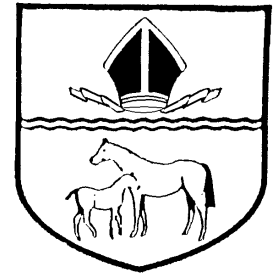


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Press Release

DATE SET FOR RETURN TO WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

With the decision to keep weekly collections throughout East Cambridgeshire, the pilot alternate week collection in Witchford and Bottisham is coming to an end.

From the 5th October, Witchford will revert to weekly collections and Bottisham, Lode, and Longmeadow will have their rubbish collected once a week from Friday 12th October.

Council officers will be leafleting residents to ensure everyone in the villages is aware of the switchover and will also be available to discuss any queries on weekly collections.

Councillor John Seaman MBE, Chairman of the Environment & Transport Committee, said: "We would like to thank all those residents in Witchford, Bottisham, Lode and Long Meadow who showed such enthusiasm and commitment to the pilot schemes. Obviously by ending the pilots we want to bring the villages back on to weekly collections as soon as possible which given the logistics can be first achieved in the beginning of October.

"The villages had extraordinary high levels of recycling during the pilot and provided valuable feedback which we used to come to the decision to remain with weekly collections. It is important that we do not lose the recycling habit with the district keeping weekly collections. Witchford, Bottisham and Lode have shown how careful management of waste can bring down the amount of rubbish which is dumped in landfill while recycling everything they can. We can all learn from their example and make sure the district's recycling rates continue to grow."

The decision to retain weekly collections across the district was made following the tendering of the Council's waste contract. The contract means there will be weekly black binbag collection, fortnightly recycling collection in black boxes, brown sacks and a new plastic collection.

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