



Garden Waste Subscription Service

Local
Community
engagement
sessions

September 2023

Session Overview



Guidelines of Participation



Why are we doing this?



The Agreement



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Your Ideas Virtual Workshop



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Guidelines for Participation



Please ask any questions
via the chat channel

They will be collated
by officers and fed
into the collection of
comments



Any questions that spring to mind after the
session please send to:
oana.hughineata@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



There will be virtual breakout rooms with
facilitators to gather feedback as part of
the workshop element of the session.

Why are we doing this?



COUNCIL INCOME

STATUTORY SERVICES
(LEGAL REQUIREMENT)

NON-STATUTORY SERVICES
(SUBSIDISED)

Given the Council's lack of room for manoeuvre, due to budgetary restrictions, any consultation on the decision about whether to introduce a charge would be disingenuous to our residents



The Agreement

- ▶ To provide a Garden Waste Subscription Service that protects garden waste services for those residents who wish to use it.
 - ▶ Completely removing the service would have resulted in residents having to travel to local recycling centres at greater cost
- ▶ The service will start from April 2024.

How it works

A-Z of Services: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

[Home](#) > [Council Services](#) > [Bins, Waste and Recycling](#) > [Garden Waste Service \(Brown Bin\)](#)

Subscribe to the service

Subscribe to the 2023/24 service by debit card for £47

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Please tick the box to consent for your data to be used:



Start a New Bin Subscription

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www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Huntingdonshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Garden Waste Subscription

2023/24

Valid until 31st March 2024

- ▶ Resident orders via an online form; one-off or annualised payment options

- ▶ Confirmation of payment integrates with the collection crews schedules and appears within the in-cab system

- ▶ A bin subscription sticker for the year is issued to the household

Current initiatives

- ▶ **Subsidised Compost Bins** - buy 1 compost bin and get another half price.
 - ▶ Details can be found via [Additional Garden Waste Bin and Composting - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](#) and
 - ▶ [Compost Bins | Shop Our Bestselling Composters | GetComposting](#)
- ▶ **Home composting** advice already link through from HDC website - [How to set up home composting | Recycle Now](#)
- ▶ **Free soil conditioner (Compost)**
 - ▶ At Waterbeach, Alconbury and March transfer station
 - ▶ Simply visit with a spade and a bag and you can help yourself. You collect your own soil improver from:
 - ▶ Waterbeach between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.
 - ▶ Alconbury and March Waste Transfer Stations, you can collect it from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



Current initiatives

▶ **Bagged soil conditioner from Household Recycling Centres**

- ▶ If you cannot make it to any of these sites to load your own soil conditioner, then it can be purchased for £2.50 a bag at the Household Recycling Centres.
- ▶ Info at [Composting \(thalia.co.uk\)](http://Composting(thalia.co.uk)) – this info isn't currently on the HDC website, but has been promoted through our social media channels

▶ **Assisted Collections**

- ▶ Available to residents who can't take their bins out themselves and there is no other person living at the household who is able to help
- ▶ Apply via - Assisted Collections - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk





Your Ideas - Virtual Workshop

- ▶ We are keen to get your input to ensure that the implementation is as smooth as possible for our residents:
 - ▶ What are the best communication routes for your residents? What routes would you advise?
 - ▶ What role do you wish to play to ensure a smooth transition?
 - ▶ What do you see as the key frequently asked questions that we need to respond to?
 - ▶ Within the framework of the scheme, how can we support all segments of your community? Are there specific groups in your local community that need additional support?



Potential Initiatives - Pros & Cons

Potential Initiatives	Pros	Cons
Saturday Freighters	<p>Skips on Saturdays in prearranged locations across the district.</p> <p>No subscription cost for users</p>	<p>The service could not cater for every village</p> <p>Requires the resident to transport their garden waste to a defined location on a designated date and time in their area</p>
Subsidised home composters	<p>Advertised along with new service mail out</p> <p>Transport mileage of waste removed</p>	<p>Cost to resident (but subsidised)</p>
Community compost schemes	<p>Residents learn how to compost</p> <p>Transport mileage of waste removed</p>	<p>Needs communities to buy-in to the concept and training/expertise required for success</p>
Free loose compost	<p>Work with the parish councils to arrange free compost giveaways</p> <p>Compost located in accessible locations for residents</p>	<p>The compost will be loose and will require the resident to bag the material for removal</p>
Local land management green bin incentives	<p>Allows local residents who cut the grass in local communal areas access to a free garden bin to support them in this role</p>	<p>Some areas may not have local champions maintaining their green communal areas</p>
Local businesses sponsor bins for those on low income or in receipt of benefits or area of a community	<p>Benefit to residents in need / community and business advertising</p>	<p>Administrative and logistic issues</p>
Small number of bins available for parish councils to donate to residents in need	<p>Benefit to residents in need.</p>	<p>Added burden to parish councils</p> <p>Difficult to establish a fair process for distribution</p>
YOUR IDEAS.....		

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Next steps

- ▶ Thank you for working with us to help design and sense-check some of the initiatives we are considering. Beyond the session today we will:
 - ▶ Write up the discussions from the chat and breakout groups
 - ▶ Consolidate all the intelligence from the local community engagement sessions into a Handbook
 - ▶ Share the Handbook and feedback with all community leaders that were invited to attend
 - ▶ Develop the initiatives that were considered to have the most positive impact
 - ▶ Include these initiatives in the launch of the scheme so residents have all the information about offers across the district before deciding whether to subscribe to the garden waste collection service
- ▶ Actions for Town/Parish Councils and community groups

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▶ Thank you