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| Colchester Hospital | 01206 744491 |
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| Hedingham Medical Centre: | |
| Castle Hedingham | 01787 461465 |
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| Kaaren Berry, Parish Clerk | 07341 264219 |
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| Pumphouse Brewery | 07786 861009 |
| Rev. Caroline Brown | 01787 469161 |
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Toppesfield Parish Council

Your Councillors are - Alan Collard, Amanda Smith, Kitty Bourlet, Frances Winter, Jeremy Graves, Paula Edwards-Holmes and Jane Daines.

Parish Clerk — Kaaren Berry

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every month in the village hall. You are welcome to attend the Open Session which starts at 7.30pm.

Toppesfield & Gainsford End Parish Newsletter — Published by Toppesfield Parish Council

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Please submit your articles for the next newsletter by 28th December 2023.

Please see our online resources to find out what is happening

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Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community

Toppesfield Village Hall

Toppesfield Village Stores

The Green Man, Toppesfield

Pumphouse Community Brewery

Toppesfield and Gainsford End Neighbourhood and Development Plan

Twitter & Instagram— Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community

Website—<https://e-voice.org.uk/toppesfield-parish-council/>



From the Parish Council



Welcome to the final Newsletter for 2023.

We are now well and truly approaching the time of the year which we all anticipate eagerly – think bonfires and fireworks, carols and Christmas – and cannot wait to end – think snow and ice, dark mornings and early evenings.

Fortunately, there is enough that will be taking place in Toppesfield over the next few months for everyone to find something they will enjoy.

On the 10th November, the annual (and famous) Church Supper Auction will take place at the Village Hall. This is an entertaining evening where you will be able to acquire items that you have always desired and be re-acquainted with things that you donated to last year's auction. This is not to be missed! Tickets are available from Brian Moody.

Saturday 2nd December starts off with the Christmas Market at the village hall between 11am and 3pm and early that evening it will be time to light up the village, well the centre at least. The Christmas tree lighting, mince pies, mulled wine and carols, as well as a promised visit from Santa himself. This is always a popular event so save the date and look out for further details soon. And don't be late on the evening as Santa is a busy man and can't stay long.

Something new follows the following week when our own community brewery is hosting a 'Christmas with Santa' afternoon, starting at 3pm and running until 6pm. Not only can you stock up with your favourite ales but there will be a free present for all under 10s. Get it in your diary!

The Carol Service on 17th December will lead us into Christmas itself. This is an opportunity to join in with the carols we all know and hear again the story of that first Christmas. After Christmas and into the New Year, Ann Read will be leading her much enjoyed 'New Year Walk' starting at 10:30 from the Green Man and finishing at...The Green Man, where you will be able to recover from your exertions with a glass or two of Toppesfield ale or Toppesfield wine.

Through all these activities and events one thing shines out: a lot goes on in Toppesfield and it is down to the numerous volunteers that make all these things possible.

The parish council would like to thank all those involved in the village organisations and those who help with and support all the events that take place through the year. Without you we would be a poorer village.

The next Newsletter will be delivered in January 2024, so we wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Parish Council Information

- A summary of Parish Council goings-on at the September and October Meetings: Full details can be found in the minutes for the meeting on the parish website.

In August Councillor van Dulken reported:

- There is now a Foodbank in Sible Hedingham Baptist Church. This is open on a Tuesday from 2pm – 4pm. People need to be referred in order to be able to use the service.
- That he and District Cllr Iona Parker along with Councillors from Bulmer and Ridgewell are keen on getting a bus from Hedingham to Haverhill. There is a consultation on Essex County Council's website and is open for comments until the 5th October 2023.
- Wethersfield – some of Richard's colleagues attended a tour of the site and were impressed by the set up and they had the opportunity to talk to some of the residents. Braintree District Council still feel that it is the wrong place for the asylum centre. Permission was granted for a Judicial review hearing which will be held on 30th and 31st October 2023.
- Cllr van Dulken mentioned the Environmental Impact Assessment application to Great Yeldham Parish Council.
- The garden waste collection will be chargeable from next year but for residents who sign up before the 30th November 2023 there will be an early bird discount of 50%. New arrangements will start in March 2024.
- The Councillors Community Grant is not available for Toppesfield Community Club as their shareholders receive interest payments.

Highlights from the September meeting were:

- During the public meeting concerns were raised regarding the speed of vehicles through the village and a possible Environmental Impact Assessment survey through the village on land next to Toppesfield Hall.
- There was an offer from a working party to landscape the pétanque court area - Many thanks to the working party who have been working on this.
- The Christmas event on the 2nd December is being organised.
- There is a damaged slide in Toppesfield playing field - quotes are being sought to address this.
- Posters and Facebook posts have been published to see if there is an interest in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch group in the parish - if interested please contact the parish clerk.

In October Councillor van Dulken sent in his report as below:

- As of 2 weeks ago, 9006 households in Braintree District (out of about 54,000 which have collections) have subscribed to the early bird rate for garden waste collection from April 2024. This is a greater initial indication of interest than anticipated.

Parish Council Information continued

- I note that Braintree Planning Department has indicated that it would require an Environmental Impact Study in the event that a planning application is submitted for a solar farm at Toppesfield Hall.
- Community Grants – please let me know if there are any areas where a grant could be useful, as I have a reasonable balance left.
- Devolution – you may have heard this being mentioned. In Essex, Essex County Council, Southend Borough Council, Thurrock, the District and Borough Councils plus the Police, Fire and Rescue Commissioner are seeking to set up and be part of a new institution to be known as a Combined Authority, which will take collective decisions on the powers and budgets which the government devolves down to Greater Essex under such a deal. This would NOT be a merger – each authority would remain independent and retain its separate budgets and operations. There would not be a Mayor for Essex as in other areas of the country, but residents and businesses would benefit from additional funding and from coordination of the authorities within Greater Essex.
- 309 fly tips were cleared within 24 hours during the period 1st April to 30th June.
- There is a public consultation being carried out by Essex County Council (ECC) regarding the future of Recycling Centre bookings, this is an opportunity for members of the public to have their say on the current appointment-based system and all feedback will be used to help determine whether or not this should become a permanent arrangement. ECC will publish a summary report of the consultation feedback after the consultation is complete and responses have been analysed. The consultation runs from the 9th October until the 19th November 2023. Please see the following link for further details <http://www.essex.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebookings>
- The Medical Centre in Sible is still slowly progressing.

Highlights from the October meeting were:

- Jan Stobart from the RCCE attended the meeting to talk through the next steps to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.
- A budget for the Christmas event was confirmed and plans are progressing.
- A quote from the original supplier of the damaged slide was received but due to the high cost other quotes will be gained.
- A quote was received and accepted to replace trees along The Causeway. It was agreed to purchase 6 trees for planting
- An outline planning application for the potential Pump project has been submitted.
- A request for a salt bin to be installed at Camoise Close has been made.
- The flooding issue from the Green Man barns to the village hall has been escalated to the Cabinet Highway lead.

Toppesfield and Gainsford End Village Show September 16th 2023

Wow what a show. It was a beautiful day and the entries were up by almost a 100%.

It was so encouraging to have exhibits from folks new to the village and from outside Toppesfield too. Our reputation as a show is spreading and so many villages have lost their village shows. The hall looked fantastic once all the entries had been placed and the judges were amazed at the quality and quantity of the exhibits.

There were several new classes and in both adult classes and children's sections.

The robots made from household recycling were fantastic showing the children's imagination. The animal made from play doh for the under 5 years old were brilliant and the fairy cakes looked delicious. A new class this year was growing the tallest sunflower. This had been organised by the school gardening club.

I would like to thank St Margaret's School Toppesfield and Little Chestnuts for their support for the show. If the children enter the show when they are young hopefully they will continue to do so as they grow up.

In the adult sections the flowers were just so colourful. The perfume from them gradually pervading the hall. Wow the harvest baskets so colourful and interesting.

In the class for a Handicraft not in the Schedule there were 10 entries, all different crafts, so a bit of a headache for the judge, but again demonstrating what amazing and different talents we have in Toppesfield.

The afternoon was complete with stalls and games outside and delicious strawberry cream teas to enjoy. The raffle as always was very popular and I would like to thank all the local businesses who gave raffle prizes as well as personal contributions.

Award winners this year were :-

Adult sections - Oscar Pickess, Jaqcque Stafford-Baker, Fran Neale, Jane Pickess,

Angela Delaney, Mike Jarman, Zoe" Hughes and Ann Read

Children's section –Aphra /Hermione, Theo/Effie, Caine /Chloe and Sher Chatal

Congratulations and thank you go to the award winners and all the exhibitors. Without you there wouldn't be a show.

Last year and this year the show has made a bit of a profit and we have given a grant to St Margaret's School Toppesfield Gardening Club for compost and gardening gloves for the children.

I would like to give special thanks to my helpers. Maureen Dimmock, Fran Neale, Victoria Wallis, Zoe" Hughes and Jacquie Stafford-Baker. It is a huge effort in the last few days before the show. We have some ideas for next year's show already in place so if you would like to be involved please do get in touch.

Ann Read





St Margaret's Church

Church services for November and December

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| November 5th | Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| November 12th | Remembrance Service | 10.45am |
| November 19th | Baptism | 11.00am |
| November 26th | Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| December 3rd | Morning Prayer | 11.00am |
| December 10th | Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| December 17th | Carol Service | 3.00pm |
| December 24th | Christmas Holy Communion | 6.30pm |
| December 25th | Christmas Family service | 11.00am |

Supper Auction

Toppesfield Village Hall

Friday 10th November

If you haven't already got your tickets for the famous Supper Auction please get in touch with Brian Moody.



News from the Footpaths



Hi Everyone

We always have to talk about the weather but in the last week we have gone from brilliant skies and really hot days to torrential rain, night frost and now gales!

I was leading a walk for the Walking for Well Being group a few weeks ago and did a recce. My plan was to walk down Harrow Hill and then up to Thurstons, along through the old church yard and back parallel to Gainsford End, down through the vineyard and back to the village. However several of the fields that the footpaths crossed had been ploughed so a bit of a no go. I did walk it but it was like scrambling over rocks! I have to say I do love to see the soil ploughed, preferably when I haven't got to walk across it!

Walking the footpaths is always difficult at this time of year, particularly where footpaths cross the cultivated fields. Our heavy clay doesn't help! I am sure that in a few weeks when the crops have grown through the footpaths will be sprayed out again.



So change of plan, I did the walk up to Blooms Farm, along the bridleway and back passed the lakes then returned to the village up Scotneys lane. It was a beautiful warm sunny day and a delightful walk with no cultivated fields to cross! I always enjoy the walk through the bridle way with stunning views of Gt Yeldham Church and the castle at Castle Hedingham. To complete the walk there were bullaces and blackberries to forage all serenaded by the buzzards soaring overhead. There were 28 walkers and many enjoyed refreshments in the shop garden when we got back.



I am always on the look out for different things in the hedgerow and yet again came across a robin's pincushion. It appears as a fluffy ball on the wild rose bushes. It is in fact a gall caused by a gall wasp laying its eggs on the rose bush. The plant reacts by growing this gall around the eggs. In the Spring the gall wasps will emerge. Amazing.

I will again get onto highways about our broken finger posts and waymarkers.

It is very frustrating that these things do not get attended to. As usual it is lack of staff and resources.

I again am planning a New Year walk on Sunday 7th January 2024 leaving The Green Man at 10.30am. Do join me.

Ann Read


TOPPESFIELD
Vineyard
Fine English Wine from East Anglia

Thank you once again to everyone who helped with this year's Toppesfield grape harvest. For the virgin volunteers, let us assure you that this was unlike any harvest we have experienced to date! We normally finish picking between 12.30 and 1.30 and then settle down to a leisurely harvest lunch. This year was very different – we picked 2.5 times the amount we picked last year – as did many other vineyards across East Anglia. We had just the right weather at flowering time and then a very rainy summer which meant each vine produced a record number of grape bunches and each bunch had bigger grapes than we have ever seen before. We knew it was going to be big – hence the lorry this year – BUT WE UNDERESTIMATED HOW BIG! After all the exertions of this year, the vines will be taking it easy next year so we should be back to a normal harvest day in 2024.





Thanks to everyone who went above and beyond this year – we are truly grateful.

We hope you will help us drink it when it is released in the summer of 2024 and that you will be brave enough to join us next year for this great community day at Toppesfield Vineyard.

PUMPHOUSE

— BREWERY —

Oktoberfest..... just the start

Less than two weeks after gaining access to the whole of Green Man Barn, we were able to open it up, complete with an all new new pallet bar, and welcome happy customers to our Oktoberfest on 15 October. It looks like everyone had a great time, enjoying the beers, the BBQ and the music.

This wouldn't have happened without the help and encouragement of many people, including the Pumphouse committee and volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event. In particular we want to say a big thank-you to all of the following: TCP, for allowing Pumphouse to occupy the whole of the barn. Simon Hughes and crew, for clearing it out to let us in. Steve Preston, who built the superb Pallet Bar and beer racking system. Aaron, for brewing the full range of Pumphouse fine real ales. Chris and Sam, for the sound, lighting and great live music. And finally, to everyone who came (on a very cold day) and made it such a successful afternoon.

Having access to the whole barn means we can operate the brewery more efficiently and affectively, with the extra storage room making a big difference day to day. It also means we can give visitors to the brewery a proper welcome, in a space full of character rather than clutter. Just as this Newsletter goes to print we'll be entertaining a party from CAMRA's W.Suffolk branch on 28 October.

Above all, it means that we can engage much better face-to-face with our customers, shareholders, neighbours and friends. We'll be able to host more community events from time to time. **We're already planning a 'Christmas with Santa' afternoon on Sunday 10 December from 3-6pm. There will be a FREE present for the Under 10s, good value beer and wine for the adults and festive nibbles & carols for all. Make a diary note now!**

The brewery is now open four days a week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 - 4. We have plenty of three-bottle gift packs ready for you to give, or enjoy yourself. Please come and see us, and have a look inside the Pallet Bar.

Cheers from Aaron, Kaaren, Tina, Paul, Mick, Julia & Richard





Toppesfield Village Hall

At the moment the Covid virus is once again rearing it's head in the Village.

We were hoping to hold another Warm Hub coffee morning but this will have to be put on hold for the time being. As we approach the winter season, the Village Hall Committee would like to remind villagers that the hall is available for hire. During the summer months some children's parties proved very successful and the usual clubs are once again up and running including Bowls. There is a table tennis table available to use when hiring the hall with bats and balls provided. If anyone wants to give a talk or demonstrate an activity please come along on the evening of your choice. Christmas activities in the hall could be a fund raiser for a chosen charity. We recently had a talk from our police lady on dealing with fraud and scams which was very enlightening.

The cost of hiring the hall is £10 per hour, which includes the use of the kitchen. Heating is also provided in the hire cost.

We look forward to hearing from anyone wishing to hold an event or activity.

Please contact Jean Bagnall on 01787 238178 if I can be of help, thank you on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.



**The Next Village Markets will be held at
Toppesfield Village Hall on:**

Saturday 4th November 10.30 am –12.30pm

Christmas Market—Saturday 2nd December

11.00am –3.00pm

Please pop along to see what is on offer from fresh meat, jams, pastries, and cakes to handmade crafts, cards, jewellery and more.

Or pop in for a tasty bacon roll and a cuppa with friends.

TOPPESFIELD ALLOTMENTS with NASLAG

Allotment Garden Newsletter

Autumn officially started with the equinox in September. It's getting cooler and we're already building a fire in the evenings. The rain never stops for long and I could do with a good dry week to catch up on all the jobs. I know I'm not the only one feeling this way.

We are going to ask for volunteers for pre winter clear up in the coming weeks.

Can I remind people that the composting area is for compostable's and NOT Hedge trimmings which should be placed on the firepit.

Rhubarb

Remove all the dead leaves from the Rhubarb, clear the bed up and make it tidy, then fork over the soil round the crowns and apply manure. You have then finished with the bed until you want to start forcing in the spring.

Rhubarb is one of the easiest, almost indestructible perennial plants to grow. Productive and versatile too. See: [A Guide to Growing Rhubarb](#)

Parsley Tip

You may now find your spring-sown parsley running to seed, some of it in full flower. These flower stems will exhaust the plant. So your best plan is to cut down the plants almost to ground level and give them a little fertiliser and some water. By this means you can have fine parsley all through the winter.

September.

Parsley is one of my favourite herbs although some are not keen as it reminds them of school dinners with parsley sauce. It's actually very good for you being extremely high in vitamin K which is essential for blood clotting and healthy bones. It also contains vitamins C & A along with minerals

Brassica Tips

With brassicas, remove any yellowed leaves as these are of no use to the plant and will encourage diseases to develop and attract slugs.

With Brussels Sprouts, earth up a couple of inches and tread the soil firmly so winter storms don't cause wind-rock which damages the roots. In exposed sites it's worth staking the sprouts. If they do get shaken by strong winds, apply a high nitrogen liquid feed fortnightly to compensate for any root damage.

TOPPESFIELD ALLOTMENTS with NASLAG continued

Storing Apples

It has been a good year for apples on plots and in garden's and I've had a number of questions about storing and preserving apples. You should store only sound, unbruised, firm fruit. Check them regularly as any decay or rot will quickly spread through the entire stored crop. We then wrap individual apples in newspaper and store in a box in a cool, dark, dry place.

For those bruised or damaged apples Google Apple Recipes as well as Chutney Recipes for some tasty ideas.

Victoria organised a Village Halloween trail for the children, we got into the spooky spirit and decorated the Herb Garden with Skeletons, Spiders, Skulls, banners and all things scary.

That's all for this month. Hopefully this has been useful and interesting for you.

Kind Regards to all in Toppesfield

Paul Thompson

Chair





CHRISTMAS IN TOPPESFIELD !

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

More details to follow

The Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY



November 11th will mark the 105th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the First World War. On the following day, Sunday 12th, the annual Remembrance Service and the laying of wreaths will take place at our parish church. This is a time to honour those from our village who died fighting for the freedoms we have today in this country.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872 -1918)

Toppesfield Parish Paths Group

New Year Walk

Sunday 7th January 2024

Meet at Green Man at 10.30am

Start the year as you mean to go on.

Join me for a ramble around our beautiful parish.

Walk off the excesses of the last few weeks.

An hour and half to two hours - depending on weather and conditions.

Stout footwear recommended. It might be a bit muddy!

Dogs welcome, on a lead please.

Great exercise, conversation and company.

ALL WELCOME

Why not book in for Sunday lunch in The Green Man for when we get back.

Further information - Ann Read - 01787 237464



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| Mondays | | 8.30am - 4.00pm |
| Tuesdays | | 8.30am - 4.00pm |
| Wednesdays | | 8.30am - 4.00pm |
| Thursdays | | 8.30am - 4.00pm |
| Fridays | | 8.30am - 4.00pm |
| Saturdays | | 10.00am - 12.30pm |

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Danaher Animal Home

Danaher Animal Home – Dylan 18266



Dylan is our fabulous mix of German Shepherd and Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross. He has the intelligence of a German Shepherd, with the sappy and affectionate side of a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and he is a cuddly boy once he knows you. He has some anxieties which would need an experienced Shepherd home to help him continue to work through. He walks nicely on the lead, and is excited to see other dogs whilst out, so would benefit from continued socialising in his

new home around other dogs. Dylan is house trained and comfortable being left for a few hours in the home with no issues. He is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, flead and wormed.



If you feel Dylan is the one for you, we invite you to submit an interest form to us at www.danaheranimalhome.org.uk and follow the links.

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KITCHEN OPENING HOURS

Wednesday & Thursday 5-8
Friday & Saturday 12-9
Sunday 12-4

Weekly specials

Sunday Roast featuring sirloin of beef and large selection of fresh vegetables

What's On

Fun Quiz - Last Sunday of the Month from 6pm
Proceeds to Air Ambulance

Open Mic - First Sunday of every month from 5pm
All welcome

For take away and table bookings please call 01787 237418

2023 / 2024

Recycling does not end at your kerbside collection

Reduce your waste even further by using recycling bring banks to recycle your:

- glass bottles and jars
- textiles and shoes
- food and drink cartons, eg Tetra Pak



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Did you know!

Disposable nappies are not accepted in your clear sacks - please put these in your grey bin, or try reusable nappies.

RECYCLING SACKS



My Recycling Calendar

Gainsford End

TUESDAY ROUTE 2

| Month | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|
| OCTOBER | 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 7, 14, 21, 28 |
| NOVEMBER | 5, 12, 19, 27 | |
| DECEMBER | | |
| JANUARY | 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6, 13, 20, 27 |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| MARCH | 5, 12, 19, 26 | |
| APRIL | 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 8, 14, 21, 29 |
| MAY | | |
| JUNE | 4, 11, 18, 25 | |
| JULY | 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6, 13, 20, 28 |
| AUGUST | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 3, 10, 17, 24 | |

- Grey bin and food bin
- Different collection day
- Clear sacks and food bin only
- Different collection day
- Green bin, clear sacks and food bin
- Different collection day
- Green bin (SUBSCRIBERS ONLY), clear sacks and food bin
- Different collection day

MY COLLECTION CHECKLIST:

Out for collection on the right day by 7am



BY 7AM

- All waste is in the bin with the lid shut
- Clear recycling sacks are securely tied
- All cardboard kept dry in clear recycling sacks
- For furniture or bulky items use our collection service www.braintree.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Did you know!

Food that cannot be eaten should go into your weekly food waste collection. It becomes biofuel and soil improver. A single recycled banana peel can generate enough electricity to charge your phone twice!



NO SIDE WASTE

GREY BIN

GREEN BIN

GARDEN WASTE

From 4 March 2024 this will be a subscription service only. If you want a garden waste collection, make sure you sign up at www.braintree.gov.uk/gardenwastesubscription



FOOD BIN



Correct at time of publication: 16.8.2023. Please check www.braintree.gov.uk for any changes.

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RECYCLING SACKS



My Recycling Calendar Toppesfield

MONDAY ROUTE 1

| Month | Days | Month | Days | Month | Days |
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| OCTOBER 2023 | 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | NOVEMBER 2023 | 6, 13, 20, 27 | DECEMBER 2023 | 4, 11, 18, 23, 25 |
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- ✓ All waste is in the bin with the lid shut
- ✓ Clear recycling sacks are securely tied
- ✓ All cardboard kept dry in clear recycling sacks
- ✓ For furniture or bulky items use our collection service www.braintree.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Did you know?

Food that cannot be eaten should go into your weekly food waste collection. It becomes biofuel and soil improver. A single recycled banana peel can generate enough electricity to charge your phone twice!



If you print this, please recycle it in your clear sack.



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