

Waste & Recycling Calendars

I have some paper copies of the Waste & Recycling calendars which can be displayed on the Council's noticeboards and given out to members of the public who do not have internet access. I will also arrange to deliver some to Meldon Village Hall.

UK Emergency Alert Service launched – test taking place on 23 April

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding.

The Emergency Alerts system will allow the government to get urgent messages quickly to nearly 90 percent of mobile phones in a defined area. A UK-wide alerts test will take place in the early evening of 23 April, which will see people receive a test message on their mobile phones.

Your mobile phone or tablet may:

- Make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent.
- Vibrate
- Read out the alert.

The sound and vibration will last for about ten seconds. It is important to note:

- Alerts will only ever come from the government or emergency services, and they will issue a warning, the details of the area impacted, and instructions about how best to respond.
- Emergency Alerts will be used very rarely – only being sent where there is an immediate risk to people's lives – so people may not receive an alert for months, or even years.
- Initial use will focus on the most serious severe weather-related incidents, including severe flooding in England.
- Alerts are secure, free to receive, and one-way. They do not reveal anyone's location or collect personal data.
- If you don't have a mobile phone and in the event of an emergency, you will be informed via other channels such as TV and radio.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk/alerts

Elections

For those who don't have photo ID, the deadline to apply for a free Voter ID Certificate is 25th April. Application is through the gov.uk website. Postal voters do not need voter ID and the deadline for applying is 5pm on Tuesday 18th April through the Electoral Commission website. Links to both can be found on the West Devon website under "elections".

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