

## Grafham Parish Report December 2018

### Christmas Bin Collection Times

Christmas often means we all have more waste to dispose of, and we are fortunate to be able to recycle the majority of the waste that is produced during this time. This includes your wrapping paper, sweet tins, plastic packaging from new toys and any leftovers from your dinner within the blue and green bins.

Collections will continue throughout the festive period, but be aware that your collection day will change for a few weeks. Please be mindful that if you are due a collection on either Monday 24 December or Tuesday 25 December your collections will take place a day or two beforehand.

The HDC website contains details of any changes to bin collection dates. The link is here: <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/christmas-and-new-year-bin-collection-dates-2018/>

Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop your tree to the size of your bin.

The Household Recycling Centres accept a range of materials for recycling and are only closed from 1pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Find out more at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Local Development Plan to 2036 takes important next steps towards adoption

Following examination hearings in July and September 2018 led by a government inspector, HDC received confirmation in October that it had complied with relevant requirements in the preparation of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan. The Inspector has now outlined the few modifications required to enable the Local Plan to move towards final adoption. There will now be a seven-week round of public consultation, which ends on 29 January 2019.

The link for consultation is here:

[http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/hlp2036/pmm2018/pmmsa2018/proposed\\_main\\_modifications\\_sustainability\\_appraisal](http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/hlp2036/pmm2018/pmmsa2018/proposed_main_modifications_sustainability_appraisal)

### A1/A14 road closures

Closures to the A1 or A14 continue to impact on Grafham with traffic rat-running to avoid official diversions. I regularly liaise with the A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge project to point out issues with ambiguous and poor signage, and there have been some improvements such as no access signs, and instructions for drivers not to follow sat navs. Staff have also been out to monitor the compliance with the diversions. I will continue to monitor the situation.

Wishing all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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