

Text of FoBRA letter published in the Bath Chronicle 28th May 20 on availability of recycling centres after 9 weeks of lockdown:

Let's sort waste issue together

The Council has done a great job in continuing to collect our waste and recycling despite the lockdown, and I commend the workers who have been doing this for us (and their managers too!). However, we have no wish to add to their workload: lots of stuff cannot be dealt with in this way, and it's accumulating!

We have been good citizens and have obeyed the Council's instruction to store it in our houses, or on our gardens if lucky enough to have one, but for many people the limit seems to have been reached (especially if you read the comments on Nextdoor - <https://nextdoor.co.uk/>).

The announcement that one of the three B&NES recycling centres (Keynsham) was set to open, with restrictions, this week is welcome, but not enough. I contest the explanation, for the continuing closure of the other two, that social distancing and other rules cannot be followed. At the Midland Road centre in Bath, for example, an 'appointments system' could be introduced, and I have offered to organize volunteers to staff this, as well as helping to marshal traffic. Let's do it together!

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