



Agenda Item 13 - Churchyard Bins

WPC Report 17th March 2025

What's in place:

The Wroughton Parish Council Grounds Team collect the rubbish / waste from the Wroughton & Wichelstowe Parochial Church on a weekly basis.

There are **currently 9 litter bins** in place within the Churchyard grounds positioned at various locations. Not all of the bins are in a good condition and most of them are small in size. Some are also open top bins so water is absorbed into any waste ultimately making this heavier than needed.

In addition to the litter bins there is also a black wheelie bin at the Churchyard which can be used, this is property of the church.

The grounds team arrive weekly to collect and empty all rubbish and take this away to the workshop, they then take the waste to the tip or deposited within the workshop bins - this is collected via the parish councils existing Trade Waste collection service (Hills Waste).

Swindon Borough Council are also unable to collect Green Waste bins from the churchyard moving forward meaning that responsibility now lies with either the parish council, the church or Churchyard volunteers.

2025-2026 will be the second year that the Parish Council have been assisting with the rubbish collections as a gesture of good will. Costs are absorbed by the parish council.

Suggestions to move forward with:

The Clerk and Grounds Team Manager met with volunteers of the Lower Churchyard recently to discuss an easier, more effective way to manage the collection service moving forward.

The Grounds Team Manager has suggested that the parish council purchase and install two new black wheelie bins, these two along with the existing one owned by the church – will total 3 on site. Waste would stay dry; the capacity is much larger than the litter bins, and they are easier to move around by the team.

Suggest:

- 1 x Wheelie bin to be positioned at the bottom lower churchyard.
- 1 x Wheelie bin to be positioned at the top near the cremation garden.
- 1 x Wheelie bin which is already in place by the Church – nearer the top churchyard.

New contract:

The parish council should consider taking on a new contract with Hills for a large 1100L trade waste bin collection service and arrange for this to be emptied by Hills on a fortnightly basis.

The Grounds Team would ensure the bin is moved out in readiness for collection on agreed dates/times.

The 1100L bin should be purchased for the disposal of general waste so that this is a benefit to all. The Grounds Team, volunteers, Church staff and members of the public can all have access to dispose of rubbish.

Cost of new fortnightly collection with Hills (Est pending confirmation) :

= £30 per collection x twice a month.

Recommendations:

Wroughton Parish Council agree a budget of up to:

- 1) A budget of up to a max of £150 for the purchase of 2 x new black wheelie bins**
- 2) Agree a budget of up to £60 per month for the new fortnightly collection of the 1100L bin (£720 per year).**
- 3) The WPC Grounds team to remove the existing litter bins and dispose accordingly.**
- 4) The waste collection service overall is reviewed on an annual basis.**
- 5) Budget to be used for 2025/2026 = Solar Farm funds 1075/100 - Available £24,944**
- 6) Contracted costs are then factored into the general reserves, general budget for 2026/2027.**