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Needles in blue bin shocker

This shocking scene is one of the worst abuses of the recycling collection services offered by Boston Borough Council.

The used syringes in this picture had been left near the top of the bin inside a plastic bag.

Fortunately the council's bin man noticed the bin lid was slightly open with a piece of carpet wedged in the top. He took it out to facilitate mechanical emptying of the bin into the bin lorry and then noticed the suspicious-looking bag and tore it open to reveal this shocking scene.

Purely by chance he avoided being injured. Had he not spotted the needles the contents of the blue bin would have been emptied into the lorry and taken to the Boston Waste Transfer Station and then the Material Reclamation Facility where some sorting of recycled material is done by hand.

George Bernard, head of environmental services at the council, said: "This is a shocking abuse – the worst I have come across in 40 years. There are multiple issues here – not least the very real health risk posed to all those connected with collecting and processing recycled waste."

He made an appeal for residents to not bag recycled material, but to place it loose in



their blue bins, and to only place material in the bin which can be recycled – there is a guide on the council website at <http://bit.ly/2rQdtfB>

Officers visited the property and spoke to the resident responsible for placing the needles in the bin, advising that it is not acceptable.

Responsible needle users can dispose of their sharps themselves by bringing them, in a proper yellow sharps box, to the council's reception desk in West Street.

Please report any discarded hypodermic needles you find to Boston Borough Council by calling 01205 314 200 so that we can safely retrieve them and dispose of them correctly.

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



Japanese visitors welcomed by mayor

Visitors from Boston's friendship city in Japan were welcomed to town by Mayor of Boston, Cllr Bernard Rush and Mayoress Mrs Jayne Rush. The party from Hakusan made their first stop of their six-day trip to England here in Boston visiting St Botolph's Church, Boston Guildhall and the Municipal Buildings.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2sABj41>



Grass cutting: Who does what

There has been a lot of comment, especially on social media, about grass in public areas which has been left to grow.

It is understandable that many do not differentiate between councils. But parish, borough and county councils all have different responsibilities.

Some commentators have taken every opportunity to demand that Boston Borough Council "cuts the grass" with accompanying photographs showing areas where the borough council has no authority.

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

Boston Bike Night turbo charged

Boston Bike Night has been awarded £2,499 to help ensure the success of this year's event and allow the committee to build foundations for next year. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2sIXMR4>



Dog fouling: A message to pet owners

If you walk a dog you have a legal responsibility for cleaning up after it when it defecates. It is your responsibility to clean up – not the responsibility of the parish council, the borough council, the county council.... or anyone else.

Everyone knows that, even if they claim not to!

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

Raising the flag for Armed Forces Day

Boston Deputy Mayor, Cllr Barrie Pierpoint, raised the Armed Forces Day flag in Memorial Gardens on Monday, to help raise awareness of the achievements and contributions of the Armed Forces people, past, present and future.

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



A food shop with personal experience

Throughout July we are working with Eastern European shops and supermarkets to help educate people from other nationalities about the amazing range of food that is available in Boston. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2rDNWGq>



Boston's honour and privilege

Troops with bayonets fixed marched through Boston last Thursday as a jet roared overhead – but it was all done in the name of peace and freedom. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2rCYEND>

