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Chance of winning a year's free garden waste collection service

Boston Borough Council has now launched its garden waste collection service for this growing season and ten lucky residents who register online and pay by direct debit could end up receiving their fortnightly service for free.

The incentive has been introduced to encourage more to use the easiest, quickest and most economic way for the council to register those who want to take advantage of the service for the coming growing season.

The council is pegging the charge for collection, with no increase in 2017 – £30 for emptying of a single bin plus £15 for emptying each additional bin. For those new to the service, or those requiring extra bins, there will be a one-off charge of £25 to buy each bin plus the service charge.

Online registration is now available, two weeks in advance of other methods of signing up.

Those customers who sign up online and pay by direct debit will be entered into a prize draw and ten will be chosen at random to receive the free service. Their fee will be returned to them, up to the value of £30.

Those who want to sign up using the telephone, or in person, can sign up from Monday, February 20, 2017.

The service will start again on Tuesday, February 28 and run to December 1, 2017, over 40 weeks (20 fortnightly collections).

Customers renewing their garden waste collections should put their brown bins out on the same day as last year. If you cannot remember what day that should be, or are new to the service, you can find out by entering your postcode into our computer-generated garden waste collection date confirmation service at <http://bit.ly/2j4c3uG> or phone on 01205 311112.

For the 2017 season all who pay will receive yellow-coded



stickers to apply to their brown bins. These need to be fixed firmly to the back of the bin, just below the handles. If you are renewing your service for 2017, please place the new yellow sticker directly beneath last year's green sticker (pictured above).

Cllr Michael Brookes, the council's portfolio holder for waste services, said: "This service is now well established and much appreciated and I want to thank all those who used the service last year. We are offering it again this year without any increase in cost.

"If you have a garden there are good reasons for requesting that the council makes a kerbside collection of your garden waste. While anyone can still take their own garden waste to the Slippery Gowt tip for no charge, the council's collection service means residents do not have to move dirty waste in their own vehicles.

"You can also contribute to the borough's green ethos of recycling garden waste into environmentally-friendly compost."

You can find out more at www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Last year's garden waste collections generated 5,000 tonnes of waste sent for recycling into compost.

Residents are reminded that they must not put garden waste in their green or blue bins. This will contaminate waste bound for the Energy from Waste plant near Lincoln or for recycling. Contaminated bins will not be emptied.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2kC9wJz>

New photo campaign as Lincolnshire says #NOMORE to sexual violence and abuse

Following the success of last year's #NOMORE and Ask for Angela campaigns, organisations in Lincolnshire are using shock new images to help change the culture around consent and sexual violence.

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

Boston first call for Brexit committee

An all-party Commons select committee made Boston its first port of call on Thursday when it came to town to discuss Brexit.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2k2OgvF>



Get into the poo bag habit and avoid a £100 fine

Dog walkers appear to be getting the poo bag message. The first batch of pet owners approached by Boston Borough Council's enforcement officers were all able to show that they were equipped to clean up after their dogs and fully aware of their responsibilities.

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



Event to raise funds this Saturday

A ukulele concert is to be held at Graves Park Social Club, Kirton, PE20 1LR, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 7pm.

Tickets are £12.50 each (including nibbles) available from Pauline and Barrie Rawlings on 01205 722532 and Anne Bourne on 01205 367892. It will be to raise funds for a memorial garden at Westgate Woods, Boston, for all victims of road crashes in Lincolnshire.

Have you noticed Boston's new bins?

New aluminium recycling bins have appeared around Boston in the last couple of months. The bins will collect aluminium cans for a series of sculptures along Haven Bank for the From Stump to Sluice project.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2kDPA9p>

Budget Proposals Consultation

Boston Borough Council is consulting on budget proposals affecting public services in the borough.



Read our report and medium term financial strategy 2015/16 – 2019/20 documents at www.boston.gov.uk/budget and email your comments to nichola.holdermess@boston.gov.uk