

# TDC Update – Manningtree – April 2018

## WHEELIE BINS TO BE INTRODUCED IN TENDRING DISTRICT

Most homes in Tendring are to be issued with a wheelie bin from next summer after changes were agreed to a waste contract.

Tendring District Council (TDC) is extending and revising its existing deal with contractors Veolia for rubbish and recycling collections in the District for a further seven years, following a decision made at Cabinet.

**From summer 2019**, households will have a black 180-litre wheelie bin for their residual (non-recycling) waste, which will be collected fortnightly.

Existing recycling arrangements – alternate weekly collections of paper and card, plastic bottles, tins, cans and aerosols – will remain unchanged, as will weekly food waste collections. The opt-in green waste scheme will also continue.

**Households which are unsuitable for wheelie bins, such as some terraced properties and flats, will continue to have a weekly black bag collection. Assisted collections – for residents who are unable to lift/move wheelie bins – will also continue to be available.**

The changes are being introduced in a bid to increase recycling rates, reduce the amount of rubbish blown around streets from ripped black bags, and control costs.

A four-week consultation on the proposals was held during February and March, during which 53% of those who took part backed the plans and 12% expressed no view either way.

Michael Talbot, TDC Cabinet Member for Environment, said there were multiple benefits to the changes.

“Firstly, by replacing black bags with wheelie bins we should stop the problem of animals tearing open rubbish and leaving it strewn across our streets. While I sympathise with people who say bins are unsightly, I believe they are much neater than this current situation.

“Changes made to our street cleaning contract alongside waste collection also means we can create a second hit team to tackle fly-tipping and waste issues.

“By moving to fortnightly residual waste collections we also hope to encourage people to recycle more – in other districts where this change in frequency has been made, this has been the effect. However, TDC has taken a decision to provide larger wheelie bins than we were offered funding for, so that homes should not have any issues with fitting all their rubbish in them.

“There is also a significant cost implication. To carry on with the current service would cost the Council an additional £400,000 which would mean adding £9 on an average home’s council tax bill. With our new negotiated deal there is only a slight increase in cost.”

TDC will provide households with their black bin free of charge, and collections will also be made on Bank Holidays, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day.

Cllr Talbot also explained why the financial details have not been made public.

“I am aware of some press reports saying this decision was to be made in secret,” he added.

“Due to the commercially sensitive nature of the contract this part of the report could not be made public, like any other contract deal. However, we have been as open and transparent as possible with the options considered, the consultation responses, and the decision was made in public.”

### **FREE COMPOSTING EVENT TO BLOOM IN DOVERCOURT**

If you are green-fingered and itching to get back out into your garden or allotment, then a composting event in Dovercourt may be for you.

Free compost will be available to collect from West End Lane car park in May.

There will also be advice available from the Recycle for Essex team.

**The event is being held on Saturday, May 12, from 11am to 3pm** and all you have to do is to turn up with some sturdy bags and your own spade to get your share, which is restricted to one average car boot full.

Residents in Tendring are keen composters and the District has one of the highest rates around the county.

Michael Talbot, Tendring District Council Cabinet Member for Environment, urged people to make the most of the opportunity.

“This compost provides the ideal, environmentally-friendly, soil improver so why not turn up and collect some for your garden,” he said.

“Vegetable peelings, left over fruit and vegetables, old teabags and coffee grounds are the perfect ingredients to create rich nutritious compost to help your garden grow.”

Advice will given by experts on how to turn waste into a great natural soil improver which can be used to dress lawns, pot up plants, revitalise flowerbeds and mulched as a plant feed for vegetable patches.

## **CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE HOW UNSUNG HERITAGE COULD ATTRACT TOURISTS TO TENDRING'S COASTAL TOWNS**

A conference looking at how the heritage of coastal resorts in Tendring might draw in visitors takes place next month.

Resorting to the Coast is a Heritage Lottery-funded Essex County Council (ECC) project, supported by Tendring District Council (TDC), which brings together a number of history and heritage groups in the District's coastal towns with the aim of celebrating and sharing the seaside heritage of Tendring.

Its first conference, being held in partnership with the University of East London and its students who are active volunteers for the conference, will explore whether heritage can help resorts stand out from the crowd, how resorts can unite as a region when they may be competing against one another, and whether lessons can be learnt from the past of the Great British Seaside Holiday or if the slate needs to be wiped clean.

**Resorting to the Coast: Valuing the Past to Shape the Future takes place from 10.30am to 4.30pm at the Columbine Centre in Walton-on-the-Naze on Friday, April 27.**

Susan Barker, ECC Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities and Customer, is encouraging people to attend.

"This conference is not only a great way to learn more about the Resorting to the Coast project, but to actively be involved in discussions which could help positively shape how some of Essex's finest resorts stay fresh and appealing as time moves on," she said.

"We know our county's coastline is a great asset for Essex and is responsible for attracting thousands of visitors to the area, so it is important we look at all ways of enhancing what it can offer."

Mick Skeels, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said while heritage might be in the past, it has a role to play in the future.

"Resorting to the Coast is an interesting project that not only examines the rich history of Tendring's resorts, but also what that can contribute to our tourist offer in the years ahead," he said.

"This conference is a brilliant way of bringing together all of the work that has been done so far and exploring it through panel discussion and workshops."

Book tickets for the event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conference-resorting-to-the-coast-valuing-the-past-to-shape-the-future-tickets-43229205718%23/signin/login> or to find out more about Resorting to the Coast visit [www.tendringcoastalheritage.org.uk](http://www.tendringcoastalheritage.org.uk)

## **LEADER OF TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL WELCOMES STEP TOWARDS £65MILLION FUNDING FOR GARDEN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

A bid for £65million of Government funding towards building a new link road between the A120 and A133 has taken a big step forward.

If awarded the cash from the Housing and Infrastructure Fund (HIF) will pay for detailed feasibility and route studies to determine where the new road should go. It will also look ahead to a Rapid Transit system along the route, linking the University of Essex, the new Colchester/Tendring garden community, and central Colchester.

Government announced today the bid, submitted by Essex County Council on behalf of the county, had been shortlisted and would be further considered once a detailed business case was drawn up.

Neil Stock OBE, leader of Tendring District Council, said the announcement was a strong indicator of Government support for garden communities and the approach taken in north Essex.

“Our shortlisting for this considerable sum of money is, of course, fantastic news for the project,” he said.

“One of the defining principles of garden communities is that infrastructure must be delivered at the same time as housing, and a key aspect of the proposed new settlement on the Tendring/Colchester border is that it is connected to jobs at the University and Knowledge Gateway, and to a larger town for facilities other than those provided within the community.

“This is why I have supported garden communities from the outset – too often we see new housing developments get approved on appeal without adequate infrastructure, roads and the like, and that’s why it is so important the garden communities project succeeds.

“But this announcement goes beyond the cash potentially being put forward by Whitehall. It is a very positive sign of the Government’s support for the work we are doing collaboratively, with our partners, across north Essex to tackle the housing shortage by delivering sustainable developments.”

“This is the start of something really exciting.”

## **POSITIVE TALKS OVER FUTURE OF MANNINGTREE RAILWAY CROSSING**

Partners have agreed to look at short-term solutions to improve congestion at the Manningtree railway crossing (**in Lawford**) after a multi-agency meeting was held.

Tendring District Council (TDC) has been pushing ahead with partners to get a solution which both addresses community concerns about safety and takes the opportunity to lessen congestion – and thereby improve economic possibilities.

At meeting co-chaired by Harwich and North Essex MP Bernard Jenkin and South Suffolk MP James Cartlidge, partners agreed to look at temporary solutions, while work is ongoing to find a permanent answer to the issue.

As well as TDC and the MPs, representatives from Essex and Suffolk county councils, Network Rail, Greater Anglia, Babergh District Council, the Department for Transport, Haven Gateway and the Essex Rail Users' Federation were also present.

Those present recognised the importance of the junction, lying as it does on a route of strategic importance between Essex and Suffolk, and beyond.

Local partners agreed to put together a proposal to lobby government on the matter and to seek a funding contribution from Whitehall towards creating a business case for a scheme at the site. Funding for technical and feasibility studies to inform the business case would also be sought.

Carlo Guglielmi, TDC Deputy Leader, welcomed the meeting.

“The problems associated with this crossing and the nearby junction on the A137 have long been raised by local residents, rail passengers and motorists, and taken on board by elected representatives,” he said.

“Any solution will require a number of different partners working together, not least several councils, railway and road bodies, and across borders. As such, this round-table discussion was most welcomed and I feel it was very positive.

“I am also pleased there was recognition that while there are opportunities here for a long-term solution, the people of Manningtree, Lawford and Brantham cannot wait that long, and that work is to be carried out to look into temporary solutions in the meantime.

“We must use the momentum from this meeting to carry on pushing to make the most of this opportunity to improve this congested junction and improve the economic possibilities of the area, and I am delighted with the support from Cllr Kevin Bentley at Essex County Council.”

Cllr Bentley, deputy leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Infrastructure, added: “To get everybody around the table to discuss this important issue was a great first step, and it is important now that we keep taking steps forward to reach a solution.”

“I am proud that Essex County Council is leading the way on this by agreeing to act as the lead organisation on local efforts to lobby Government to see this project through.”

## **EXCITING SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR PRINCES THEATRE**

Brand new shows will join firm favourites in the 2018 summer season at the Princes Theatre in Clacton, with a showcase of music, comedy and family fun.

Between May and August there are a total of 25 shows, including nine new ones, at the Tendring District Council-run theatre in Station Road.

The programme kicks off with Walk Right Back, a tribute to the Everly Brothers on May 3, while other tributes will pay homage to George Michael, Madonna and Bob Marley among others.

There will be laughs aplenty during the season, with adult-only comedy from Billy Pearce on June 23, while Jasper Carrott will bring a mixture of music and comedy with his show on May 11.

Musicals also feature, including Clacton Musical Theatre Society presenting a four-night run of Monty Python's Spamalot in July, and you can keep youngsters entertained with the Milkshake Live – The Magic Storybook in June.

Meanwhile, if you are looking for something a bit different then wrestling returns in May.

Mick Skeels, Tendring District Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said it was another stellar line-up from the Princes Theatre.

"This programme is a wonderful mix of the firm favourites we know our audiences love to see time and again, and some new blood to keep things fresh and attract new crowds," he said.

"Whether you're a regular at the Princes Theatre, or something grabs your fancy and you want to come along for the first time, I highly recommend you watch something here – you will not regret it."

To see the full programme or book tickets visit the box office, call on 01255 686633 or visit [www.princestheatre.co.uk](http://www.princestheatre.co.uk) – you can also get updates via the theatre's Facebook page (Princes Theatre) or on Twitter @PrincesTheatre

## **RED ARROWS TO RETURN FOR BOTH DAYS OF CLACTON AIRSHOW 2018**

The iconic RAF Red Arrows are returning to the Sunshine Coast this summer to fly in the 2018 Clacton Airshow.

Aerial acrobatics, coloured smoke and gasp-inducing fly pasts will form the display from the RAF team on both days of this year's event, on August 23-24.

This year is the 27<sup>th</sup> Clacton Airshow, which is run by Tendring District Council (TDC).

Mick Skeels, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said he was delighted the RAF Red Arrows were returning once again.

“We know that the RAF Red Arrows are a real crowd-pleaser and are the highlight for many of our spectators at the Clacton Airshow,” he said.

“It is easy to understand why – as anyone who has watched their display will know, it is enthralling. As such I am really pleased the RAF Red Arrows will grace our skies once again.

“All of us at the Clacton Airshow have been thinking of the RAF Red Arrows recently as they remember Corporal Jonathan Bayliss, a crew engineer killed in a crash last month.”

Also revealed as part of the Clacton Airshow 2018 line-up is the Strikemaster training and light attack jet, flying with its distinctive smoke trail, and the Muscle Biplane with its high-energy dynamic aerobatic routine, both of which are flying on both days of the event.

The RAF Red Arrows, Strikemaster and Muscle Biplane join the previously announced RAF Typhoon jet and the Bremont Great War Display team on the 2018 programme, with more flights and entertain to be announced before the event.

Anyone wanting information about sponsorship opportunities, hospitality, or trade space at Clacton Airshow 2018 should contact 01255 686683 or 01255 686623.

Clacton Airshow can also be contacted via twitter @ClactonAirshow and via its website [www.clactonairshow.com](http://www.clactonairshow.com) – while updates on the two days will come from Radio Airshow, run by BBC Essex on 95.3 and 103.5FM or 729MW.

### **General Information:**

**If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.**

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