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Cut-price battle with scourge of fly tipping

Dealing with fly-tipped rubbish in the last financial year cost the nation's council taxpayers around £50 million – enough to build two new secondary schools.

But thanks to a unique initiative Boston's costs for dealing with 1,256 fly-tipping incidents in 2016 reduced from almost £90,000 to just under £15,000.

While the war waged against those who deliberately spoil our towns, villages and countryside with litter and fly tipping may never be won Boston Borough Council is doing everything it can to tackle this problem, including taking enforcement action.

During 2016, at normal clean-up costs, council tax payers in Boston borough would have faced a bill for £89,928. Thanks to the Operation Fly Swat initiative costs were only £14,900. The project is in conjunction with HM Prison North Sea Camp, which supplies free manpower from among inmates coming to the end of their sentences.

There are a total of seven partner organisations in the Boston area involved in Operation Fly Swat, including Witham Fourth Drainage Board, Black Sluice Drainage Board, the Environment

Agency, Longhurst and Havelok Homes, Boston Mayflower, the borough council and North Sea camp. They are all eager to tackle the issue of fly tipping and contribute financially to the partnership. During 2016 rubbish was illegally fly-tipped on roads, footpaths, residential areas, river banks and ditches and publicly owned land.

In 2016 fly-tips consisted of animal carcasses, asbestos, construction materials, commercial and domestic waste, clinical waste, chemical drums and fuel, electrical and white goods, garden waste, tyres and vehicle parts.

To help reduce litter and fly-tipping the council will take away additional waste left bagged at the side of your green bin and additional recycling at the side of your blue bin. Additional bags for recycling are available, free of charge, from the council. The council can also arrange collection from your property and correct disposal of bulky items such as sofas, TVs, washing machines, fridges, etc. There is a small charge for this personal service. Go to www.boston.gov.uk/bulky
Read more at <http://bit.ly/2r3bE00>

You back new dog fouling rules

A survey has shown overwhelming public satisfaction with tougher new rules to combat dog walkers who do not clean up after their pets.

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



Be in a Playgoers play

Ever fancied treading the boards? Boston Playgoers are looking for new faces for their October production of Habeas Corpus, a much-loved farce by Alan Bennett.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2sh9nxP>



Appeal after plant thefts and damage

Thieves have raided public gardens and planters in Boston over the bank holiday weekend, stealing newly-set plants.

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



New logo for BTAC

A competition to design a logo for BTAC (Boston Town Area Committee – Boston's town council) has been won by 15-year-old Jolanta Grant.

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



Boston backs Dementia Awareness Week

Businesses, community organisations, health and care professionals and members of the public joined forces to support Dementia Awareness Week in Boston this month. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2qBZauK>

New supermarket is mint

Here's a "mint" idea – a new supermarket for Boston. Mint, on Boston Shopping Park off Horncastle Road, was officially opened by Boston Mayor Cllr Bernard (Brian) Rush.

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



First duties for Boston's new Mayor

Boston's newest Mayor – the 483rd – fulfilled his first public duty when he visited Freiston Hall Children's Residential Home for its open day.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2sl4y6N>



WIN

TEA FOR TWO AND A CAKE

at Boston Guildhall on July 21st or 22nd when the Chocolate Fairy Catering Company join us during the Knights of Skirbeck event.

Winner will be announced on Friday, June 2.



LIKE and SHARE this post on our Boston Guildhall facebook page to be in with a chance of winning Tea for two and a cake at Boston Guildhall during the The Knights of Skirbeck event in July. Winner will be announced on Facebook on Friday, June 2.

Give your views on town parks

Parks and open spaces in Boston have a variety of uses – some just like to chill in the sunshine while others aim to get fitter using some of the outdoor equipment already available. Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) is drawing up a plan for improvements to public open spaces in town and want you to help with your comments.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2rmUI75>

Boston firm wins top business award

A Boston company has been hailed Sustainable Manufacturer of the Year. Dynamic Cassette International (DCI), which has its headquarters in Marsh Lane, received the accolade at the Made in the Midlands awards.

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



Week eight winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>

