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Increased Recycling Initiative

Recycling in Gibraltar is on the up and up. Following the introduction of recycling facilities for paper, cardboard and plastics and tetra brik in 2012, and of WEEE shortly after, the public response has been such that additional facilities are due to be added. Figures reveal that all streams have increased, with mixed packaging (plastics, cans and tetra brik) increasing by 12%, glass increasing by 24 %, and paper and cardboard by a highly significant 280%.

The Department of the Environment and Climate Change is aware that on occasions some of the recycling bins are full. Steps are being taken to increase the rate of emptying and also to deploy more recycling bins.

In addition, in order to increase the opportunities for depositing recyclables, Government will from next month be deploying a number of roving recycling units, which will be operated by Master Service.

One of the units will take small recyclables, such as batteries, CDs, mobile phones, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, as well as mixed packaging, glass and paper and cardboard, and will be placed at locations around Gibraltar on two-week cycles, from 8am to 7am the following day, except at Morrison's car park, where the unit will be on site for two consecutive days, on Saturday and Sunday.

Another two units, for cans, plastics, tetra brik and glass, will be positioned overnight only in Irish Town (by Orange Bastion) and John Mackintosh Square from Monday to Saturday from 8pm to 7am.

Minister for the Environment, Dr John Cortes stated, "We are very pleased to once again work in partnership with Master Service to expand our recycling, as we strive to achieve the targets required by the EU of 50% by 2020. While we make arrangements to increase our capacity for handling more permanent recycling points, these roving units will encourage the public – that has responded so well so far – to continue to increase our recycling."