

Recycle - If Dan Can You Can



Hi, I'm 'Dan Can' the Super Recycler. I'm the new mascot for recycling in Torfaen. Read below for the latest news about recycling in your area.

Council first to trial "green" electric technology

TORFAEN Council is the first local authority in Wales to trial a greener, more efficient waste collection system for its residents.

The electric bin lift trial was organised as part of the council's ongoing efforts to improve its efficiency and carbon footprint.

Tests show that if a refuse vehicle uses an Ecoprocess lift, it releases 5.5 tonnes less carbon dioxide per year.

It also consumes seven litres less fuel a day – equivalent to more than £1,400 a year – and improves round collection times.

As an added bonus, the technology produces less noise than a conventional hydraulic lift.

Councillor John Cunningham, Executive

Member for Operational Services, said: "The trial proved the lift's ability to meet our key objectives:



Refuse collector Andy Giles trialling a bin lift on the streets of Torfaen

fast, efficient and quiet operations, with proven fuel savings together with the minimisation of environmental damage through reduced carbon emissions.

"If the trial continues to show positive results we will look at buying the lifts for our fleet of eight refuse vehicles which will help make Torfaen a greener place for residents."

Improving environmental performance is a key priority for Torfaen Council, and a number of projects are underway to help reduce carbon emissions.

Torfaen refuse collector Andy Giles praised the bin lifts. He said: "The bin lifts are quieter and more efficient. It helps make our job easier, quicker and greener."

Twin Bin rolls out to 8,000 residents

TORFAEN'S twin bin scheme is due to expand to thousands of homes next month. Torfaen Council will add around 8,000 more residents to the scheme where recycling is collected every week and garden and food waste and non-recyclable rubbish are collected on alternate weeks.

The latest rollout will cover areas including Treveithin, Penygarn, St Cadocs, Wainfelin, Brynwynn, New Inn, Pontypool and Cwmynyscoy.

After the rollout, almost 32,000 residents will be on the scheme.

The council hit a 38 per cent recycling rate last year with nearly 8,000 less tonnes of waste being sent to landfill.

Substantial rises in recycling over the last 12 months have left Torfaen just two per cent short of the Welsh Assembly's 2009-10 recycling target. And the local authority is in the top 25 per cent of Welsh authorities for its recycling performance.

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Councillor John Cunningham, Executive Member for Operational Services, and Adrian Evans, Waste Operations Co-ordinator, prepare for the rollout

"Thanks to residents in Torfaen, the Twin Bin scheme has already proved a big success. We are confident that by adding more residents to the scheme our recycling rates will continue to improve as it is the best way to get more people recycling."

Flats and housing with communal rubbish collections in the new areas will be the only properties not added to the scheme, but the council will be looking at reassessing the needs of these particular properties over the next few months.

Roger Mills, manager of

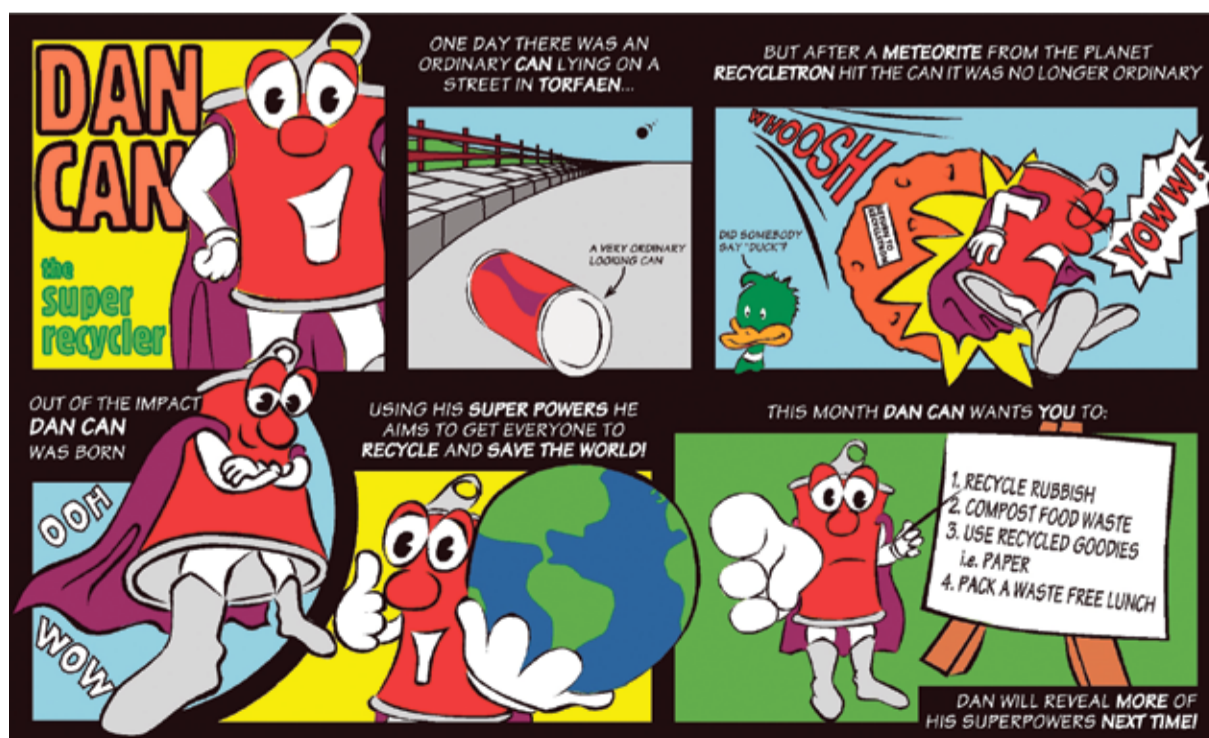
Torfaen Cleanstream Recycling which collects the black boxes, said: "We're looking forward to more residents joining the scheme and doing their bit to recycle more and protect the environment."

A booklet giving more details will be delivered to residents together with new green bins for kitchen and garden waste, kitchen caddies and black boxes for recycling.

Anyone who has a legitimate reason for thinking they will not be able to adapt to the scheme can phone 01495 766608.

Info on the web

Have a look at our new web pages, www.torfaen.gov.uk/waste for all your recycling needs. New features include a comprehensive A to Z guide to recycling, an education section, news, school newsletter, comic strip, leaflets and calendars, information about where your recycling goes and more about Dan Can the Super Recycler. In 2008, look out for videos about waste and recycling and more educational material on this site.



Tetra Pak cartons

Don't forget that you can take your drinks cartons to special recycling bins. Please do not put them in your black recycling box.

Torfaen Council, in partnership with Tetra Pak Ltd and the carton industry body ACE UK, has launched the carton recycling scheme.

Cartons can be recycled at special collections bins at the following places:

- Prince Street car park in Blaenavon
- Cwmbran Stadium car park
- Ponthir Nursery car park
- Sainsbury car park in Cwmbran
- Llanyrafon Golf Course in Cwmbran

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