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The batteries 'bomb' in your rubbish

Batteries in Boston's recycled waste are thought to be responsible for the second fire in recent weeks at the waste transfer station in Slippery Gowt Lane.

Now an urgent appeal has been issued for batteries and electrical items not to be put into your blue or green bins.

Even apparently dead batteries can carry enough of a charge to short and provide a source of ignition. These can be buried in a pile of as much as 100 tonnes of combustible material at the transfer station operated by Lincolnshire County Council which takes waste from Boston borough and East Lindsey district.

Ian Taylor, Environmental Services Team Leader (Waste) for the county council, said: "The first fire caused some damage to the building and its fittings. The most recent fire was spotted quickly and the source removed and extinguished. Almost all the material in the recycling collection is combustible, so it's not hard to imagine the consequences if there is an ignition source buried deep within it. So far we have been lucky, but luck can run out."

The latest culprit is thought to have been the mobile phone battery (pictured) found among the smouldering rubbish dragged from the pile.

Ian explained that batteries, or any electrical equipment which requires mains power or a battery to work, should not be included in waste collections because of the potential fire hazard they pose. Sellers of batteries in sufficient quantities – and that's most supermarkets – have to, by law, provide battery collection points for safe recycling.

He said: "Of course, we should recycle electrical items and batteries, but not in either the recycling or refuse bins."



Batteries and electrical goods can be disposed of for free at the Slippery Gowt or any other household waste recycling centre. Large items, such as televisions or desktop computers, can be collected under Boston Borough Council's bulky waste arrangements – www.boston.gov.uk/bulkywaste or call 01205 314200. There is a small charge for this

During a recent examination, every sample of Boston's recycling collections revealed contamination with batteries and electrical items

Other items in Boston's 100-tonne recycling pile that should not be there included a bag of nuts, probably left over from Christmas, food waste, recycled food containers which had not been washed clean, textiles, such as clothing, items knotted inside plastic bags and plastic film. At the moment 35 per cent of items in Boston's recycled collection cannot actually be recycled. That's a massive 35 tonnes in the current 100-tonne pile – 2.45 tonnes in every full bin lorry load.

Action is already on its way to deal with those who routinely or seriously contaminate their blue bin recycling collection.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2FLe2PK>

National Lottery support to mark First World War centenary in Boston

The Parish of Boston is delighted to announce it has received £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project "A Festival of Remembrance" in Boston. This was made possible by National Lottery players through HLF's "First World War then and now" programme. The project will form part of a two-week Festival of Remembrance in October and November and will focus on the experiences of people in Boston during the Great War through the creation of a portable exhibition to be displayed in St Botolph's Church (Boston Stump) and toured to local schools and community groups.

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

Tackling terrorism

Boston Borough Council urges the public to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity. Communities defeat terrorism. With the enduring terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism. Your actions could save lives. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2IE4x6S>*

Prince supports council actions on littering

Boston Borough Council's approaches for dealing with littering and fly tipping have received royal approval. Prince Charles praised the council's efforts to educate and enforce in order to keep the town and borough tidy. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2powpD8>*



VC hero to be remembered in Kirton

Thursday (March 22) will see the centenary of the award of the Victoria Cross to a brave Kirton man marked with the laying of a memorial paving stone at Kirton War Memorial at 11am. There will be a procession to the memorial from the town hall starting at 10.45am. The Yorkshire Regiment will be represented at the ceremony. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2G8INRW>*



Don't get bored this holiday

The first major holiday of the year is on the horizon, and families with children will be looking for ways to keep them entertained during the Easter break. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2pr0G5a>*



New look to one-stop council offices

Visitors to Boston Borough Council will be welcome back through the main West Street entrance to the revamped Municipal Buildings from 8.45am on Monday, March 26. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2GdCoVU>*



Celebrating farming – whatever the weather

Farming can be a tough business – sometimes out in all weathers and up against the worst that Mother Nature can throw at us. But we're made of tough stuff in Boston borough – demonstrated by all those who turned out for the annual Celebration of Farming event on Sunday, despite the bitterly wintry conditions. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2putBV5>*



Bob the runner: Can he do it?

Some might be glad of breathing apparatus when they take part in this year's Boston Marathon UK. But fire fighter Bob Green will be carrying it with him when he runs the half marathon. And that's in addition to being dressed in full fire fighting kit, although he will be wearing trainers. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2po8W5W>*



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Week 48 winner – *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>*