

# Community News

Information for local groups, societies, clubs, parish and town councils

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## Don't forget to use a Trusted Trader!

As residents start hiring traders again we're reminding them to use businesses in our Trusted Trader scheme. There are over 1,000 of these businesses representing everything from accountants to window installers and they're all been checked out by our Trading Standards team.



The scheme ensures that residents are contacting honest and reliable traders who commit to doing a good job for a fair price. Customer satisfaction is very high as 97% of people who gave feedback were "very satisfied" with their chosen Trusted Trader. Find out more [here](#)

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## Take your litter home



It's great to see people enjoying our parks and while most visitors are leaving no trace unfortunately we've seen an increase in littering.

As our parks are busier than usual it's taking longer to empty the bins so if they are full please take your litter home with you.

Remember that BBQs are not allowed at any of our sites because they pose a fire risk – particularly as the ground is drier than normal. And if you're visiting please remember to follow social distancing rules.

Help us keep our parks tidy and safe for everyone to enjoy. Find out more [here](#)

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## Restriction on vans and trailers lifted

Did you know you can take vans weighing up to 3.5 tonnes to our recycling centres and trailers up to 2 metres long?

Drivers can take vans and trailers up to drop off household waste from their own property as long as they make the trip on the correct



day based on the last number on their vehicle registration plate.

Vehicles with 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 as the last number on their registration plate will be allowed in on even dates in the month. Those with 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 as the last number on their registration plate will be allowed in on odd dates in the month.

Beat the queues by checking our website for [live waiting times](#) for each centre before you travel. Find out more [here](#)

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## How to put an end to nuisance telephone calls – easily and free of charge!



Nuisance calls can come in all manner of guises. There are unscrupulous salesmen, automated voices claiming you are owed compensation and plausible fraudsters hoping to con you out of your savings. The elderly and vulnerable especially can be plagued by these calls.

The good news is that there is an easy and free way to stop these calls by ringing your telephone provider or visiting their website to set up a call blocking service. You'll find the details in the 'Call Blocker' section [here](#) Please help to spread the word about free call blocking services in your communities.

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## We call for support to tackle climate change

We're calling out to the government to take notice of the expertise rural communities can offer in the fight against climate change.

Alongside other councils in rural areas we are now part of the Countryside Climate Network (CCN) which aims to be the voice of the countryside in the climate change debate.



Rural communities are also often at the frontline of feeling the effects on climate change and we feel we should get fairer funding from the government as a result. Find out more [here](#)

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New government guidance  
on coronavirus comes into  
effect on 4 July.  
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can't you do?



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