

Good evening.

Teignbridge are committed to improving the way we collect waste and increase the amount we recycle. To help us achieve this we are trialling a new recycling sack that has a Velcro fastening to keep the contents contained. The recycling sack will be used in place of the black recycling box for plastic and metals. This will address some concerns raised about plastic items blowing from boxes on windy collection days and from overflowing boxes.

We have considered many options and have asked other local authorities what works well for them to prevent this from happening. The sack we are trialling is based on a similar design that is currently being used in East Devon.

We will be asking approximately 900 households in selected streets to use the new sack for a 3 month period. Each household will be given a new recycling sack and an instructional leaflet week commencing 11 November. We will also be door stepping whilst giving the sacks out to ask if residents are happy to provide feedback after the trial.

The trial will start on 18 November and will run until mid-February 2020. Towards the end of the trial, the households taking part will be asked to complete a short survey for their views on the trial. We will also monitor the effectiveness of the sack in reducing windblown recycling material. Results will help us assess whether the scheme will be considered for all households in the District.

Two Motions to Council were passed by the Teignbridge Executive last Thursday that hopefully will point a new direction for our cleaner and greener Council. The Council became an official supporter of the Fairtrade movement with the Chairman, Cllr Richard Keeling, taking responsibility for promoting Fairtrade in the District. At the same meeting the Executive decided to ban the sale of real fur in our markets. Many products have a small fur trim and people are often appalled to find that it is real fur rather than fake fur. This fits in nicely with the Council signing the "Real Deal" markets initiative. You will be pleased to know that none of these have any budgetary implications for the Council.

Communities are being reminded to be vigilant over the winter months and be as prepared as possible for any severe weather-related emergencies. The County Council and other organisations continue to invest in new and improved flood defences to help protect those locations most at risk of flooding. But heavy and sustained rainfall or other severe weather events can result in unexpected problems almost anywhere in Devon. This means self-help is a vital approach to protecting homes, property and communities.

Practical advice and financial support is available to help local communities be better equipped to deal with an emergency, such as flooding. The Devon Community Resilience Forum offers two complementary grant schemes. Town and parish councils and community groups can bid up to £250 for this funding to help form their own Community Emergency Planning Group and produce Community Emergency Plans.

They can also bid for up to £1,500 to improve their own resilience with equipment or one-off small-scale work, which can range from the provision of sandbag stores, flood protection equipment, road signs, tools, and protective equipment.

For information and to download a simple application form go to <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience>

Flooding to roads or blocked drains should be reported via Devon County Council's Roads and Transport "report a problem" page. In the event of a flood, in particular the flooding of properties, people are being urged to record it online via the SWIM (Severe Weather Information Management) system. For information on who to contact in a flood event visit Devon County Council's Flood risk management webpages.

Plans for a new "Be Ready" Employer Service Hub have today been announced in support of Purple Tuesday, an international call to action aiming to change the customer experience for disabled people. The County Council is working in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus on this initiative as part of Devon's commitment to improving employment and customer experience opportunities for disabled people.

The free service, which is due to start in February, will provide:

- a call-back service to answer specific questions;
- an employer network to share knowledge and practical experience;
- an online resource about all aspects of disability and employment to help employers attract, recruit and retain people with a disability or long-term health condition;
- training, either delivered on-site (for larger organisations), or as a group bringing together smaller businesses;
- and an opportunity to join the Disability Confident scheme to improve business reputation;

A number of focus groups for employers are being held in the coming weeks, asking employers for their ideas and feedback on what they need to enable them to recruit and employ more people with a disability or long-term health condition. The first of these workshops are planned for this Thursday (14 November) 9.30am-11.30am at Forde House

You can find out how to take part at www.readydevon.org.uk

Vital maintenance work on the Southbound Carriageway on the A380 outside Kingsteignton began on Monday, November 4 and lasts until the middle of December. The work will include resurfacing, drainage work, traffic signs work and the replacement of a safety restraint barrier.

This will mean that a 40mph speed limit will be in place on both the north and southbound carriageways. Only one lane will be open both directions – the outside lanes on both carriageways will be closed. This is causing delays.

Until the work is completed, from 6.30pm to 6am, the southbound carriageway at Kingsteignton, Eagle Farm to Ware Barton, will be closed to traffic with vehicles diverted through the town. Work on the northbound carriageway will start in the New Year, after the Christmas holidays. We apologise for any inconvenience.

A major event aimed at local suppliers who want to find out how to work with the public services took place in Exeter last month. The Going Local 2019 event has been organised by the Devon and Cornwall Procurement Partnership, and was held at Exeter Corn Exchange.

Among those taking part were South West Police Procurement Department, Exeter City Council, Torbay Council, Devon County Council, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, and Teignbridge District Council.

This event provided suppliers with the opportunity to:

- Meet and get advice from a wide range of public sector procurement specialists
- Attend seminars by expert speakers from across a range of sectors and disciplines
- Learn how to access opportunities to bid for public sector contracts

- Understand how to use the Supplying the South West procurement portal
- Network with other local organisations

Recycle Devon has launched a new free online recipe book entitled “[Have Your Food And Eat It](#)” shares tips on buying, storing and preparing food and contains recipes for using up leftovers to help make food stretch further. In the UK, we throw away 6.7m tonnes of food a year which is a third of the food we buy. Nearly half of that is fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, dairy, rice and pasta.

Research also shows that we throw away more food than we think we do, with common reasons including buying too much in the first place, improper storage, not eating things in time and cooking too much, especially pasta and rice. If this sounds familiar, there are plenty of tips to help. With a few small changes, the average family of four could save as much as £800 a year!

The first half of the book looks at ways to save you money and time, from smarter shopping to meal prepping for the week ahead. Perfect for busy families and lifestyles! The second half provides a selection of recipes suited to using up ingredients in the fridge, or leftovers from previous meals. There are a range of recipes in the recipe book, whether you are a beginner, or a kitchen whizz looking for some inspiration.

If you’ve ever wondered about reheating rice or you’re unsure about use by dates, “Have Your Food And Eat It” has all the answers. Find it at <https://www.recycledevon.org/love-food-hate-waste/Have-your-food-and-eat-it-Recipe-Book.html?page=1>

Further information provided after the meeting

The PC asked for some information about the new signs in the village saying that there are no pavements. These signs have been put up by Skanska for the John Musgrove trail because it has changed its route to miss a dangerous crossing on the St Marychurch Rd and now goes through the village. This may well mean an increase in pedestrian traffic and the safety audit indicated that drivers should be informed that there may well be more than the usual number of pedestrians a driver might expect. There has been no cost to the tax payer as the signs and their erection has been paid for by the JM Group. I feel that this may well be of benefit to the pub.