# Stilton Pavilion (and Village) - Waste Planning

## Report: Julianne Lawrence (Clerk) - July 2026

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**Current Arrangements:**

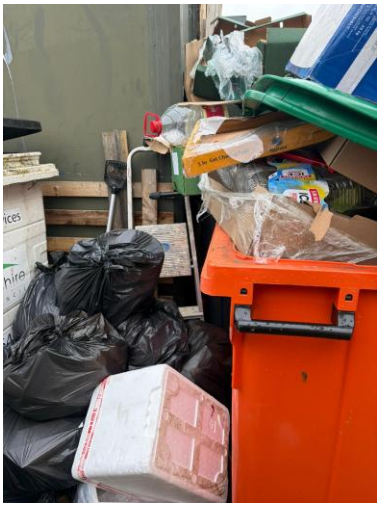
To manage current waste the Pavilion houses:

- A Business Waste bin, collected on a Tuesday (660L) at a cost of £15.03 per lift. This is accounted for as Pavilion waste and last year cost £779.12. Non-regular users who take the Pavilion bin option are allocated to this cost code and generated a net income of £439.19 for FY25-26. We are seeing increased demand for FY26-27 and often have last minute decisions for us to take event waste which puts a strain on bin supply
- Two HDC bins, collected on a Monday (660L x 2) at a cost of £13.98 per bin each lift. This is accounted for as village waste (Caretaker rubbish, village bin emptying, etc). Cost for FY25-26 was £784.66 although this number reflects 1 bin weekly and 1 bin fortnightly which has now been updated to 2 bin empties on weekly basis. FY26-27 annual spend forecast: £1,454.

These bins are interchangeably used for all waste. There is currently no separation of food, recycling or general waste. Business Waste charge for extra weight, HDC do not generally.

Andrew puts the 2 x HDC bins out on a Sunday evening and 1 x BW bin on a Monday. We unlock the bin store for hirers who take the bin option, unlocking the bin to be used and then lock the store after the event.

Usually this works well but on occasion we are overwhelmed with waste (as below) which presents a health hazard, and health and safety concern for hirers depositing waste and staff trying to empty the bin store.








**Simpler Recycling Requirements:**

From 01/04/27, it will be a legal requirement for all businesses to separate food waste from general waste. This report will put forward a suggested to meet those requirements. It would be good practice to put these in place prior to the date legally actionable to ensure any bumps can be ironed out beforehand.

**Parish Waste:**

- Pavilion Regular users – negligible waste left
- Pavilion small events (under 50 people) - small amounts although birthday parties can need balloons, food and disposable plates/cups to be taken
- Pavilion middle sized events (below 100 people) - medium amounts of waste often with caterer food waste, some bottles/cans as well as the above
- Pavilion large events (over 100 – 250 guests) - substantial amounts of food waste, large numbers of glass bottles, cans and plastics. Cardboard from commercial caterers, decorator items post event and beer kegs/shopping trollies
- Village bin rubbish – bagged dog waste, general water bottles and food wrappers
- Caretaker waste – vegetation, metals, pallet wood, rope, paint pots, etc
- Office waste – paper, ink cartridges, laminated posters, cardboard
- Cleaner waste – cloths, mop heads, containers, sponges.

**Specific Pavilion events:**

Weddings and large parties, those with over 150 guests, currently overwhelm our capacity. The weight of food and glass bottles is substantial at these events, and this subsection usually add waste provision as they struggle to the quantity of waste home and dispose of (although many hirers don't realise this until the day after the event). When the bin store is as above, we end up with fly's, wasps, maggots and rodents on site alongside the stench of rotting waste.







The last large event at the Pavilion saw 5 meals prepared throughout the day for 150 guests as well as a large table of fruit, a whole pig (above) and epic drink provision. Most of this waste could have been recycled or gone into food waste bins.

**Waste Charges for Huntingdonshire District Council:**

It costs HDC:

- £150 a tonne to process general waste
- £50 a tonne to process recycling (glass, paper, plastic and cardboard)
- £15 a tonne to process food waste (this goes to an anaerobic digester).

It costs SPC:

- £42.99 for 3 x 660L of general waste each week or currently £186.29 per month.
- Increased demand for waste disposal, and to clear excessive large party rubbish, means we have also paid an additional £263 this year already to clear the bin store of waste.

**Suggested course of action:**

To stop using Business Waste for bins as not flexible and charge for extra weight. To note: the Business Waste contract runs until 12/02/27 and to terminate needs 2 months written notice before that date.

Instead, use only HDC and have:

- 1 x 1100L General waste bin with weekly collection. £18.00 per lift (this will accommodate village, Caretaker, Cleaner and small/medium hire waste).
- 1 x 660L Recycling bin with fortnightly collections to start with (to be increased to weekly if needed). £8.80 per lift.
- 1 x 140L Food waste bin with fortnightly collections to start with (increased to weekly if needed). £5.90 per lift.

New anticipated weekly cost: £25.35 or £109.85 monthly (predicted saving: £917.28 pa before any additional standby use as below).

**On standby**:

1100L General waste bin - £25 per lift. Can be utilised when needed. We would keep in the bin store and HDC would empty when requested. 3 day's notice needed.

**Large parties of over 150 people:**

Event bins to be brought in and charged to the hirer depending on the size of the event.

1100L general waste bin - £18 per lift

1100L Recycling bin - £18 per lift

140L Food waste bin - £5.90 per lift.

£50 delivery and collection charge to be added.

We have recently had to advise hirers we cannot take their waste due to our capacity being exceeded. This may lead to fly tipping in the area and is time consuming for staff trying to get waste off site.

**How this would work in practice:**

- Making the bin store bigger - we will need the Caretakers to extend the size of the bin store by at least 50%
- Kitchen - the food waste bin (smaller than a domestic wheelie bin) will be placed in the kitchen, community room or outside the side patio door when we have events with food. This then enables the food to be scraped directly into the bin
- Kitchen – general waste bin

- Kitchen – recycling bin
- Hall - we'd also have a food bin with liner in the hall to allow attendees to place food waste in the bin (this can be checked prior to adding to the main food waste bin)
- Hall – recycling bin and general waste bin (clearly labelled) for us to transfer to the main bins at the end of the event
- Large events – increased numbers of food waste, recycling and general waste bins to be available in the hall and the recycling bin to be made available to caterers to deposit cardboard, plastics and glass into on the side patio
- The bin store would remain locked to hirers allowing staff greater control over potential contamination and reducing the risk of hirer incidents from lifting waste.

**Possible issues and solutions:**

Not enough general waste provision – the standby 1100L bin emptied when needed should mitigate this risk.

Contamination of waste – keeping the bin store locked and the food waste bin being a manageable size allows for content checking.

Demand exceeding capacity for larger parties – event bins solely for that hirer should meet requirements. Waste disposal charges for large events to be confirmed with the hirer once catering and attendee numbers are known. Charge fully paid by hirer.

Event bins contaminated – charge for event bins are the same for recycling as general waste so worst-case scenario, they are both classed as general waste.

Food contamination – caterers are used to separating waste, hall controls in place for hirers.

Cost of waste disposal increasing for the Parish Council – given the above costing for everyday waste proposals, a saving rather than increased cost.