

Our food waste trucks need a name – vote now!

Southern Oxfordshire residents are being invited to vote for their favourite names put forward by local schoolchildren for a new fleet of food waste recycling trucks.

Whether it's Chomper Charlie, Green Gretil or Banana-Munch Bob, names suggested by primary pupils in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White are out for public vote.

Residents are being asked by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils to choose their top three out of ten names whittled down from dozens thought up by local children.

The most popular will be printed onto the two districts' new food waste trucks and residents will see them out and about on the roads carrying out weekly food waste collections.

The children whose suggested name gets the most votes in South Oxfordshire and Vale will scoop £150 book tokens for their school and a swimming pass for their family.

It's quick and simple to vote at:

- **South Oxfordshire:** southandvale.gov.uk/namethatruck
- **Vale of White Horse:** whitehorsedc.gov.uk/namethatruck

Cllr Tony Harbour, South Oxfordshire District Council's Cabinet Member for waste and recycling, said: "The food waste trucks are brand new and we wanted to do something to celebrate this while having a bit of fun too. Getting school children involved in the names has been a great way to help spread the recycling message. We're really impressed with all the suggestions and hope residents will support them by voting."

Cllr Elaine Ware, Vale of White Horse District Council's Cabinet Member for waste and recycling, said: "We're obviously keen to promote recycling as much as we can and food waste plays an important role in this. These trucks are out and about every day and it'll be a great reward for the children to see the names on them as they pass by. We knew we could rely on the children to come up with some great names and they've not disappointed! Now, please get voting!"

Residents can also look out for how to vote on the councils' social media channels:

- Twitter: @SouthOxon / @WhiteHorseDC
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/southoxfordshire / www.facebook.com/whitehorsedc

Voting will close on Friday 16 February.

To find out more about waste and recycling in southern Oxfordshire, see the councils' websites:

- South Oxfordshire: www.southoxon.gov.uk/recycling
- Vale of White Horse: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/recycling