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GIBRALTAR TO ALSO RECYCLE PAPER & CARDBOARD

In the latest phase of the Government's recycling initiative, new blue containers are being placed in strategic locations around the Rock for the recycling of paper and cardboard. Along with the green and yellow bins already in place, this now means that Gibraltar has the facility to recycle virtually all types of household waste.

As a reminder: the green bins can be used to recycle glass bottles and jars (excluding caps and lids), the yellow bins can be used to recycle plastic items (including bags), tetra brik and cans and the blue bins can be used for all paper and cardboard.

Gibraltar, along with the rest of the EU, has a target of recycling 50% of all its household waste by 2020. Figures currently fall well below this and it is hoped that the placing of recycling bins in parts of the Upper Town, along with the inclusion of new waste streams to the recycling service, will help to improve recycling rates. Christmas is a time of year when households generate more rubbish than usual so it is the perfect time to take up the challenge.

A complete list of recycling locations and the facilities available at each can be found at: www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment.