

Good Morning,

Following the recent announcements stating that recycling and maintaining the islands natural habitats and beauty is at the forefront of the States roster for the coming years, I am further confused regarding St Martins infrastructure for recycling. As per the States website it is clear that some parishes do collect paper, cardboard and metal along with the glass or regular rubbish collections where as in St Martin we are still forced to deposit ourselves. I drive a mini and sometimes have to do several trips to get rid of one or two weeks worth of paper/ cardboard and especially plastic.

I am an avid and enthusiastic recycler and champion environmental change, however I know some families on the island aren't particularly inclined to physically collect and deposit the recycling themselves as they are time constrained, don't have a big enough vehicle, place to store recycling etc etc. The excuses are endless.

If a weekly collection of plastic, paper and cardboard was the norm for all parishes on Jersey, I really believe we would see a greater awareness and more families would automatically fall into line to make recycling a habit. It's already part of my routine to separate rubbish as having lived in the in the UK for many years there are separate bins that are collected regularly. It is all a question of getting into a routine, and the States are responsible for providing the easiest way possible for parishioners to recycle their rubbish as a way of life, and not just an option for those that wish to.

I really hope this can be looked into so that there is an island wide policy, not just easier recycling for certain parishes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like any further ideas or details!

Best Wishes

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