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TODAY is the day – sign up for garden waste collections

Today's the day that, with a simple click of your mouse, you can make this growing season's gardening duties that much easier by signing up for brown bin garden waste collections.

Go now to **www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste** and say goodbye to the garden waste blues. For just £1.50 per collection (£30 for a complete growing season's single bin collection) Boston Borough Council will take your garden waste away every fortnight from this April to the end of November and then again from the end of February, 2019, to the end of March, 2019.

Grass cuttings, leaves, hedge and shrub trimmings, weeds and plants can all go in the brown bin.

You could even get the coming season's service for free – all existing online direct debit customers continuing with the service, and new online customers signing up by direct debit, can enter a prize draw and ten lucky winners will receive the 2018/19 garden waste collection service for FREE, to the value of £30. All those eligible will receive notification.

If you don't have the room, or don't want to home compost your garden waste, and don't want to ruin your car taking it to the tip – with the best of intentions garden waste can get left until its slimy and smelly – then a brown bin is the sensible option.

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



Satisfied customer Charlie Pearce in his smart Butterwick garden with his garden waste bin at the ready for any pesky weeds which show their faces. He said: "It saves a long trip to the tip from here, which is time and money, so it makes economic sense and it saves the mess in your car. I think it's a first-rate service. All my grass clippings and shrub clippings go in, and away they go. It's just cut, clip, drop and forget."

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Week 41 winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>

Candidates for by-election

Candidates are lining up for a Boston Borough Council by-election following the resignation of Old Leake and Wrangle councillor Maureen Dennis. Voting will take place on Thursday, February 22. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2FrS3Nm>*

Poison alert for dog owners

Dog owners exercising their pets on Boston borough's marshes and close to tidal waters have been urged to keep them under close control following incidents in recent weeks where some have died after eating dead fish, starfish and crabs washed up on The Wash shore in Norfolk.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2BF1tTb>



Council tax: Listen in to police debate

An important and significant portion of your next council tax bill will be considered by Lincolnshire's Police and Crime Panel on Monday, February 5. The panel will review the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed police precept for 2018/19 and the commissioner's latest quarterly update report. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2DMaXxY>*

Children race to recycle

Carlton Road kids are now experts at recycling following a visit to the primary school by Boston Borough Council's waste and recycling team. The nine and ten year olds heard from the council's environment and sustainability officer Jenny Moore about how important recycling is for the environment and how it is essential that we do not waste finite resources.

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



Councils collect extra £3.3m business rates

Government backing for Boston Borough Council and East Lindsey District Council to maximise business rates income has seen estimated financial outcomes trebled in the first three years of operation. The bid for extra funding from Government was approved in 2014 when the councils were given £125,820 from a £16 million national pot to fight fraud and evasion.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2E8cMGx>

From mud and muck to fine fishery

A village pond has gone from being a muddy disappointment to a fishy paradise. Mackay's Pit at Swineshead was in danger of completely disappearing as it silted up allowing impenetrable beds of rushes and reeds to encroach. The weed creep was arrested last year when 5,000 tonnes of mud were pumped out.

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

