



DAVE CLARK

'Dustbin Dave', Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk



With his boundless enthusiasm for rubbish bins, Dave is truly celebrating the ordinary. Put a bin in front of him, he'll talk about it for hours. He'll cover all aspects: shape, size, colours, signage, size of the opening, and location.

"For me, a fun bin is one that makes you smile as you walk pass by it. It brightens your day. Attractive bins draw people in. The more people notice a bin, the more likely they will use it, every bin has its own unique qualities."

Dave has created a lot of "binterest". Bins have been under the radar for far too long. This is changing. Bin awareness is finally on the rise thanks to people like Dave talking about bins on radio, TV, and social media. People have posted hundreds of bin photos on his "Bins Fantastic" page on Facebook.

"My favorite bin is one advertising Fab ice cream lollies. "They are so colourful and expressive. The company, BDH Tullford, offered one to me so went to their office in Norwich to collect it. I was gobsmacked. I now use it as a home recycling unit."

"I like the plain, simple bins local councils issue as well. There's an elegance about them. Subtle differences. The colors vary from area to area, which makes them even more interesting."

"I became fascinated with watching binmen when I was seven years old. I'd watch them empty the bins on our street, the way they put them on the back of the truck, the hoist lifting the bin and tipping it into the truck, tipping it several times to get it all out."

"I loved it when my dad, who passed away last year, took me along on trips to the dump. It blew my mind looking at all the stuff people were unloading from their cars. There were skips for everything, all neatly arranged: books, clothes, appliances, fences, concrete, carpet, recyclable paper and plastic, scrap metal, asbestos."

Self-employed, Dave mainly does gardening and window cleaning. "I'm constantly filling bins with waste. I have a small ladder for climbing into the bins and pack down the waste. It's surprising how much more room this makes. I haul waste and other unwanted items to the dump in my trailer. I arrange it the same way the skips at the dump are arranged." Something to behold indeed.

