

## Soft Plastic Recycling

It was identified by our team that we received a large amount of shrink wrap.

We investigated how we could recycle this via our provider Recorra whom offered us a sustainable box option to recycle which we trialled.

We identified the locations in which would receive the most soft plastics and placed new bins in these locations.

We found we filled up the boxes very quickly and it was quite an expensive option for us, so we moved to a drop front bin. We collated all the soft plastic into sacks but again found that we were filling up the bins quickly.

We then explored options to 'bale' the plastics as we already had a bailer which we used for cardboard and use larger bins to store the plastics.

Bales require less space in the waste collection van, further reducing both the cost and the emissions associated with waste transportation compared to the sustainable box and the sack options.

This has proved to be the best option for our teams. We collect from individual bins in specific areas on a weekly basis and then arrange the soft plastics to be bailed once a month.

See pictures below:

