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Video guide to recycling

We asked you what your concerns were about recycling and received an excellent response on which to base an explanatory video.

You can see Kayleigh, pictured, demonstrating what should go into your blue bin and what should go into your green bin, including some quite tricky items, at <https://bit.ly/2IEtBKC>

And a recently-updated guide to what can be recycled can be found on the council website at <http://bit.ly/2rQdtfB>

The video was produced with advice from Mid UK, the council's recycle handling partner. Thanks, too, to Cllr Alison Austin, who provided many of the examples needed for the video.

Many of the systems used by Mid UK to separate your recycled material into waste streams are automated. Various processes employing magnets, blowers and sensors separate tins and cans from paper and cardboard from plastics and glass.

There may be some surprises – for instance black plastic, often used for meat trays, cannot be recycled because the automated system cannot recognise the colour, and plastic bottle tops should be removed and placed in the green bin. Bottles, plastic and glass, can all be recycled.

But nothing is wasted. Your green bin contents no longer go to fill a giant hole in the ground. They now go to the Energy From Waste plant near Lincoln where burning it generates electricity.

Funding increase for links

The annual grants budget for Boston's International Links Committee is to be raised from £1,000 to £1,500. And the recently-formed Boston Hanseatic Group will be eligible to receive cash from the fund.

Boston is linked with Laval in France, has an exchange arrangement with its friendship city Hakusan in Japan and has renewed its 600-plus years membership of the modern Hanseatic League, Die Hanse.

Leisure and heritage interest invite

Expressions of interest are to be invited from companies to help run some of Boston Borough Council's services. The Cabinet agreed to invite interest in the Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex with sports and play development and the Guildhall Museum. The council is keen to hear from organisations with an interest in one, some or perhaps all of the areas. The aim would be to identify possible savings and efficiencies as a contribution to closing a £1 million budget gap. As a first step the council is to explore interest from established not-for-profit organisations, charitable and otherwise, who could work in partnership with the council. Cabinet heard that although leisure and cultural services are largely discretionary they have a positive effect on health and wellbeing, areas in which Boston faces challenges. A new model could lever additional external funding not available to the council, taxation benefits and other operating methods.

Hanseatic Day

Boston's centuries-old Hanseatic connections will be celebrated in medieval style on International Hanseatic Day, Saturday, May 26. This year's event will run from 10am to 1pm. The Knights of Skirbeck medieval re-enactment group will have a tent by the Ingram Memorial and will be giving combat demonstrations. There will be music from the Lincoln Waites and The Peasants Revolt and there will be a demonstration of spinning in the Stump.



[Read more at https://bit.ly/2GqghaQ](https://bit.ly/2GqghaQ)

Attention all landlords

Extension of mandatory Houses in Multiple Occupation licensing is coming. At the end of February, 2018, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government announced that by 1st October, 2018, landlords of most Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) that house five or more people who are not a single household will need to have applied for an HMO licence. A landlord who fails to apply for a licence by the 1st of October, 2018, will be committing a criminal offence.

The council is asking all landlords and letting agents to complete and return a short form to pre-register their details and the details of properties owned and managed by them which will require a licence to comply with the new requirements.

[Read more at https://bit.ly/2x2AxzK](https://bit.ly/2x2AxzK)

They need your vote

A local tourist attraction and educational facility needs your help to make it more resilient. The We'll Meet Again Second World War Museum at Freiston needs your vote to win a £2,500 grant.



[Read more at https://bit.ly/2HTXrK](https://bit.ly/2HTXrK)



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