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Flytipping Watch community clean-up

Volunteers are invited to help at the second community clean-up organised by the Flytipping Watch Boston and Local Facebook group.

Bags, gloves, pickers and high-visibility jackets will be provided for the litter pick. Volunteers are asked to assemble at the Pioneer Wood car park on Fenside Road at 9.30am on Sunday, February 24. The clean-up will conclude at 12.30pm.

Support continues to grow for the site set up by resident Mark Douglass, with more people reporting fly tipping sites. All reports posted are passed to the borough council for action.

Jenny Moore, the council's environment and sustainability officer, said: "We continue to work with Mr Douglass and the flytipping Facebook group and are grateful for the information coming forward."

Anyone seeing a fly tip, or seeing anyone in the process of dumping rubbish, should report it with as much information as possible – a clear picture of the rubbish, a wider picture showing the site and precise details of the location. If the fly tipper is seen do not confront them as you may put yourself at risk, but do get a picture if you can and provide a description of those responsible and details of any vehicle being used. This is essential for a successful prosecution. Please do not investigate the rubbish for evidence of those responsible yourself as this could compromise a prosecution. This should always be left to trained enforcement officer from the council

Mark said: "We need the eyes and ears of the community to start positive change. Together we can build a community movement to make life uncomfortable for those who want to litter and fly tip. Those who want to dump rubbish illegally need to be looking over their shoulders and acting in fear of getting caught."

Littering and fly tipping can also be reported directly to the council.

The council will take action



against those who litter. To report a littering offence that you have witnessed go to <https://bit.ly/2QBtJZD>

Print the form, fill it out and post it to the council.

If you are reporting a fly tip – you can fill out an online form at <https://bit.ly/2QBrbn7> or send details by email to flytip@boston.gov.uk Please include full location details and photos if available.

If you are reporting litter which requires cleaning up – please fill out the online form at <https://bit.ly/2FYY3IO> or email details to waste@boston.gov.uk

You can take items for disposal for free at the tip in Bittern Way or arrange for the council to collect bulky items for a small charge <https://bit.ly/28H7Ku9>

Remember, your rubbish means YOUR rubbish – it's your responsibility and that doesn't change when you hire someone to take it away for you. If they dispose of it illegally it remains your responsibility.

You can safeguard against this by ensuring the person you are paying has a waste carrier's licence. This is your assurance, and protection, that you are doing the right thing.

You can check in advance if the person you are thinking of hiring has a waste carriers' licence at <https://bit.ly/1YHCOd> or ask to see their waste carriers' licence before agreeing to hire them.

May council elections – it could be you

Boston Borough Council elections take place on Thursday, May 2, this year. Have you ever... wanted to get something done for your community, thought that the council could spend money better, wanted to improve public services, thought that you could do a better job given the chance?

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2AVNmez>

Sign up for garden waste collections from Friday

With a simple click of your mouse, you can make this year's gardening duties so much easier by signing up for brown bin garden waste collections.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2UsZE5L>

Sign up to Garden Waste collections for 2019/20

Signing up here by Direct Debit by March 31st will give you a chance to win the year's service for FREE*



Police council tax demand

The next meeting of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel will take place at East Lindsey District Council's Manby Headquarters on Friday, February 8, at 11am. The Panel will review the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed police precept for 2019/2020. The police precept will be added to Lincolnshire County Council, Boston Borough Council and parish council or Boston Town Area Committee council tax bills.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2Rrug5E>

Planning on being big in Japan

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2FXeTRc>



Be a part of world-beating marathon

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2TayaSa>



Local planning application validation checklists

Following a six-week consultation between Monday, October 22 and Friday, November 30, 2018 on new planning application validation checklists, the planning committee has agreed the adoption of local lists for planning and other applications and a simpler version for householder developments.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2Ms6iWT>