

## Bin men on strike - latest update 20 Nov

Black bin collection: 24 November. 8 December, 22 December

Green bin collection: 24 November. 22 December

Brown bin collection: 23 November (but leave it out if not emptied, could be anytime after that!)

Brown bin and green bin collections are now to restart. Black bins ought to be emptied fortnightly and brown and green bins will be emptied on their scheduled collection days (see Complete Village Guide for dates).

The strike began on Monday 7 September. The dispute arises from new pay bandings being introduced across many council departments - in part - to answer equal pay legislation. This increases some staff pay, has no affect on others and reduces pay for some. Those who claim to be worse affected include the refuse collectors, hence the dispute. Leeds City Council say they are unable to reopen a very complex pay settlement affecting all council grades and that all staff have three years pay protection in any event. There is therefore stalemate and this dispute looks like one which will run and run.

A small number of Leeds crews are still working and Leeds City Council are employing private sector crews and vehicles to make up some of the shortfall. As a result, the council expects to empty all black bins once every 2 to 3 weeks. Villagers are therefore requested to put out their black bins in the usual way on the usual dates but to leave them out until the following day as some collections might be early evening or the following morning.

An alternative is to take some of your waste to local household refuse tips. The Complete Village Guide section of this website details household tips within easy travelling distance at Thorp Arch, Seacroft and Newsam Green. Leeds City Council does not expect these to be affected by the strike action.