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## COMMUNICATIONS: MAXIMISING ENGAGEMENT WITH RESIDENTS THROUGH YOUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### INTRODUCTION

#### **OUR VISION**

WRAP's vision is a world in which resources are used sustainably.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to accelerate the move to a sustainable resource-efficient economy through:

• **Re-inventing** how we design, produce and sell products

• **Rethinking** how we use and consumer products

• Re-defining what is possible through re-use and recycling



#### **Strategic Overview**

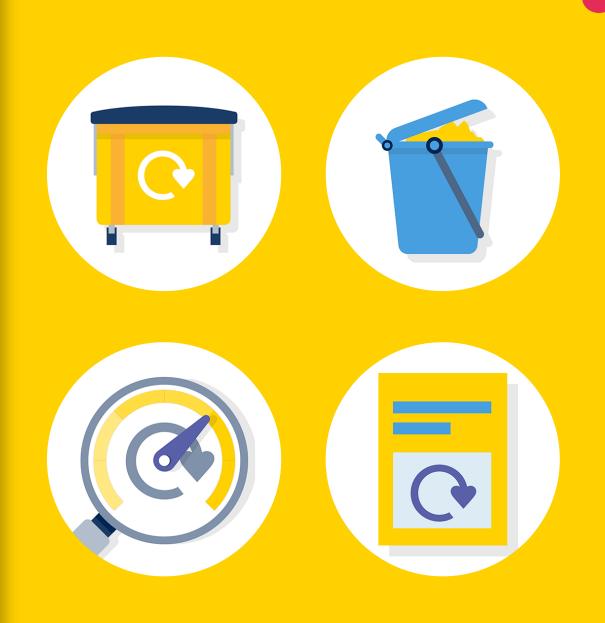
#### **The Evidence**

Websites – top tips

**Social Media – top tips** 

#### **WRAP Support**

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#### **Power of digital communications**

- In 2020, there were almost 2,700 households in the UK with at least one computing device.
- The UK has one of the highest internet penetration rates in the world. Almost the entire nation has access to the internet with an **estimated 62.87 million monthly users in 2021.**
- Estimated **53.58 million smartphone users** in the UK. 99% of those aged 16 to 34 and 96 percent of individuals between 35 and 54 years of age own a device.
- **51%** of WRAP's annual Recycling Tracker respondents claim to search for information about waste and recycling online or by telephone.

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#### **WRAP SEGMENTATION**

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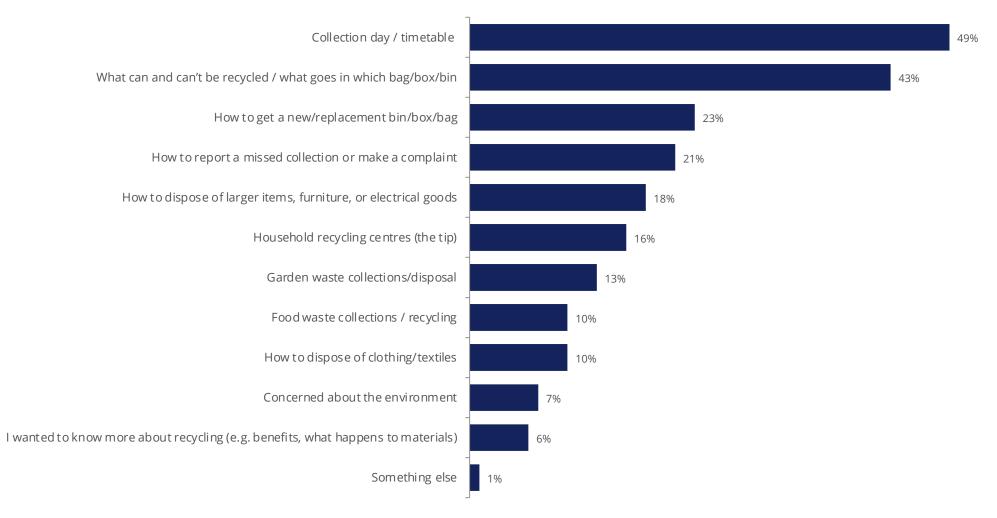
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#### **ANNUAL RECYCLING TRACKER**

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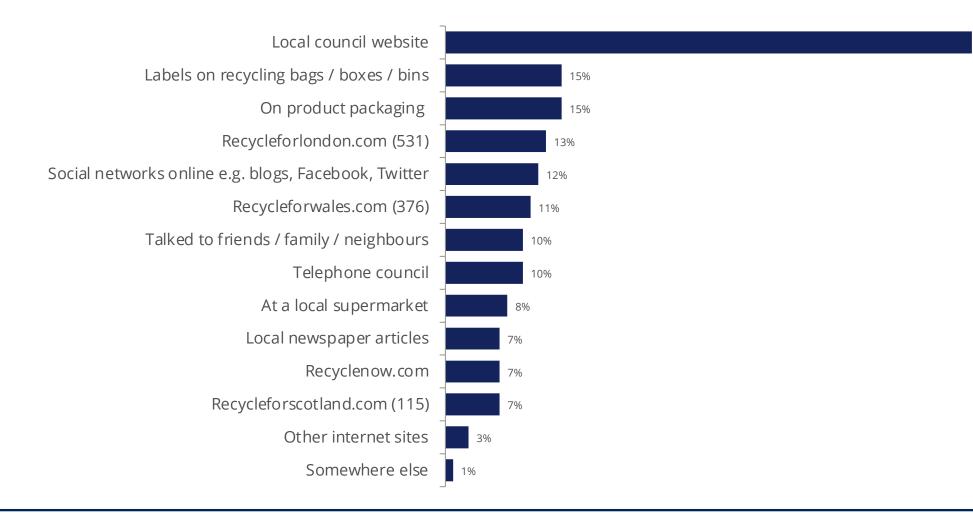


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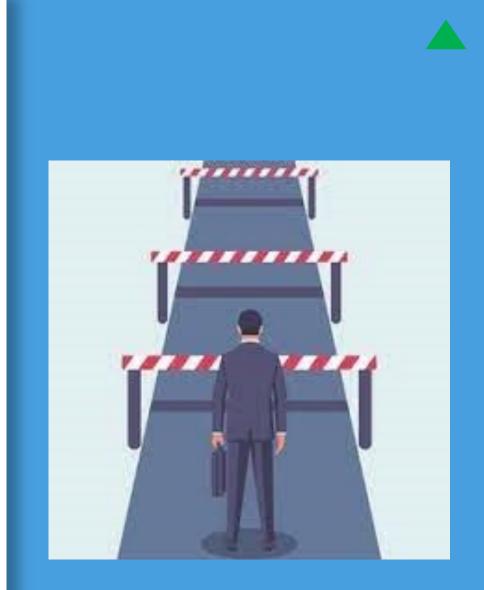
#### **ANNUAL RECYCLING TRACKER**

#### Q. Where did you search for this information?



# Barriers to improving digital communications

- Content management platforms
- Corporate communications
- Budget
- Resource
- Multiple services
- Time consuming
- Design limitations



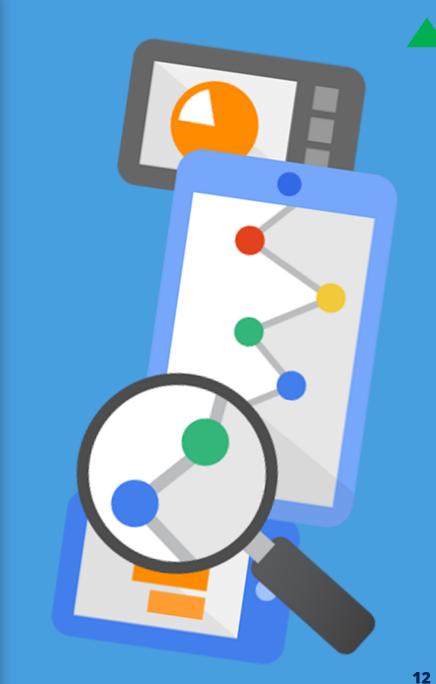


#### **Social Media vs Websites**

Social Media	Websites
Live information	Scheme detail
Two-way conversations	Find your collection day
Resident to resident engagement	More in-depth information
Calls to action	Bookable services
Seasonal activities/events	Trusted source of information

#### **Evaluating digital communications**

- Analytics •
- Reach vs engagement
- Impressions •
- Costs per engagement •
- User journey testing •





# BREAKOUT

# **SESSION 1**

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 1**

## What do you think are the key

## considerations when developing

# web pages and writing content?

## NAVIGATION

- Hierarchy
- Number of tasks/options
- User journey (number of clicks)
- Avoid duplication
- Satellite webpages
- Visibility on search engines

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	Request a new or replacem	ent litter or dog waste bin
	Rotherham Garden Waste	Service: terms and conditions
	What goes in each bin	
	Your responsibilities for ho	usehold waste

## ICONOGRAPHY

- Consistency
- Accessibility
- Colour schemes
- Social norming
- Standardisation?





### **MESSAGING & TERMINOLOGY**

- Avoid jargon
- Plain English
- Consistency
- Balance of images and text
- A-Z

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L	+ Clothing
	+ Coffee cups

## **QUALITY OF INFORMATION**

- Downloadable information
- Campaign visibility
- Calls to action
- Mobile optimisation
- Base level of knowledge



## SOCIAL MEDIA

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How many meters of content does the average person scroll every day?

91 metres. That's the height of Big Ben.



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## Best Practice – Top 5 tips

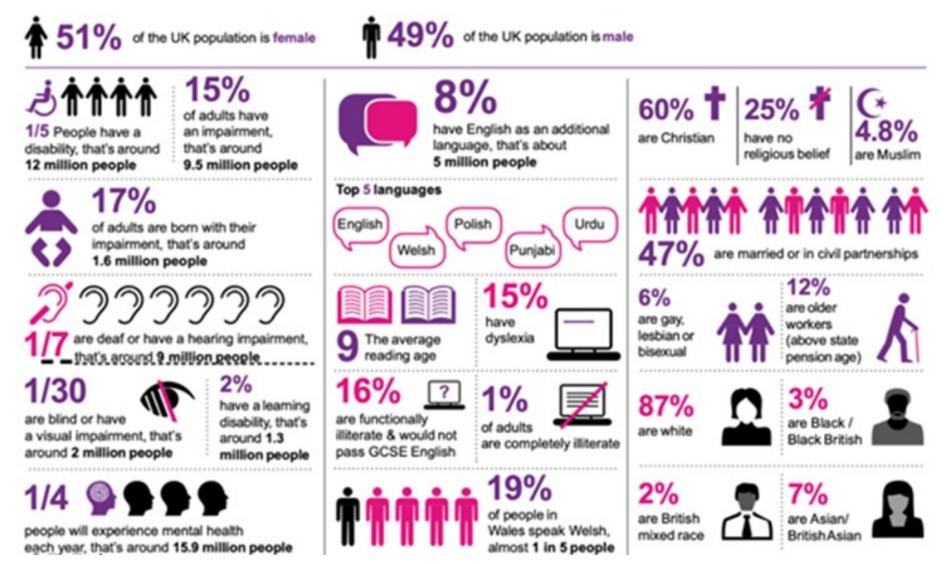
1. Posting strategy – Pre-plan and schedule your posts

2. Understand the algorithm

**3. Boost posts** 

4. Invest in your existing audience

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE AND ACCESSIBILITY**



## Making your social media accessible

- 5. Make your social media content accessible
  - CamelCase
  - Alt Text and Image descriptions
  - Emojis
  - Subtitles/Captions
  - Plain English
  - Use only one link per post
  - Use enabling and gender neutral language > avoid ableist language





# **SESSION 2**



#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 2**

Prepare a caption and hashtag for Nowhere City Council's social media posts

Things to consider:

- Post length
- Engagement opportunity
- Call to action
- #hashtags



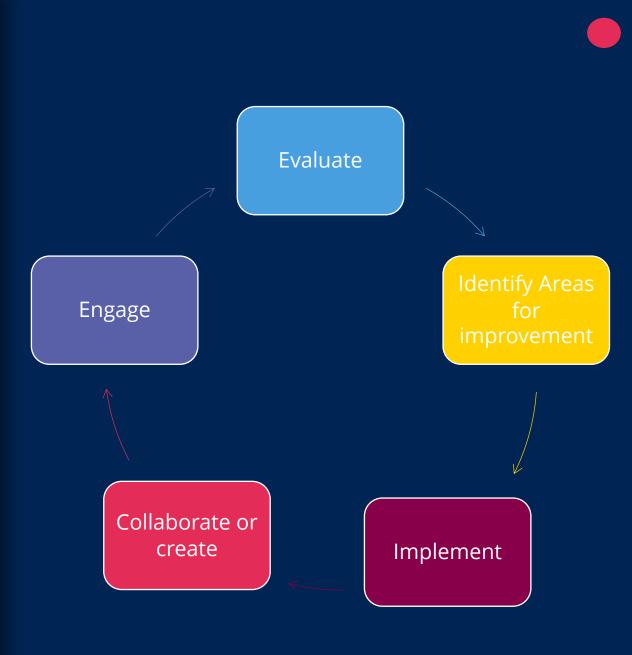




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## ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Measure, target, Act
- Small adjustments
- Simplification
- Think like a resident
- Share best practice
- Use freely available resources



#### **WRAP SUPPORT**

#### **Recycling Locator**

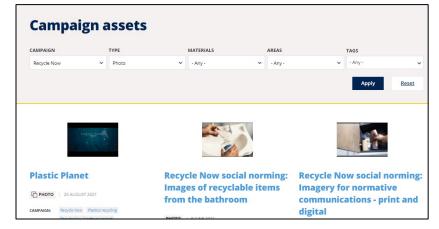


https://www.recyclenow.com/about-the-recycling-locator

#### **Good Practice Website Guide & Evaluation** Tool



#### **Resource Library**



https://wrap.org.uk/resources/campaign-assets

#### Campaigns



#### FREELY AVAILABLE TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

A wealth of resources and guidance accessible on our website.

https://wrap.org.uk/sectors/local-authorities

#### **1:1 SUPPORT**

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# **QUESTIONS &**

# ANSWERS

#### **CONTACT US**

We are here to help

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#### **GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK**

What topics would you like to see WRAP providing guidance and support on?

> **FIND OUT MORE AT** wrap.org.uk/local-authorities

#### **Local Authority Support Team**







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# Tweet WRAP with a pledge as to how you will improve your digital communications using:

# #WrapWorkshopsAreEpic