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Parish Council Update – January 2024

Town & Parish Council Newsletter - *New for 2024!*

Democratic Services will be sending out a new Quarterly Town & Parish Council Newsletter in the New Year on behalf of HDC.

The first edition of the newsletter is scheduled to be sent out on 8th January, and Members will be copied in so that they are aware of what information Town & Parish Councils have been sent.

Garden Waste Subscription Service

HDC's Early Bird discount for the new Garden Waste Subscription Service is now available. Residents can sign up by 31 January 2024 and take advantage of an Early Bird offer which makes the cost of the first bin £50. The annual charge for the first green bin will be £57.50, but if residents sign up by Wednesday 31 January 2024, then they can take advantage of an Early Bird offer which makes the cost of the first bin £50.

If residents choose to pay for the service by Direct Debit, the reduced price will continue for a minimum of three years, which means the cost will be £50 a year for three years. Additional bins will continue to cost £30 each.

Those who subscribe to the fortnightly service will receive a sticker to put on their bin and collection crews will have devices to check the collection service has been paid for. Only bins displaying the sticker will be emptied.

Huntingdonshire Local List Consultation

The local validation list sets out the information which is to be required in support of planning applications.

The consultation period is open until 21 January and is an opportunity to get involved and shape the information that HDC put out. It is an opportunity to help shape future planning applications. It's important we hear from as many people as possible.