

Appendix B - Recycling Credits to Community Groups

Breckland Council provides a range of recycling banks to areas where they can be easily accessed and used by the local community, for example car parks, village halls, community centres etc. On occasions, we may issue them to pub car parks (most commonly glass banks) if the pub will allow access for them to be used by the public for the majority of the day. This is normally in a village location where the pub car park is the only suitable location.

Recycling credits from any tonnage collected in our recycling banks which are not on Breckland Council controlled land or supermarket car parks may be paid to charitable organisations, parish councils or other not-for-profit community organisations. Such payments are conditional upon the signing of an agreement accepting responsibility for keeping the relevant site clean and tidy, and promoting use of the site within the relevant local community.

For every tonne of material collected, recycling credits are gained. The 10/11 recycling credit rate set by Norfolk County Council is £47.64 per tonne of recyclable material.

The recycling credit payments to community groups are as follows:

Paper:	£47.64 per tonne minus £5 service charge (Whites)
Textiles:	£47.64 per tonne plus £200 credit from BCR Global Ltd.
Cans:	We do not pass on recycling credits for cans due to the low tonnages
Glass:	£47.64 per tonne (minus service charges explained below)
Toys:	£47.64 per tonne plus £25 credit from BCR Global Ltd.

Waste Recycling Group (WRG), who provide, empty and maintain the glass recycling banks charge £85.28 per bottle bank per year. There is also a charge of £13.84 per tonne of glass collected. These charges are reviewed on a yearly basis.

Breckland Council claims the recycling credit for the tonnage of glass recycled on a monthly basis. At the end of the financial year the tonnages for the community groups are totalled up and the recycling payment is calculated. Breckland Council deducts the service charges they have paid to WRG and then passes on the remaining monies to the community group.

Should a site maintained by a community group collect 12 tonnes of glass in this financial year, the following would apply:

- 12 tonnes x £47.64 = £571.68
- Service Charge = £85.28
- Charge per tonne of glass collected £13.84 x 12 = £166.08
- So £571.68 - £85.28 (Service Charge) - £166.08 (Total cost of collecting 12 tonnes of glass) = £320.32
- £320.32 would be the total recycling credit that Breckland would pay to the Community Group.

In the financial year 2009/10, in excess of £24,000 in recycling credits was paid to local community groups across the district as part of this scheme.

The Environmental Services team have continued to seek opportunities to expand the network of recycling banks, and a number of settlements have been identified as being able to benefit from such banks. A number of parish councils have been contacted since January 2010 with a view to identifying suitable sites, and the table below summarises the responses that have been received:

Parish Council	Response up to May 2010
Billingford Parish Council	Awaiting response
Cranworth Parish Council	Awaiting response
Great Dunham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Hardingham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Ickburgh Parish Meeting	Awaiting response
Little Dunham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Ovington Parish Council	Sending further information and offer of site visits.
Scarning Parish Council	Working to find a suitable location.
Horningtoft Parish Council	Few suitable locations. Raised at Parish Council
Litcham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Little Cressingham Parish Council	Declined offer of glass bank.
Little Ellingham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Necton Parish Council	Awaiting response
Rougham Parish Council	Awaiting response
Sparham Parish Council	Site visit to find suitable locations. Resident poll for suitability of suggested site.
Whinburgh and Westfield Parish Council	Declined offer of glass bank. No suitable location

Where new sites are agreed, we shall aim to extend the use of community groups to maintain them in good condition.