



Bin swap is working – even with nappies!

A family with four children – including a baby in nappies – have told how they have easily adapted to bin swap.

Steve Thorp and his family, from Stalybridge, started on the scheme at the beginning of the year and have been surprised at how well it has gone.

Steve said: “When we first heard about the scheme we thought there wasn’t a chance it was ever going to work but it has gone amazingly smoothly.”

He told how they ordered a brown bin, as they hadn’t had one since they moved into the property two years previously, and quickly found they had enough room for their waste and recycling.

“We have always recycled our paper, bottles and cans but recycling all our food waste has made a huge difference – I never realised before how much was just being thrown away. It really helps that the brown bin collections are weekly so you don’t have to worry about any smells or other issues.

“We’ve found that with this and making an extra effort to crush everything down- both in the peddle bin in the house and the wheelie bin outside - we have plenty of space, even for lots of disposable nappies!

“Our older children are completely on board with the recycling, they take everything out for us, crush it down and know what bin to put it in.

“It’s part of our routine now and it feels good to know we’re doing everything we can to recycle more and send less waste to landfill.

“If a family of six with four children including a five-month-old in nappies can adapt easily to the scheme then I would expect it can work for most people.”