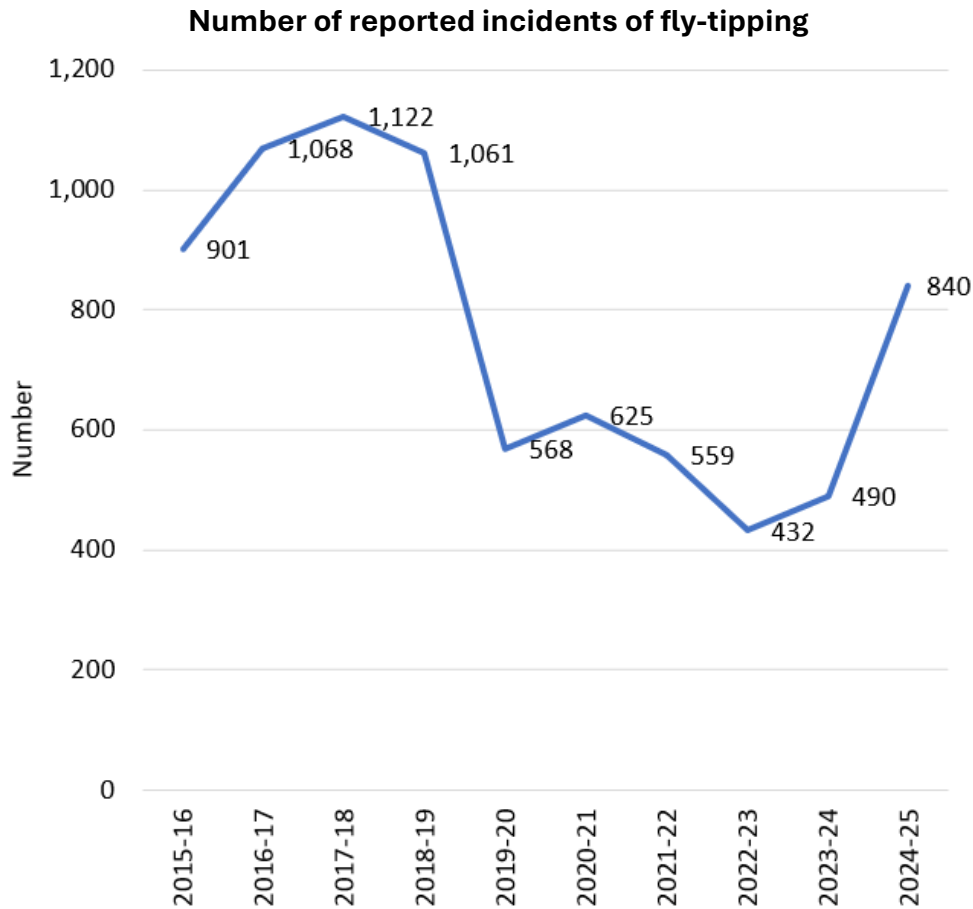


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Fly tipping

The number of fly-tipping incidents reported to Defra for Rushmoor in 2024/25 was 840, which is a rise from 490 in 2023/24. This rise was due to reporting changes, with all fly tips being reported.

The table below shows the number of reported fly-tip incidents.



(Source: Defra [Fly-tipping statistics for England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fly-tipping-statistics-for-england))

Of the incidents 840, 72.0% were related to 'other household waste incidents', 5.2% were 'green incidents and 4.8% were 'construction / demolition / excavation incidents.

51.2% of incidents were 'highway incidents', 33.1% were 'council land incidents and 13.1% were 'private / residential incidents.