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Magazine of Walpole Parish Council



Walpole St Andrew, Walpole St Peter and
Walpole Marsh

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<https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/>

We are looking to set up a history page and if anyone has any old pictures of the Walpoles or stories, please send them to the clerk on parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk

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Trunk roads (A48) are managed by
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Traffic Analysis Report **West Drove North Incoming**



From 28th January 2026 to 25th
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Average speed 36.5mph

Maximum speed = 80mph on
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Reporting Highways Issues

[https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39652/
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Potholes, Damage to Highways, Trees & Hedges,
Grass, Weeds, Verges etc. The more residents
who report the issues the quicker the response
will be.

The Parish Council report as soon as an issue is
found.

With more HGV's using our roads, we need to
be alert.

Battery Storage & Pylons

The Parish Council continue to monitor the National Grid proposals and are looking to arrange a visit with James Wild MP to discuss the impact on our villages, infrastructure, home with pylons and battery storage.



Dog Bins



We have recently installed another dog bin by Dunces Lane which is already being used on a regular basis.

We have also purchased two new defibrillators for the Community Centre and the Parish Hall via the Solar Farm Fund.



The Parish Council meet on the first Thursday of the month except for August and full details of meetings, councillor details, speed reports etc can be found on the website at

<http://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/>

We work closely with our Borough and County Councillors.

We also check the playground and adult equipment by the Community Centre on a weekly basis to ensure all is safe.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend but if you have a question and are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk who will raise your concerns 07368 861696 or parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Julian Kirk

Cllr Julian Kirk. Reform UK

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Ward.*

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Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well. Compiling this report on the 2nd of March to meet magazine print deadlines.

To recap what I have been up to during February, I have attended all the parish council meetings I was scheduled to. I have had a Leader's meeting in County Hall, Norwich via Microsoft Teams. I have attended Leaders and CEO meetings in the King's Court, King's Lynn and via Microsoft Teams.

As always, my diary has been full, not only visiting Parish Council meetings but also meetings in King's Lynn and Norwich. Off all the meetings, staying connected with constituents via the Parish Councils is my number one priority. Occasionally Parish Council Meetings clash on the same evening, it is then a case of splitting my time between two, on the rare occasion three meetings on the same night.

The new Bus Stop shelter on the B198 in Walton Highway was hit (I was told) by a runaway trailer. I helped fund this with my Norfolk County Council Members grant. Thank goodness no one was hurt, hopefully a new shelter will soon be back in place once the insurances have been sorted.

In February the Government decided our County Council Elections can take place, their decision came just before the High Court was going to make a ruling on the matter following Reform UK High Court Action, one has to ask would the Government have changed their mind if no court hearing was taking place? The elections are due to take place on the 7th of May. I will continue to work for my constituents as usual up to election day, and if re-elected it will continue as normal.

The Borough Council is not affected by the county elections.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/70197/Norfolk-Community-Fund> is a new grant available to local constituents. Please visit the link, it would be an honour to help you and your projects.

My https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor_community_grant_scheme is now available, please apply using this link.

My offer of help collecting shopping and prescriptions for constituents who are housebound continues, please contact me if you require help.

I have received phone calls and emails from constituents with concerns on many subjects, these have been dealt with in a timely manner and the outcome shared with the constituent concerned.

Kind regards,

Julian.

Meetings I am due to attend during April: Subject to Change

00/00 Walsoken Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walsokenpc.info/>

02/04 Walpole Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walpolepc.info>

09/04 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting

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14/04 West Walton Parish Council Meeting

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00/00 Walpole Highway Parish Council Meeting

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15/04 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting

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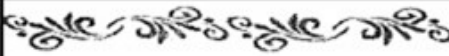
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Budget 2026/27

The Borough Council have agreed the budget for 2026/27, which sets out spending plans for the coming year.

The Borough's part of the council tax bill will be £157.44 for an average Band D property, an increase of 2.99%. Despite the significant financial challenges that the council faces, it continues to remain one of the lowest in the country.

The council identified £2.78m of savings and efficiencies for 2026/27 alongside continued work to control costs, generate income and deliver services more efficiently.

Council Tax Support will continue at 100% to protect the most vulnerable residents, and the council will create a new, £500,000 community fund as well as maintaining its existing grants programmes for local organisations. The council tax premium charged on second homes will continue to be invested in supporting people who are at risk of being made homeless and in helping the council to deliver more affordable homes for local people.

The council has made provision to ensure it can continue to support major capital projects, such as its ambitious housing programme – which includes a significant number of properties for affordable rent – and regenerating heritage assets. As part of its medium-term approach, the council will also make planned and controlled use of reserves. This means that general reserves will reduce but they are forecast to remain above the level required.

The Norfolk County Council the pre-election period is coming The Norfolk County Council election is scheduled for Thursday 7 May and the official pre-election period, formerly known as ‘purdah’, starts on Friday 27 March and runs through to include election day. This is an all-out election, covering all 84 County Council divisions in Norfolk.

As this is a period of heightened political sensitivity, officers must take extra care during this time to reduce the risk of any council resources, especially communications and engagement activities, being misperceived or misconstrued as helping a particular political party, election campaign or candidate.

It is important that I know your concerns, thoughts, and ideas on how I can help our Ward to continue to be a special place to live. I appreciate all the local support and if you think I can help do not hesitate to contact me.

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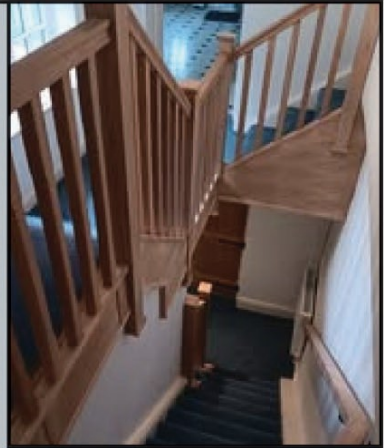
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- 160g/5¾oz sugar-coated mini chocolate eggs
- 200g/7oz digestives or rich tea biscuits, broken into pieces
- 75g/2¾oz mini marshmallows
- 50g/1¾oz hazelnuts, roughly chopped
- 75g/2¾oz raisins

Method

1. Line a 20x30cm/8x12in baking tin with baking paper.
2. Place the dark and milk chocolate pieces in a large heatproof bowl and add the golden syrup and butter. Set the bowl over a pan of barely simmering water but do not allow the bottom of the bowl to touch the water. Stir from time to time until the butter and chocolate are melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for 5 minutes – if this is too hot the marshmallows will melt.
3. Cut the chocolate mini eggs in half (leaving a few whole) and set aside one third of the eggs, including the whole ones for decorating. Gently fold in the chocolate eggs, biscuits, marshmallows, nuts and raisins into the chocolate mixture and mix to combine. Spoon into the prepared tin and spread level using the back of the spoon. Scatter with the reserved whole and halved mini eggs.
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Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

The Parish Hall continues to be very busy. Our next events are a bingo on 26th March and a village archive and hall promotion event on 18th April (date TBC). As usual, sausage/bacon buns and tea and coffee will be available at the archive event – Free entry.

During January, we had a Craft De-stash event. Thanks to all who helped organise and to those who came and supported us and made it such a success. Everyone really enjoyed this buying and selling opportunity, so, by popular demand, we will be organising another De-stash in June! Keep an eye on the Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Facebook page, the notice board, and social media for further details of this and other events.

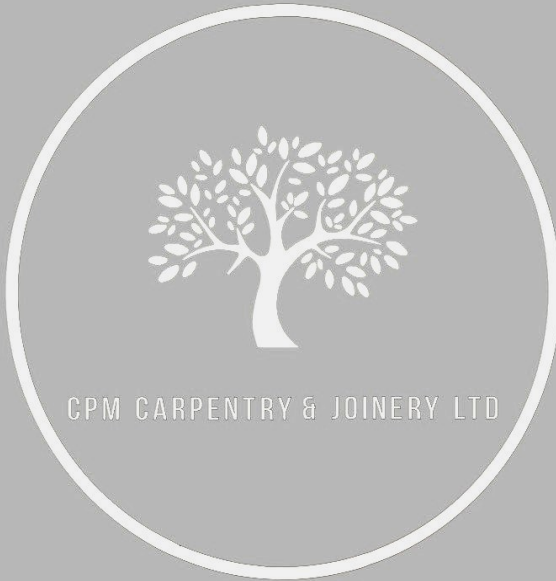
One of our aims for the new hall was to fundraise for a defibrillator. We are pleased to say that with funding from the Parish Council Community fund we have been able to achieve our aim sooner than we had hoped. Obviously, great news to have a second registered unit in the community. Thanks go to the Parish Council for the funding and Janet Luck for her ongoing help with setting up.

The hall is now home for many regular clubs. We have a gardening club if you have green fingers or just want to learn more, Good Companions, craft groups, art class, Yoga, the full scouting groups for the youngsters, quilting, scrapbooking etc. The church also put on quizzes and Jo's Little Learners meet regularly (see Jo's notices for further information).

As always, please let us know if there are other things you would be interested in and we will see what we can do. We are currently receiving quite a few bookings for christening parties (ideal as we are opposite the church), children's parties (sorry no bouncy castles) and many other events. If you are interested in booking or would like to see the venue, contact Jane Brooks for availability – 07900 638806 or jane_brooks@hotmail.co.uk

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Walpole Gardeners Club


The Club opened it's 2026 Programme in February with Nick Swann Woodturner returning to give us another great demonstration of his skills. Nick is on our Gardeners Club Committee and we would be lost without him, a great multi tasker!

Firstly Nick made a bud vase, perfect for displaying a rose for Valentine's Day (or any day really) from a piece of Sapele Mahogany and then followed this with a delightful Apple made from Ash. Despite Nick being a regular to the club we all really enjoy his demo's and talks. It is just fascinating to see a piece of wood turned into shape, buffed and polished into beautiful items. The smell of the Briwax is almost hypnotic! Thank you Nick, once again for bringing your equipment to the Hall and talking us through the creative process.

The Walpole Gardeners Club meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall, Church Road, Walpole St. Peter. Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome. Please contact our Chairlady Gillian Gosling on 01945 780409 if you would like more information, email us on Walpolegardenersclub@gmail.com or just come along. We charge £3 for visitors and £15 annual membership. We have a raffle and refreshments every month!

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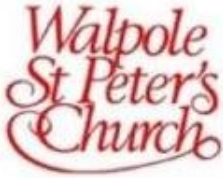
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Through the Church Window – April/May 2026

Among popular Easter symbols, the lamb is by far the most significant, with the Easter Lamb representing Jesus.

The oldest prayer for the blessing of lambs dates from the seventh century, and two hundred years later the Roman Catholic Church adopted it. Thereafter the main feature of the Pope's Easter dinner for many centuries was roast lamb. After the tenth century, in place of the whole lamb, smaller pieces of meat were used.

The ancient tradition of the Easter Lamb also inspired Christians to eat lamb at Easter, and in this country it is often eaten at the main meal on Easter Sunday. In eastern Europe, little figures of a lamb made of pastry and sugar are often substituted for the meat and used as table centre pieces.

In past centuries it was considered a lucky omen to meet a lamb, especially at Easter time. It was a popular superstition that the devil could take the form of all other animals but was never allowed to appear in the shape of a lamb because of its association with Jesus.

Whatever you decide to eat on Easter Day, I hope you enjoy it and may the blessings of Easter fill your heart with hope and happiness.

Rev. Barbara

Church Opening

The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 10am – 4pm. If there is a service taking place, we would ask you to wait until the service is over before entering.

Everyone is welcome to visit and come to services and events in our lovely church

A Wednesday service is held every week at 10am - except January and February and in the week after Christmas and Easter.

Dates for your Diary – 2026

Saturday 9th May – Quiz Night

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm – Quiz will start at 7:30pm

A full list of our 2026 events is on our Facebook page and website. There are also posters inside and outside the church. Full details of each event will be published nearer each date.

Website & Facebook

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Projects completed or underway

- Electrical system upgraded
- Bell Tower cleaned of pigeon guano and new steel hatch installed
- Gutters cleaned
- New LED lighting in the chancel installed
- Carpets replaced
- Organ repairs underway

All of this work was funded by either grants, donations or a contribution from the diocese Net Zero project.

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
5th (Easter)	3rd
12th	10th
19th	17th
26th	24th
	31st (10am joint service)

EASTER WORD SEARCH

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At the end of last year the Good Companions Club organised a shopping trip to Rushden lakes where a great time was had by all with lots of shopping, lunching, coffee (and the obligatory glass or two of something alcoholic for some).



A fun afternoon was had by everyone at the recent keep fit session with Jake. Sounds easy but was a good strenuous workout where people were put through their paces with varying results. Many laughs along the way helped and co-ordination skills challenged.



2026 Future events

9th April 2026	Dickens event
4th June 2026	Ukelele Group
11th June 2026	Trip to Hunstanton

Anthony Curton

C Of E Primary School Academy



The February Half Term flew by and all the children and staff are back in school busy working towards this term's goals. It's lovely to see the sun starting to shine again...a definite sign that Spring is on the way! The children in both schools are enjoying the brighter days and are learning well in the classrooms.

At the time of writing this, we have children from Anthony Curton who are taking part in a Quicksticks hockey tournament at Lynnsport, they will be learning lots of new hockey skills against an array of opponents. We will be having lots more sporting activities coming up over the next few months especially as the weather starts to improve. We also have some Netball, Cluster Sports and Tag Rugby events, our sister school Tilney All Saints will also be involved in these.

We are pleased to announce we have a new after school club at our Tilney school! We are currently offering childcare from 3.15pm – 4.30pm every day, but this will be extended once we get into the new wraparound care space in the new academic year. Once we are in the new building, we will also be able to offer breakfast club like we do at Anthony Curton.

We had a very successful after school club disco at Anthony Curton last month, tickets sold out very quickly and the children all had a great time! This will now be a regular event at the end of each term and lots of tickets for the next disco have already been sold.

Our Reception and Year 1 Children have visited Sacrewell Farm, near Peterborough, this term, which was connected with their learning in the classroom. The children were able to feed the animals, enjoy a tractor ride and learn all about a working farm. Luckily the weather was fine, sunny and dry all day for them. Trips are now being organised for the other year groups for next term.

We have World Book Day taking Place on 5th March. Children have been asked to dress up as their favourite superhero/heroic or book character. We find that children, parents and staff really do make an excellent effort on the day and it's lovely to see the children so happy, talk about their favourite book and why they chose their outfit!

Year 6 have been busy recently practising for their SATs tests. Practising tests gives the children an idea of what to expect and the practice helps them prepare for the real thing which they will sit in May.

Our Class Learning Workshops will be taking place this term, parents are invited to come and view their children's books and learn all about this term's leaning topics.

ACFA are busying organising their after school Easter event. They also recently held a "love yourself and wear what you feel comfortable in" non uniform day to raise money for future events.

Our Easter Church Service will also take place at the church on Friday 27th March at 1:30pm, as always everyone is welcome to attend.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you are able to spend time with family and friends.

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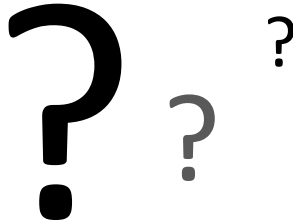
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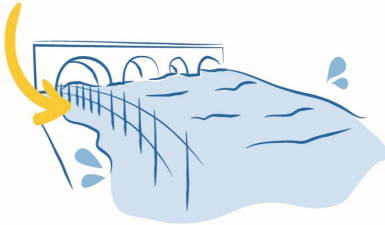
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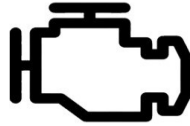
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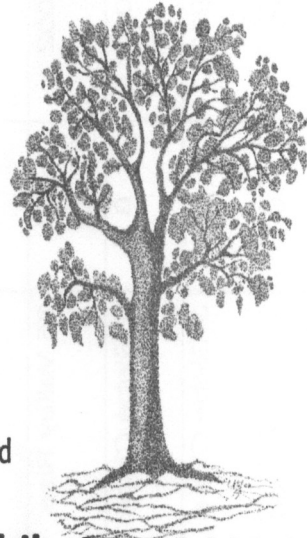
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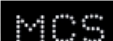
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2nd Monday of the month - Baytree Garden Centre Hilgay near Downham Market 11- 2.30 we will be in the restaurant. Why not pop in to see us and enjoy a coffee or a meal.

3rd Wednesday of March & May in Red Lion Pub North Brink Wisbech 6.30 - 8.30pm These are held every other month. You will find us in the restaurant of the Pub. No need to book just drop in to any of those sessions.

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except DECEMBER & AUGUST. **On 26th March** will be a special meeting to celebrate the **25th Anniversary** of the formation of our FHS, with a chat about how it originated from our founder Bridget HUNTER and others sharing their stories. Our April meeting we welcome back a favourite speaker **Alan JOHNSON**.

Please note that from April our monthly meetings will no longer be in the Wisbech Library. We will be at Wisbech St Mary Sports Club off Station Road on 4th Thursday from 7 - 9 pm

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Meet our ponies

- Learn about their personalities and daily routines
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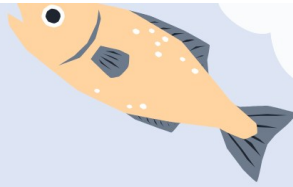
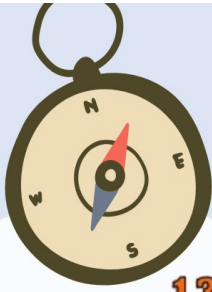
If you're part of a local organisation and would like to arrange a group visit, we'd love to hear from you. Full details can be found on our website. We're also pleased to share that one of our dedicated volunteers, Caroline, is available to give talks to local groups. Caroline shares the history of RDA and The Magpie Centre, the difference our work makes in the community, and how people can get involved. If your club, society or parish group is looking for an engaging and informative speaker, please do get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces to Tea with a Pony this season, it's a simple pleasure that brings smiles, sparks memories, and strengthens community connections.

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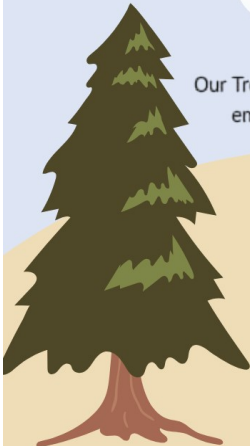
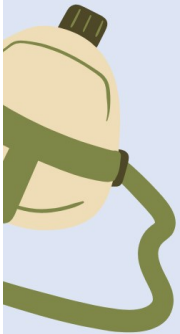
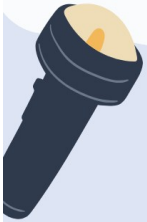
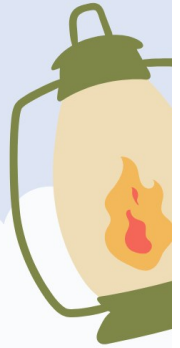
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2	Walsoken	10:00	10:15	Letchworth House (Burrettgate)	PE14 7BL
4	Walsoken	10:20	10:35	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole Highway	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole Highway	11:10	11:25	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton Highway	11:35	11:50	St.Pauls Road North	PE14 7DN
12	Walton Highway	11:55	12:15	The Highwayman Public House	PE14 7DE
16	West Wal- ton	12:20	12:35	St Marys Rd Layby	PE14 7EH
18	Walpole Marsh	13:50	14:05	Wheatsheaf	PE14 7JG
20	Walpole Marsh	14:10	14:25	French's Road - Council Houses	PE14 7JF
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Springfield Rd, Walpole St Andrew	07:22	09:12	12:57
Post Box, Hay Green	07:29	09:19	13:04
Glebe Est, Tilney All Saints	07:34	09:24	13:09
Elm House, Clenchwarton	07:38	09:28	13:13
School, Clenchwarton	07:41	09:31	13:16
Clenchwarton Rd, West Lynn	07:44	09:34	13:19
Hillen Road, South Lynn	07:47	09:37	13:22
Transport Interchange, Kings Lynn	07:58	09:48	13:31

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Transport Interchange, Kings Lynn	12:15	14:10	17:10
Jolly Farmers, South Lynn	12:24	14:19	17:19
Industrial Estate, West Lynn	12:28	14:23	17:23
School, Clenchwarton	13:31	14:26	17:26
Post Box, Clenchwarton opp	12:34	14:30	17:30
Glebe Est, Tilney All Saints	12:39	14:34	17:34
Post Box, Hay Green opp	12:44	14:38	17:38
Station Rd, Walpole Cross Keys	12:46	---	---
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Useful Contact Numbers

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Refuse bin	Recycling bin	Garden Waste bin
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