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## Garden Waste Collections 2021/22

Love gardening but dislike the time, mess and cost of taking the waste to the tip? The fast, clean and cost effective alternative is a subscription to Boston Borough Council's efficient garden waste collection service.

The council is keeping the charge for collection, with no increase in 2021 – at £45 for emptying a single bin plus £20 for emptying each additional bin. For those new to the service, or those requiring extra bins, there will be a one-off charge of £25 to buy each bin plus the service charge. The payment lines for the 2021/22 season will be opening on Monday 1st February for those wishing to pay online by direct debit or card payment. Telephone payments will be open from Monday 15th February.

If you paid by direct debit last year and this payment is still active, you do not need to do anything.

New and existing direct debit customers will have the chance of entering a prize draw competition where 10 lucky people will be in with the chance of winning the service for FREE.

In addition, if you sign up online either through direct debit or card payment, you will

be automatically entered into a draw to win a Lincolnshire Hamper to the value of £45. Please note these offers are not open to Boston Borough Council employees or elected members.

For those who signed up in 2020 the service will resume week commencing Monday, February 22, and run to the end of March, 2021.

Cllr Yvonne Stevens, the council's portfolio holder for waste services, said: "Once again we are providing an excellent service for householders to dispose of their garden waste, easily, cheaply and effectively.

"This service is a well-established service and I want to thank everyone who has used it this last year.

"While anyone can still take their own garden waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Bittern Way for no charge, the council's collection service means residents do not have to move dirty waste in their own vehicles or pay someone else to do it for them."

Residents are reminded that they must not put garden waste in their green or blue bins. Contaminated bins will not be emptied.

## Community Testing coming to Boston

We're pleased to say that a bid made for a Covid-19 Enhanced Community Testing Programme in Boston has been approved.

This means that everyone in Boston can get tested for Covid-19, even if they don't have symptoms, stopping the spread and helping us get life going again.

This programme will include both Rapid testing and then for those testing positive a full Covid-19 test.

We are working with national Government and local partners developing the plan which will be rolled out very soon.

In the meantime, if you have symptoms book a test via 119 or [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

## More local Covid vaccination sites confirmed in Lincolnshire

The Covid vaccination process in Lincolnshire has got off to a great start. We were amongst the first in the country to start vaccinating on 8th December through our first hospital hub at Lincoln County Hospital, we were amongst the first to start vaccinating through our GP led primary care network model, with eight centres already in operation last week. We were delighted that once again Lincolnshire was amongst the first in the country to be offering the new AstraZeneca vaccination, from our latest hospital hub at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston last week. [Read more here at https://bit.ly/3nBbGij](https://bit.ly/3nBbGij)

## Boston Town Deal board meet this week

The next Boston Town Deal board will meet on Thursday 14th January at 10am via zoom and can be watched live on our YouTube channel here [www.mybostonuk.com/youtube](http://www.mybostonuk.com/youtube)

Meeting pack can be found at <https://bit.ly/3oyVvMW>

## Business Support Grants available

As there are currently a number of grant schemes available to help support local businesses throughout Covid-19 – we've put them all together on one webpage so you can easily choose which form to complete based on your business needs.

The Government announced recently further grant funding will be available for Tier 4 which commenced on 31 December 2020 and the National Lockdown commencing on 5th January 2021. When guidance and funding has been received, we will provide further information. However, we are looking to make automatic payments to those that have qualified for funding from 5 November 2020 and continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

[Read more here at https://www.mybostonuk.com/business-support-grants/](https://www.mybostonuk.com/business-support-grants/)



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