



Read the information below, which provides more details about the strikes in Birmingham and what's happening to rubbish there.

Why are refuse workers in Birmingham on strike?

The workers feel that their health and safety isn't always treated with importance, and that their pay isn't going up enough, given the responsibility they have in their roles. They also have concerns about job reductions, where some people might lose their jobs in the future.

There are meetings and discussions being held, but no agreements have been made yet.



Pictured above: Local resident, Maksood Altaf, with his car full of rubbish.
Source: Maksood Altaf.

When did the strikes start?

Many workers have been holding strikes since January, with an all-out strike, involving most workers, beginning on 11th March. Some people have not had their waste collected in over four weeks.



How are people managing?

Some people are taking their own rubbish and recycling to landfill and recycling centres, like Maksood Altaf (pictured). For others without transport, it's more difficult to move the waste.

Birmingham resident, Claire Perkins, said it was horrible seeing her bins go uncollected, 'You come out in the morning and the bins are so full. The crows sit on top of the bins because there are no lids, and they throw rubbish everywhere'.

Share your thoughts on the situation. How would you feel if it was your local neighbourhood?