**GOOD NEWS! From the middle of next week (Wednesday 15 April) Serco, our waste collections & recycling partners, aim to resume normal collections of recyclable waste although garden waste collections will remain temporarily suspended.**

**They will be taking as much excess recycling waste as they can, utilising the vans that are transporting staff to rounds to meet social distancing regulations. This will keep the recycling trucks operating for longer. Please note how to properly present any excess recycling on our website at** [**www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/excessrecycling**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.derbyshiredales.gov.uk%2Fexcessrecycling&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cb734dda369b84fee123f08d7dc7c5710%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637220298895513049&sdata=soAjaplq26fiWNSmrUDIwM1ebOUbEzO0qYcxvOh4sBY%3D&reserved=0)

**Garden waste collections will be resumed when staff availability increases and when it is safer to do so, balancing the low priority in providing this service with the welfare and safety of the staff in having to provide it.**

**Over the last two weeks waste and recycling services here in the Derbyshire Dales (and in most local authorities) have been scaled back to reflect staff availability and Government coronavirus guidance concerning leaving home, prioritising essential services and allowing staff to isolate where necessary.**

**In the Dales, while general waste has been collected, some recycling services have been reduced and garden waste collections suspended. This is entirely in line with Government Guidance to Local authorities (subsequently issued by DEFRA on 7 April), which states that general waste collections should be continued, frequency of recycling services may be reduced dependant on staff availability, while collecting garden waste should be treated as "Low Priority" and, where necessary, cease to be provided.**