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Let us take the garden – waste strain

Beat the queues and sign up now for this season's garden waste collections. You can do it from the comfort of your own home using your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Just enter www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste to sign up for kerbside collections of your garden waste from this April.

For just £30 – same price as last time – your brown garden waste bin will be emptied every other week until the end of November and then again, after a short break from the end of February until the end of March. It beats mucking up your car to spend your leisure time carting slimy garden waste to the tip.

And if you sign up via the website and set up a direct debit payment you will be automatically invited to enter a competition to win one free service worth £30. Just click on "APPLY AND PAY", then "DIRECT DEBIT" and complete the form. Once you have done that you will never have to do it again, but we will give you notice before next year's payment is due just in case you wish to cancel.

You can sign up online. It is the quickest and easiest way to do it, taking just a few minutes of your time.

If you used the service last year and want to continue you need to sign up again at www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste. However if you signed up by direct debit last year and this payment is still active and you want to use the service again this year, you need do nothing more.

Last year's collections will resume at the end of this month and continue until the end of

March.

If you are new to the scheme you will need to purchase your brown bin for a one-off charge of £25.

Don't forget – you can share the £30 garden waste collection cost with a neighbour if you don't think you will fill a brown bin, or you can have more than one bin if you have a large garden – bins have to be purchased for a one-off cost of £25 but additional bins will be emptied for half price – £15.

Once your payment has been received, you will be sent a pack which will include your 2018 sticker(s). In order to safeguard your brown bin and your access to the collection service it is imperative that you write on the sticker, in permanent ink, your property number/name, street name and postcode.

Please make sure your sticker is visible on your bin by April 1 otherwise it will NOT be emptied.

If you do not have internet access you can **pay by phone from Wednesday, February 14** – call 01205 311112 to pay using a credit or debit card during normal office hours. Or you can **pay in person from Wednesday, February 14**. Call in to Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston to pay between 8.45am and 5.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.45pm Friday.

If you opt out of this scheme, garden waste **MUST NOT** be placed in the green bin and should be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (Slippery Gowt Lane), or home composted (compost bins can be purchased at a reduced price by going online at www.getcomposting.com or by calling 0844 5714444).

February half-term activities at Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex
Family inflatable and fun splash sessions are available throughout this week of half-term.
Read more at <http://bit.ly/2nGVU2r>



£3.5 million more for Boston
A bid by Boston Borough Council for Government cash to help build new homes in the borough has been rewarded with £3.5 million.
Read more at <http://bit.ly/2E72wgJ>

Award for little street with a big mix

An entire street has been named The Pride of Boston. Pen Street will be officially recognised at an event at Fyde House on Monday, February 19. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2BZfX0h>*



Boston 'special rate': Less than 19p a day

Boston town ward residents may have to pay less than 19p a day as their "parish" portion of their overall council tax bill for 2018/19. Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) has made a recommendation to increase its precept in line with inflation – three per cent, a £71.98 annual charge for a band D property. The majority of properties in the area are rated less than band D, so will pay less than this. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2FDnKDX>*

New coast footpath from Skeg to Sutton Bridge

Comments have been invited on a plan to extend the national coast path through Boston borough from Skegness to Sutton Bridge.
Read more at <http://bit.ly/2nme2i7>



Princess Diana connection for road crash memorial in Boston's Westgate Woods

The Princess of Wales' sister is to declare open a memorial in Boston's Westgate Woods to all of Lincolnshire's road crash victims. Lady Diana died after a car crash in Paris in 1997. Her sister, Lady Sarah McCorquodale, who lives in the county, will open the memorial area in a poignant ceremony on Saturday, April 21, after a two-year fundraising campaign by a group of volunteers. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2Ewtg8m>*



Week 42 winner – *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>*

