

Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Unless we recycle more now, Surrey's land-fill sites will run out within 15 years. This will have a huge negative cost impact on Horley residents and the prospect of incineration will come closer.

DO use Reigate & Banstead's new Garden Waste Service. If you haven't got your new brown bin yet, order one from the Garden Waste Hotline (01737 276444) or online at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk. If you have a real Christmas tree to dispose of, DO put it out, without decorations, next to your wheelie bin between 29 December and 17 January, on your collection day. If you have large quantities of waste to dispose of, or materials which can't be put in your re-cycling box, DO take them to your local recycling centre.

The average UK household throws away £420 worth of food a year, most of which could have been eaten. A colossal one third of all the food we buy ends up in the bin.

DO plan your purchasing to reduce this shocking and costly waste and save pounds.

DO prepare and cook only what your

family will eat, and no more. If you have a garden, DO compost weeds, prunings and other green waste, besides vegetable/fruit peelings. If you haven't got a composter DO order one on Reigate & Banstead's website for as little as £12. If you can afford more, DO invest in a rotary composter, which will produce more compost in less time and keep rodents at bay.

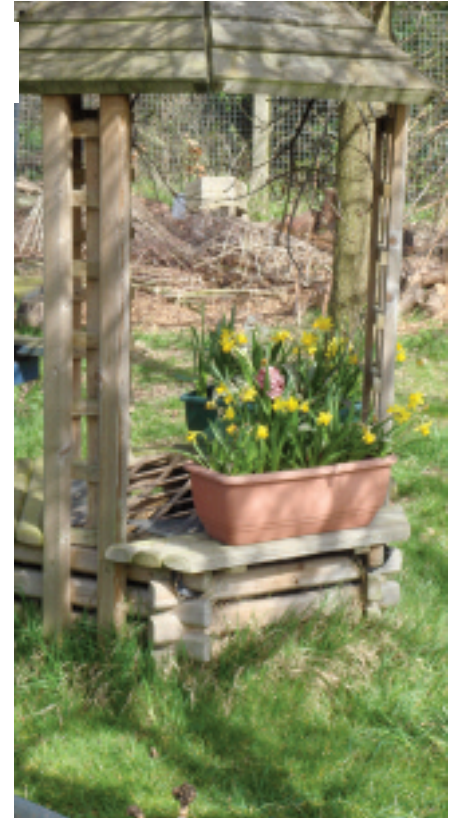
Plastic is a problem, being difficult and expensive to recycle.

DO avoid unnecessary packaging, e.g. buy loose apples rather than those wrapped in plastic on a polystyrene tray,

DO avoid "single use" products, and use refillable packages like fabric conditioner and washing powder, or invest in long life products like re-chargeable batteries and low energy light bulbs.

DO Store food in the fridge in a re-usable container rather than wrapping it in cling film or foil. Avoid soft fruit in plastic punnets, but DO grow your own or visit pick-your-own farms.

DO use canvas shopping bags, saying 'no' to unwanted plastic carrier bags.



Garden Sharing Scheme

The high cost of food continues to hit families hard as the "consumer crunch" takes over from the "credit crunch. Not surprisingly, Horley now has a record number of people (60) on a three year waiting list for town council allotments.

We are therefore proposing to start a garden sharing scheme. Do you have part of your back garden to spare for vegetable growing (this needs to receive sufficient sunshine but need not be under any sort of cultivation)? Perhaps you are elderly, infirm or simply not keen on gardening. However, you still have to eat and would be happy to receive a quarter share of the produce if a visiting gardener does all the work. Or, are you itching to get working with fork and spade to grow your own food?

If you are interested, do call Councillor Richard Bethell on 01293 783195, or email him on richard.bethell@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk and he will try to match up growers with land owners.

Improvements to the Ornamental Gardens at Horley Recreation Ground

The Ornamental Gardens is set for a complete makeover. Sections of the hedge surrounding the Gardens will be removed, all the beds are to be planted with new shrubs and bulbs, climbing plants will be grown across the pergola and new seating areas will be installed.

We hope that this will make the area a far more inviting place for relaxation, picnics etc. The work is due to start next February and we will have pictures in our newsletter as soon as the Gardens are ready.



HORLEY IN SPRING

Certificates will be issued for the winners of each class, including best newcomers.

Forms are also available from the Town Council Offices and can be downloaded from the website.

The closing date for entries is 28th February 2009. Judging will take place in March or early April.

The judges will be Jim Williamson and Richard Bethell.

Awards will be given out at the Annual Town Meeting on 24 April 2009.

HORLEY IN BLOOM

Following our success with two silver awards in 2008, Horley will be entering the South East in Bloom Competition again this summer. This year we will be 'going for gold'.

Local businesses have been approached for sponsorship and we hope to have a record number of hanging baskets on display. If you are interested in sponsoring baskets or planters then please let us know.

Details of the Horley in Bloom Summer Competition will be announced next Spring.



HORLEY *in* SPRING



ENTRY FORM

Category (please tick as appropriate)

Residential

Non-Residential

Newcomer: Yes / No (Please delete as appropriate)

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

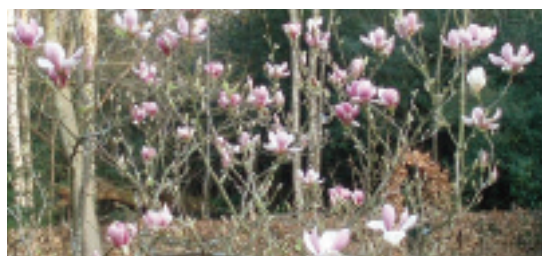
House No. & Road: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone No: _____

Signed: _____

Please return entries to:
Town Clerk
Horley Town Council
Council Offices
92 Albert Road
Horley RH6 7HZ
Tel: 01293 784765



All results will appear in the local press and on the Town Council website. Winners will be presented with their award at the Town Meeting, to be held at the Albert Rooms on 24 April 2008.



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28th February 2008

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