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Silver birch avenue for Central Park

A new avenue of trees has been planted in Central Park, replacing mature trees which had to be taken down following safety concerns.

The multi-stemmed silver birches have been planted on both sides of the path leading into Central Park from Tawney Street where previously a nuisance area had developed with drinkers relieving themselves under cover of the shrubbery which has been removed.

Mature trees which had become dangerous because of their condition and location alongside the children's play area have been removed, but are outnumbered by the new planting. The new trees are the variety Jacquemontii, also

known as white-barked Himalayan Birch. They have the whitest bark, which peels, of all birch varieties and will provide a contrast against the walled background and darker foliage. The leaves turn golden yellow in the autumn.

The next new tree-planting scheme will be at Burgess Pit, where a community orchard is to be developed featuring apple, plum, pear and cherry trees, plus crab apples for the wildlife.

Pictured planting one of the new trees is Anthony Allen, left, and Joe Nicholls, of the council's grounds staff. Helping out were Kevin Field and Buzz. The ground had been prepared by Lee Davison and Patrick Drury.



Freezing food can lead to a less-wasteful Christmas

In the UK we throw away seven million tonnes of food and drink from our homes every year, most of which could have been eaten. Wasting food costs the average household £470 a year and Christmas is a particularly wasteful period.

But it doesn't have to be that way. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2hluNZ1>*



Business survey to help with growth

Businesses are being asked to say what makes them tick so that help can be offered to help them grow.

They are being urged to take part in a survey to help change the way information and support is provided across the county.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gWtJHj>

Your assurance of food hygiene

Latest food premises in Boston borough have received top hygiene rating. The council's environmental health officers have inspected the premises and rated them in line with the Food Standard Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ga44dh>

Shop windows, festive feel

Boston businesses in festive mood had their dressed-to-impress shop windows judged for the annual borough council-sponsored competition.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2hgg69F>



Chilli, curry, carcasses, custard and baked beans – top offenders in county recycling bins

This Christmas, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is asking county residents to take the #rinseandrecycle pledge.

With increasing contamination levels in recycling bins, resulting in approximately £1million fees for the county's waste authority, the partnership is now asking residents to help support clean recycling.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gGzJ9p>



Flood insurance relief for small firms

Thousands of small businesses are set to benefit from a new flood insurance package announced by the British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA).

The Federation of Small Businesses (FBS) has campaigned hard for a fairer deal for small businesses at risk of flooding, including working alongside BIBA to address a variety of flood insurance and resilience challenges faced by small businesses. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2hBbbk7>*