



Christmas 2007 Edition

We've almost reached the end of another year and here at Braintree District Council, we would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and co-operation. It's been an extremely enjoyable year working with you and we're looking forward to 2008 for more cluster meetings, parish forums, clerks' network events and the many other occasions we work together.

We wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. **Editor**

Rural Issues and Parish Liaison – Review of Service Provision and Rural Services Survey Update – Thank You.

Thank you for completing and returning the Rural Issues and Parish Liaison Review of Service Provision – the average score came out at 8.3 (on a scale of 1 – 10) between good and very good. However we have taken on board your comments and there are a few areas of our work you would like to see improved which we will be addressing.

The report of this review is available on our website www.braintree.gov.uk – Council and Democracy – Parish Information – Parish and Town Clerks' Network – right-hand column – more information.

Thank you too for sending back updated information for our district's Rural Services Survey. We are in the process of compiling the report which will be available on the parish pages of the website.



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VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

Rural Communities Development Fund

The fund has a further £28,800 to distribute, with a deadline of 29th February 2008 for receipt of applications. **Please turn to page 10 for further information.**

When telephoning our officers please use 01376 551414 and just say their name.





COMING SOON

Clerks' Network

The next meeting of the Clerks' Network is scheduled for **Monday 25th February 2008**. The following are suggestions as to the benefits of having a clerks' network, taken from the minutes of the inaugural meeting.

- Sharing problems and solutions
- Putting faces to names
- Meeting fellow clerks from the district
- Hearing about unusual problems
- Knowing you're not alone!
- Sharing experiences

Perhaps there's a volunteer amongst you who would like to come along and give a short talk on your experiences as a parish or town clerk? Have you any suggestions for topics for the meeting or changes to format?

Please contact Linda Hadley, Parish Liaison Officer.

Rural Community Council of Essex

Going Green Information Events

The Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) will be running the "Best Green Village" competition in 2008. The "Going Green" information events will be covering a range of topics linked to the competition criteria. These information events will highlight sustainability projects and schemes which can be undertaken at a local level and will assist communities with their competition entries. Parish councils and community groups are welcome to attend. The sessions will be delivered by a range of external organisations, RCCE Field Officers and representatives from parishes that are already "Going Green".

It is **not** necessary to attend the introductory session on 19th January in order to attend any of the other events. Delegates can attend either a morning or afternoon session or stay for the whole day. A buffet lunch will be provided at each of the events for all day and half day attendees.

Introduction to Sustainable Communities

Saturday 19th January 2008 -10am-3pm

Care for your Area – Wednesday 6th February 2008 - 9.30am-12.45pm

Energy from Renewable Sources – Wednesday 6th February 2008 - 1.30-4.45pm

Travelling Wisely – Tuesday 26th February 2008 - 9.30am-12.45pm

Saving Energy – Tuesday 26th February 2008 -1.30-4.45pm

Shop Ethically - Thursday 13th March 2008 - 9.30am-12.45pm

Saving Resources/Recycling – Thursday 13th March 2008 1.30-4.45pm

All day fee: £20 per delegate RCCE members - £40 per delegate non-members.

Half day fee: £10 per delegate RCCE members - £20 per delegate non-members.

Discount for early/multiple bookings.

Booking form and more information available on RCCE's website www.essexrcc.org.uk or contact Michelle Gardiner on 0844 4773938.



Walking for Well being

Regular 30 minute walks can:

- Reduce blood pressure and cholesterol
- Aid weight loss
- De-stress and relax
- Improve stamina
- Strengthen bones





Walks are FREE and start from the following locations each week at 10.00 am:

Mondays – Elizabeth Courtauld Surgery, Halstead

Tuesdays – Bramston Sports Centre, Witham

Wednesdays – Coggeshall Memorial Garden

Thursdays – Elizabeth Courtauld Surgery, Halstead

Fridays – Great Notley Surgery

The walks last approximately half an hour and are led by an experienced leader. The walk will give you a chance to relax, unwind and meet new people while getting healthier.

For further information contact:
Leisure Development Officer – Tel:
01376 551414 Ext: 2313. Email:
walking@braintree.gov.uk

Planning Training

Following on from a very successful planning forum on 'enforcement' we will be holding further planning training in April/May 2008 – invitations to follow in the New Year.

Essex Training Partnership – Diary of Events 2008

To find out the dates of courses, such as Councillors' Training Days, Law and Procedures, Employment Issues and Health and Safety, the following link will take you to the relevant page on the Essex Association of Local Council's website:

<http://www.essexinfo.net/essex-association-of-local-councils/diary/>

Alternatively, contact Alison East on 01371 879722

The pricing structure for courses is:

Half day	£30
Whole day	£50

Courses may fall outside these parameters. The EALC assures Councils that costs will be kept to a minimum. However, when using commercial trainers, prices are substantially higher and this may be reflected in the delegate price.

With effect from the 1st April 2008 the course pricing structure will be as follows:

Half day	£32
Whole day	£52

In addition, flyers will be sent out by EALC for the Essex Equals, as courses are arranged along with any other courses should the need arise.

SERVICES

PLANNING

Local Development Framework

- We are currently preparing the Core Strategy which is one of the key documents in the Local Development Framework (LDF) which will eventually replace the Local Plan. This is being prepared alongside a review of the Community Strategy. The Council and its partners will use these two important documents to decide how best to plan for the future development and necessary services in the District up to 2025 and beyond.

- Consultation on the first stage of the Core Strategy - "Issues and Options"- closed on the 31st May and we received over 1200 representations, on all aspects of the future planning of the District. However, as well as those consultation responses, we are being advised by a number of technical studies which will give us much information about





such things as Flood Risk, Employment, the Landscape of the District and Housing Needs. All this information is needed to support the decisions in the plan, so that it can be "Examined" and approved by a government inspector. The plan must have this approval before it can be used by the Council.

- The Council's LDF Panel is using these consultation responses and technical studies to help in developing our "Preferred Options". These will set out in broad terms what the Council thinks will be the best long-term planning strategies for the District. The Core Strategy will not identify sites and the details of exactly where, when and how development will take place "on the ground", will be decided later.

- A major consultation on the "Preferred Options" will take place early next year and we hope that all Parish Councils will wish to be fully involved in this important step. We will let you know the details of this consultation nearer the time. After that consultation the Council will decide if the plan needs any changes. The final version of the Core Strategy will be published towards the end of next year (2008) and will then be "Examined" by an Inspector to make sure it meets the government's national standards which apply to all councils in the country. The Examination is in public and arrangements will be publicized well in advance.

- Later next year, when the content of the Core Strategy is clearer, we will be starting early work on a more detailed plan, called the "Allocations Document". This will eventually show specific sites or areas for housing, employment, shopping, countryside protection etc in detail on maps. We will keep you informed of that process well in advance, but you will have several

opportunities to become involved in those detailed decisions.

Further information on the LDF, including all the documents, can be found on our website (www.braintree.gov.uk) by following the link to Planning from the home page and then to the Local Development Framework.

Paul Munson
Head of Sustainable Development



**A Helping Hand
For
Hedgehogs**

Hedgehog numbers are declining across the country, but appear to be declining faster in East Anglia than elsewhere. Often they rely on our gardens for food and shelter, but it is here that they are most likely to be injured or killed.

The River Colne Countryside Project, working in partnership with Wildlives of Colchester, has been raising awareness of the threats hedgehogs encounter. By taking a few simple steps to change the way we look after our gardens, we can make them safer places:

- ❑ Bonfire and compost heaps are often ideal hiding places, so always check before lighting or turning.
- ❑ If you want to leave food and drink out for them, use cat food (non-fishy) and water, never bread and milk as these are harmful.
- ❑ Hedgehogs are good swimmers. If you have a pond with steep sides, put a plank in to create a slope for them to climb out.
- ❑ Wire, netting and rubbish can snare a hedgehog, so make sure these are not left lying around.





- ❑ Hedgehogs love searching through long grass and undergrowth for food. Always check before strimming or clearing an area.
- ❑ Slug pellets, pesticides and herbicides can all poison hedgehogs. Avoid their use where possible and remember that a good population of hedgehogs will help control pests.
- ❑ Set aside an area that can be left somewhat wilder. Over-tidy gardens are a desert to hedgehogs, with little in the way of food or shelter. You may notice other visitors to your garden that benefit from a wild area, plus it will save you time tidying!



Should you come across an injured hedgehog, or find one wandering about during daylight hours, either contact the RSPCA or Wildlives Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre on 01206 251174.

If you would like more information, please contact the Project Officer, Richard Parmee, on: 07702 918980, or email: ricpa@braintree.gov.uk

Landscape Services

Witham Park

Following the Stakeholder Event on 25th September, we have carried out community consultation on an improvement project for Witham Park, which is owned and managed by Braintree District Council. With the Rural

Community Council of Essex we have run 14 'perception survey' sessions, visited schools, an adult education centre, health centre, youth centre, toddler and nursery groups, elderly groups and generally stood on street corners! We gathered information about peoples' perceptions of the Park which was developed further in a series of workshops on Culture and Heritage, New Uses, Access and Youth. The Youth workshop was run by Marianne and Avive, both aged 16, of [The Yarn](#).



Stakeholder meeting

Suggestions for improvements include toilets, refreshment facility, performance area, play opportunities (not necessarily equipment), park warden, security at night and information about the park's heritage.

We will continue to work with local organisations and groups in developing proposals to restore the historic features of the park and to develop its potential. After Christmas there will be a workshop focusing on 'Play' and opportunities to comment on drawings and draft design plans.

An initial application for approximately half a million pounds will be made at the end of March 2008 to the "Parks for People" scheme, which is jointly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund.

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This is a long-term project for which a great deal of work will be required, not least because the application process is multi-staged and if we are successful, work will not start on site until 2010 at best.

For more information please contact: Jenny Claydon, Project Manager & Landscape Architect, Tel. 01376 551414 x 2565 Email: jencl@braintree.gov.uk

Green Spaces Strategy

Following the completion of the Open Space and Recreation Audit in April, Braintree Council established a Green Spaces Strategy Development Group to prepare a Green Spaces Strategy and to recommend policies and proposals to the Council.

Using the results of the audit and associated household, user and sports clubs surveys, the Group has set and applied standards for the provision and quality of open space in the District. The Strategy will include an Action Plan for addressing any shortfalls in provision and recommend management and maintenance plans for the spaces which are most valued by the public.

The first draft of the Green Spaces Strategy will be considered by the Group in December, following which the Strategy will be recommended to Braintree Council for formal public consultation early next year.

Also in preparation is an Open Spaces Supplementary Planning Document. This will provide guidance on how financial contributions from new housing development will be assessed and used to secure the additional open spaces and quality improvements identified in the Strategy.

Contact: Stuart Kay, Forward Planning
Email: Stuart.Kay@braintree.gov.uk

Open Space Supplementary Planning Document

The Open Space Supplementary Planning Document will set out guidance on the application of standards for open space provision in new housing developments, including financial contributions which will be sought from developers.

The document will explain how contributions will be assessed and used to secure the additional open spaces and quality improvements identified in the Green Spaces Strategy. The evidence base for this document will be drawn primarily from the Open Space and Recreation Audit and associated household, user and sports clubs surveys.

This document was included in the Local Development Scheme First Review and was due to have been published in July this year. Unfortunately preparation of the Draft document was delayed pending progress of the Open Space Audit and Green Spaces Strategy. Work has now commenced and it is anticipated that it will be published for public consultation early next year.

FINANCE - Local Precepts and Parish Support Grant

We would like to say a big thank you to all Parish and Town Councils for returning their PSG3 (Pink) Form. This information will be used to determine future levels of grant and returning the form is a requirement of the scheme. The PSG3 Form is also now available electronically - it is quicker and easier to complete than the paper version and the automatic checks help to ensure figures are entered correctly.

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If you have yet to return the 2007/08 Form and would like to receive an electronic version please contact Victoria Farquharson at vicfa@braintree.gov.uk.

All Parish and Town Councils should now have received a letter providing details relating to local Precepts and PSG for 2008/09. This includes notification of PSG entitlement for 2008/09 and a Precept form for submitting your Parish/Town Council Precept for the 2008/09 financial year. **Please ensure that PSG is taken into account when calculating Precept and that certified forms are returned by 17th January 2008.**

The Precept requested will be converted by BDC to an inclusive Band D rate for each Parish/Town area. This information illustrates the impact upon taxpayers and will be communicated back to the Parishes from early January, as Precept forms are received. This information needs to be checked by the Parish/Town councils and any issues need to be addressed immediately. **PSG and the 1st Precept instalment will be paid on 25th April 2008.**

Please state clearly on the Precept form the method by which you wish to be paid. If you have previously received your money by cheque you may wish to consider BACS which is a secure and reliable method of receiving "cleared" monies directly into your bank account.

If you have not previously advised us and would like to receive your payments via BACS please state this clearly on your form or email Julie Maxfield, Payments Officer, at julie.maxfield@braintree.gov.uk (Tel: 01376 551414) with your bank account details and an email address or fax number for receiving remittance advice.

COUNCIL AND DEMOCRACY

Local Committees

Braintree DC has recently introduced Local Committees, based on the areas surrounding our three main towns of Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

We will be using these Committees for ongoing dialogue with local partners, stakeholders and residents on the major issues facing their communities. Each Committee meeting will have an open Question and Answer session where Cabinet Members and Senior Officers will be there to answer your questions, hear your experiences and listen to your views. We will publish and publicize a programme of topics in advance so you will know what is going to be debated and when.

Each local committee is responsible for all functions arising solely within its local area and is granted full delegated powers and responsibilities to deal with these items within the Council's budget and policy framework. The local committees are made up of Councillors from each particular area and meetings are held in public. Within our overall District priorities, Local Committees will ensure that local issues are identified, discussed and resolved.

Braintree Local Committee – meeting dates - 17th January and 20th February 2008 Contact Kitty Barrett - Locality Co-ordinator [Braintree Area] 01376 557746 Mobile 07800 652340 - Email: Kitty.Barrett@braintree.gov.uk

Halstead Local Committee – meeting dates – 15th January and 11th March 2008 – Contact Linda Morgan – Locality Co-ordinator (Halstead Area) 01376 551414 – Email: Linda.Morgan@braintree.gov.uk





Witham Local Committee – meeting dates – 10th January and 26th February 2008 –

Contact David Triggs – Locality Co-ordinator (Witham Area) 01376 551414 - Email:

David.Triggs@braintree.gov.uk

LEISURE AND CULTURE

Arts Development

Through the Arts Development programme of events the residents of Harold Sims Sheltered Housing Unit, Earls Colne, have fortnightly art classes to help them maintain mental and physical capabilities as well as ensuring regular social contact. They also have fun and gain a real sense of worth and achievement! In the classes the residents have been using their memories to create wonderful artwork.

On Wednesday 12th December at 1pm, children from Earls Colne Primary school will visit the Unit to hear about life when the residents were young. This will be followed at 2.30 pm by tea, cakes and a chance for members of the public to view the exhibition of the work. Those who have been to previous exhibitions have been amazed by the quality of the work and the benefit of the classes to the residents.

Contact: Tel: 01376 340803

Email: artsdevelopment@braintree.gov.uk

ENVIRONMENT

Community Wardens

Dave Wade, the Community Warden for the Bumpstead, Upper Colne, Yeldham and Stour Valley North Wards is no longer in post and his responsibilities have now passed to Trevor Lawrence, who also continues in the Community Warden Co-ordinator's role.

In the rest of the district, the following Community Wardens continue to cover as indicated:

- Dave Walls - Hedingham and Maplestead and Stour Valley South.
- Paul Richards - Three Fields, Panfield, Rayne and Great Notley Wards.
- Sarah Brady - Gosfield, Greenstead Green and the Three Colnes Ward.
- Richard Winter – Halstead.
- Tony Lynch - Black Notley, Terling and Hatfield Peverel Wards.
- Jackie Windard - Cressing, Stisted, Bradwell, Silver End, Rivenhall, Coggeshall, North Feering and Kelvedon Wards.
- Tom Church - Braintree and Bocking.
- Les Davies - Witham.

Environmental Protection - Fly-tipping – The blight on the District

With the evenings drawing in, fly tipping is becoming more of a problem with waste being dumped in the back lanes of the district. Fly-tipping is not only anti-social and a blight on the district but it cost the Braintree District tax payer £130,911 to clear up the 2,438 fly-tips reported to the Council in 2006 to 2007. This figure does not include the costs incurred by private landowners in the district.

The penalties for those convicted for fly tipping are severe with fines up to £50,000 and/or 2 years in prison on conviction at a Magistrates Court. The Council can also recover the costs involved in taking the prosecution and can also apply for a court order to cover the costs of removing the waste. Those involved could also have their vehicle seized and the court can disqualify them from driving.

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In order to assist the public in disposing of their waste correctly Essex County Council provides a number of facilities for the disposal of waste and these are located at Perry Road, Witham and Braintree Road, Shalford and details of these can be found by calling Tel No: 01245 437256. Braintree District Council also provides a special collection service for large bulky items, which can be contacted by calling Tel No: 01376 552525.

If a householder gives their waste to someone who is not a registered waste carrier with the Environment Agency, they can also be prosecuted and the fine can be up to £5,000, as in a number of these cases the waste is then fly-tipped. If someone calls at your property asking if you want any rubbish removed you should ask the following questions.

1. **Are they a registered waste carrier? You can check this by contacting the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 or by visiting www.environment-agency.gov.uk**
2. **Where are they going to take the rubbish to?**
3. **Ask them for a Waste Transfer Note, which should include their details and a description of the waste they are removing.**

In combating this crime, the Council relies on the assistance of the public and if you witness a fly-tip, you should record as many details as possible and call the Council on 01376 552525 to report it and the Council will endeavour to take action against those responsible.

Garry Philp
Environmental Protection

Dog Warden Service - Update

Andrew Potter, who covers the south of the A120 and Stuart Thompson who covers the north of the A120, operate the District Council's Dog Warden Service.

Most of their work is concerned with investigating complaints about dog barking and dog fouling in public places, erecting dog-fouling warning signs, dog-waste bins and dealing with stray dogs.



All dog and cat boarding establishments in the district are also inspected and licensed.

The dog wardens will attend dog shows, parish/town and school fetes and give talks to dog clubs, parish councils and other organisations, as well as carrying out dog micro chipping at a cost of £15 per dog.

If your parish council has an outlet available (i.e a parish office), the dog wardens will supply a limited number of 'dog poo' bags, free of charge for public use. Please contact the dog wardens to arrange.

They can be contacted weekdays on Tel: 01376 551414 - ask for them by name or key in Ext: 2217 or a message can be left, which will be responded to as soon as possible. Email: andpo@braintree.gov.uk, or stuth@braintree.gov.uk.

If your council would like the dog wardens to attend your village fete or any other event or would like them to visit your parish to carry out dog micro-chipping, please call to discuss your requirements.





External Funding and Voluntary Sector Development

Rural Communities Development Fund

4 Play areas, 2 Parish Notice-boards, 1 Broadband Aerial, 1 Village Green, 1 Tractor and Trailer, 1 Lawnmower, 1 Clock Tower, 1 Village Hall and 1 Pavilion are the latest projects that will be able to get underway thanks to grants from the Rural Communities Development Fund.

The Panel met in November and distributed a further £32,000 in grants to the Parishes of Ashen, Belchamp Walter, Coggeshall, Feering, Gestingthorpe, Foxearth & Liston, Gosfield, Great Bardfield, Great Yeldham, Henny's Middleton & Twinstead, Pebmarsh.

Panel Chair Nigel McCrea said "It's good to see such a variety of projects being helped by the Rural Communities Development Fund and also to see some of our smaller rural parishes submitting successful applications".

There is more good news to come as the Fund has a further £28,800 to distribute, with a deadline of 29th February 2008 for receipt of applications. You can apply for more than one grant from this Fund providing the total applied for does not exceed £5,000 and you must be able to complete your project by 31st August 2008 latest.

Contact Angela Verghese:
angve@braintree.gov.uk or 01376 551414
Ext: 2329 for guidelines and an application form.

Village Design Statements

Congratulations to Earls Colne and Rayne whose Village Design Statements (VDS) were approved by Braintree District Council

in October. These documents will now be used as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications in the two parishes. There are now four completed [VDS in Braintree District](#), Great Bardfield and Rivenhall being the other two, with a number of other parishes in progress.

Middleton, Castle Hedingham and Sible Hedingham are drafting their documents, Terling & Fairstead is distributing its household questionnaire, whilst Hatfield Peverel and Bulmer are at early stages. For information about Village Design Statements (and [community planning](#) in general) contact Jan Cole, RCCE, Tel: 0844 4773938.

TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Halstead Fun Run

On a fine Sunday morning in October, the Halstead Fun Run set off amidst cheering crowds from the King's Road Park. The spectators were able to listen to music, enjoy the refreshments and view the stands in the park.



(Photograph courtesy of Halstead Road Runners)

There were various race categories to cover a range of abilities and ages with many participants, including strong support from St Andrews Primary School. Cllr Helen Catley, Halstead Town Council's Mayor, was there to cheer them on and present prizes to the winners.

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The return of the Halstead Fun Run on 7th October was made possible by a strong organizing team of Halstead Town Council, Braintree District Council, Halstead Road Runners, Janet Cook and others. Invaluable support was given by local businesses and organizations and the police team.

Earls Colne

Well done to all those involved in the completion of a 25 metre community mural painted across 12 garage walls, next to the playground in De Vere Road, Earls Colne. During school half term week, 93 volunteer children painted their original designs with background design by Sharon Diggins, all coated with a spray of anti-graffiti glaze.

This was all achieved with partnership working between Earls Colne Parish Council, Earls Colne Baptist Church, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Braintree District Council's Housing Department, Landscape Services, Maintenance and Community Warden.



The partners are now arranging a 'thank you party' with a Christmas twist which will be held on Saturday 15th December for the children.



Rivenhall - Albert Moss Recreation Ground

An old piece of play equipment at the Albert Moss Recreation Ground, Rivenhall, has now been replaced by the BDC Landscapes Team with a new multi-play item which incorporates a slide and climbing section.



This recreation ground is well used by many local primary school children on their way to and from school.

VOLUNTEER TRUSTEES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizen's Advice Bureau is urgently looking for volunteer Trustees to join its governing body. As a Trustee you will need to attend Trustee Board meetings once a month for about 2 hours and you could also join one of their specialist sub-committees that meet once every 6 weeks.

They welcome volunteers from all sections of the community and are particularly interested in volunteers with experience in fundraising, finance or marketing. The Citizens Advice Bureau serves the whole of Braintree District and offers a free, confidential advice service to all residents.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Trustee, or know someone who is, please contact Paul Hart or Betty Anderton on 01376 515 235 for more information.





CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING INFORMATION AND DATES

CHRISTMAS REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

12TH NIGHT
Remember to recycle your real Christmas Tree

SUNDAY
6th January
2008

Bring your tree to any of the locations listed below:

- Freshfields Doctors Surgery, Finchingfield
10.30am - 10.50am
- Recreation Road, Sible Hedingham
11.30am - 12.00 noon
- Village Hall, The Green, Wickham St Paul
12.30pm - 12.45pm
- Village Hall, Pebmarsh
1.00pm - 1.30pm
- Stoneham Street Car Park, Coggeshall
2.00pm - 2.30pm
- Butler Road Car Park, Halstead
11.00am - 3.00pm
- Wyevale Garden Centre, Braintree
10.00am - 3.30pm
- Bay Tree Garden Centre, A120, Coggeshall Road, Stisted
10.00am - 3.00pm

If you would like to close the recycling loop and plant a Swedish Spruce, we are giving away a **FREE SAPLING** on the day. whilst stocks last

If you live in a wheeled bin area, place your tree inside your green bin on a normal recycling day. Please ensure it is cut into small pieces so it fits within your bin.
Tel: 01376 552525

Refuse & Recycling Collections Christmas & New Year

There will be no refuse or recycling collections between 24th December and 30th December, and also on the 1st January due to limited availability of landfill sites and the public holidays

For properties in WHEELED BIN areas, please refer to your collection calendar that shows the revised dates for refuse and recycling collections over the holiday period.

For properties on BLACK SACK collections, please put your refuse out for collection on the revised dates shown below:

Note that Monday 31st December is a normal collection day

Normal Collection Due	Revised Collection Day
Tuesday 1st January	Wednesday 2nd January
Wednesday 2nd January	Thursday 3rd January
Thursday 3rd January	Friday 4th January
Friday 4th January	Saturday 5th January

For recycling collections, please refer to your recycling calendar

Recycling Banks
Over the holiday period our recycling banks do get full and can look unsightly if recyclables are dumped around the bins. Please help by holding on to your glass bottles until after the holiday period and use your kerbside collection for all other recyclable materials.

For more information, call our Customer Service Centre on: 01376 55 25 25 or email csc@braintree.gov.uk



Note: The information contained in this newsletter is published in good faith from a variety of sources and may be subject to change.

Please remember to let us know here at BDC of any change to your parish council's contact details – Tel: Linda Hadley on 01376 551414 or Email: Linda.Hadley@braintree.gov.uk

If you would like to share good news about a project your parish council is involved in please contact Linda Hadley, Parish Liaison Officer, on Tel: 01376 551414, or Email: Linda.Hadley@braintree.gov.uk. The next edition of this newsletter will be published in March 2008 and if you wish to include an item, contact Linda by the 1st February 2008.

