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Dear Occupier,

STANLEYS WASTE & RECYCLING TRIAL

Following our recent letter, we are now writing to confirm that the Stanleys Waste and Recycling Trial will come to an end on 30th April. As we mentioned previously, this is entirely due to financial pressures brought about by the recession. We are hugely disappointed to be ending the trial and also not to be extending food waste recycling across the Stroud District.

We are very aware that Stroud District Council owes a huge 'thank you' to everyone in the Stanleys for taking part in the trial over the last 18 months. It has achieved recycling rates of 55%, earned a major national award and, most importantly, reduced the amount of waste going into landfill. None of this could have been achieved without your help and the unstinting efforts of the community focus group, which gave us invaluable advice and guidance throughout the trial.

There is some good news, however. Whilst the council cannot currently afford food waste recycling, it is working on the installation of recycling banks which can accept all plastics. This will be an exciting development as all our surveys tell us that this is something people really want. It's early days and very much depends on the market, but it's a priority. We are also looking to install more cardboard banks and to set up a number of community composting schemes along the lines of the one in Bisley, which is well used.

Before the trial ends, you will receive a leaflet giving details of future collection dates etc. After April, landfill collections will again be weekly, recycling collections fortnightly. If you received a grey wheelie bin, you will be able to keep it or return it – details will be contained in the leaflet. In late March and April, we will be running a series of local waste and recycling surgeries in the Stanleys, the first two of which will take place on Sat 21st March; 10.00-11.30am at Leonard Stanley Village Hall and 12.00-1.30pm at Kings Stanley Village Hall.

Thank you once again for your help. If you have any queries before the leaflet arrives, do come along to the surgeries, or alternatively call the Stanleys Recycling Helpline on 754317.

Yours faithfully,

Chas Fellows (Councillor)
Leader

David Hagg
Chief Executive



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