

Briefing note

Household Waste Recycling Centre - Extended Opening Hours Trial

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Introduction

Cornwall's 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) will soon be undertaking an extended opening hours trial. Throughout the trial visitor numbers will be monitored and evaluated to see whether an extended opening during the spring and summer months should be introduced on a permanent basis.

Background

In January 2020 a cross-party Member led Inquiry into HWRC services concluded and from this a number of recommendations were presented to Cabinet. In September 2020 Cabinet approved Inquiry recommendations which included the undertaking of a midweek extended opening hours trial. Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions the start of the trial was delayed but will now commence this April.

Details of the Trial

The extended opening hours trial will take place on Wednesdays at all HWRC sites, excluding Tintagel, for a period of 18 weeks. During the trial these sites will remain open until 6pm on a Wednesday evening.

Tintagel HWRC is closed midweek so, at this site only, the trial will take place on a Monday evening.

Full details can be seen in the table below.

Trial Details			
HWRC Site	Trial Start Date	Trial End Date	Extended Opening Hours
All sites excluding Tintagel	Wednesday 7 th April	Wednesday 4 th August	9am – 6pm
Tintagel	Monday 12 th April	Monday 9 th August	9am – 6pm

Sites will close at the usual time of 4pm on all other days.

All HWRC Sites are currently operating a number plate system to protect the wellbeing of site staff and residents and to ensure that social distancing can be maintained. This number plate system will remain in place throughout the trial, subject to ongoing review.

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