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## Recycling service exceeds expectations

Bassetlaw residents helped to recycle more than 2,000 tonnes of garden waste in just nine months thanks to Bassetlaw District Council's new Garden Waste Collection Service.

During 2017 almost 6,500 Bassetlaw residents subscribed to the seasonal collection service, which ran between March and November, and generated 2,177 tonnes of garden waste.

This is the equivalent to the weight of four fully loaded Airbus A380s, 10 Angel of the North statues, 35 British Army Challenger 2 Tanks or 311 adult elephants.

Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Cllr Julie Leigh said: "The first year of the Garden Waste Service has exceeded our expectations and we are thrilled at the level of support that Bassetlaw residents have given us."

This new service prevented a large proportion of waste being sent for incineration as part of the domestic waste collection and is also likely to have improved the Council's recycling rate by approx. 4%.

“Improving the amount of waste that is recycled in the district is a high priority for the Council and this service is just one of the ways that we are trying to reduce the amount of waste that is sent for incineration,” added Cllr Leigh. “We hope to have an even greater take up for this year’s seasonal service and would like to thank the people who have supported the service so far.”

The 2018 season service will resume at the beginning of March and the number of residents re-subscribing is already approaching the 4,000 mark. If you would like to sign up for the 2018 seasonal collections, which run between March and November and remains at just £30 per season, please visit the Council’s website. Alternatively, call 01909 533 533, say Environment Services and press 1 for Garden Waste Collection.

The £30 fee includes an additional 240 litre wheelie bin (for new subscribers), in which you’ll be able to place grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and twigs, dead plants, weeds and cut flowers.

While it is possible to sign up for the scheme at any time of the year, in order to guarantee a full season of collections please sign up or re-subscribe before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.