

Dear Residents,

In the spirit of the season, I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. May this festive season bring you moments of peace, love, and cherished time with family and friends.

As we turn the page to welcome 2024, my sincere hope is that it unfolds as a year of renewed hope, growth, and prosperity. Let's look forward to a brighter future, filled with opportunities for personal and professional success.

Wishing you and your loved ones a festive holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with positivity, good health, and the fulfilment of your aspirations. Cheers to new beginnings and a year that brings villagers together in both spirit and accomplishment.

EARLY BIRD SIGN-UP DISCOUNT FROM DECEMBER TO 31st JANUARY

The new garden waste subscription service will begin on 1st April 2024. The Standard Subscription Price is £57.50 for one garden waste bin to be collected for the whole year, and £30 for any additional bin up to four bins.

Residents will be able to sign up for the garden waste subscription service in December 2023 and January 2024 and take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, with plenty of time for April 2024, when the subscription service comes into effect. Details below:

Early Bird Discount from December to 31st January

HDC will be offering a reduced price of £50 for your first bin (additional bins remain at £30 each).

If you choose to pay for the service by:

- **Direct Debit Payments: the reduced price of £50 per year will be locked in for 3 years.**
- **One Card Payment: the reduced price of £50 will be for the first year only, followed by £57.50 next year.**

You can find out more information about the forthcoming Garden Waste Subscription Service, as well as sign up to catch the Early Bird on the council's website:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service>

Those who subscribe to the fortnightly service will receive a sticker to put on their bin and collection crews will have devices to check the collection service has been paid for. Only bins displaying the sticker will be emptied.

It's an entirely optional service and this is not a compulsory charge, but from April HDC's garden waste collection will only be available to residents that register and subscribe. If you do not have a garden or do not want to pay for the collections, you do not need to do anything.

For those who choose not to join the subscription service can dispose of their garden waste by taking it to their nearest Cambridgeshire County Council Household Waste Recycling Centre or compost at home instead.

Residents can also purchase discounted compost bins via the council's website:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/manage-your-bin-collections/additional-garden-waste-bin-and-composting/>

COUNCIL TACKLES ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HUNTINGDON

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has collaborated with BID Huntingdon First and Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime (HBAC) to tackle anti-social behaviour in Huntingdon by installing a new deployable camera.

This collaboration signifies a collective initiative to enhance the overall safeguarding of Huntingdon, particularly of the Commemorative Hall and the surrounding murals. The implementation of deployable cameras, along with related endeavours, marks a progression in establishing a community space that is both safer and more secure.

The new camera is connected to the CCTV Shared Service Monitoring Centre. This shared service monitors cameras across Cambridgeshire, 24/7 from a central shared control room based in Huntingdon. This is not a particularly well-known service provided by HDC, but can be used to protect other communities and businesses outside of Huntingdon if there is a need.

Happy New Year,

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