



Caroline Hansen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 October 2019 12:28
To: Caroline Hansen
Subject: Re: Unsightly wheelie-bins in the Cuckfield Conservation Area

Dear Caroline

Thank you.

I've seen and read the article. It will be interesting to see whether this has had any effect when I do the next count.

I will attend the meeting on 21st November if I may.

Kind regards

On 24 Oct 2019, at 07:58, Caroline Hansen <Caroline.Hansen@Cuckfield.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for visiting the office to discuss the issue of unsightly wheelie bins. You will note that CPC did place an article in the latest copy of Cuckfield Life.

This matter and your email will be raised for discussion at the Assets, Community and Environment Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 21 November 2019.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2019 12:38
To: Caroline.Mansen@cuckfield.gov.uk; Sam Heynes <Sam.Heynes@Cuckfield.gov.uk>
Subject: Unsightly wheelie-bins in the Cuckfield Conservation Area

On 12 Oct 2019, at 15:41, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Caroline

Thank you for giving me time to discuss our wheelie-bin issue last week.



As mentioned we have an active residents association 'The Holy Trinity Residents Association' which meets every six months under the able chairmanship of David Sparks. The footprint of this association approximates that of the Cuckfield Conservation Area. At our last meeting on 14 March 2019 the issue of unsightly wheelie-bins parked in the Conservation Area was discussed and I took an action item to explore solutions together with Colette Collins. Our next meeting is on the 24th of October.

Our neighbourhood lies at the heart of an area of outstanding natural beauty which is the starting or finishing point of ramblers, both individuals and groups. Many of these walkers stop at one or other of our cafes or shops, thereby contributing to the local economy.

Both the Parish Church and the neighbouring Old School are being increasingly used as venues for concerts, talks, exhibitions and markets, attracting visitors from Cuckfield and the surrounding area and this is also contributing to the local economy.

Our village is favoured by church-crawlers who come to explore our historic church with its Norman roots and beautiful Kempe painted ceilings, and perhaps leave a donation in the collection box.

Most people agree that visitors contribute to the vitality and wellbeing of our village. We would like them to leave with a positive impression and perhaps return, or tell their friends what a wonderful place this is. It follows that we should strive to make their visits as agreeable as possible.

To do so there are two issues which need to be addressed; insufficient off-street parking being one, and the presence of unsightly plastic wheelie-bins the other. Of the two, the first is probably the most intractable and beyond the scope of this email. However, the presence of unsightly plastic wheelie-bins in a conservation area is a nonsense and measures could and should be taken to mitigate this eye-sore as soon as possible

I've counted the wheelie-bins parked in the area bounded by Church Street, South Road, Church Platt and the church yard. As of today there are twenty:

Church Street

In front of 'King's Court': 2 x blue top

South Street

In front of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 'King's Mews': 2 x blue top and 2 x black top

In front of 'Crundles': 1 x blue top and 1 x black top

There are 10 bins well concealed inside the private car park.

In front of No 23: 1 x blue top

By the side of No 25: 1 x blue top and 1 x black top, partly concealed

By the side of 'Ye White Harte Inne': 1 x large 4 wheel red Biffa bin and 1 x small blue mixed glass bin

Church Platt

In front of 'Chantry Cottage' garage doors: 1 x blue top and 1 x black top

In front of 'Mason's Cottage' garden gate now permanently sealed: 1 x blue top and 1 x black top

In front of 'The Friary' garden hedge: 1 x blue top and 1 x black top

The Old School: 3 x large 4 wheel blue bins at the side of the entrance to the car park

There are 6 bins parked along the drive leading from Church Platt to the 'Cottage Homes', hardly visible from Church Platt, but bang in front of the Old Clergy House

The church yard

None

Grand total excluding the concealed or partly concealed bins mentioned above

Blue top = 9

Black top = 6

Other = 5

Six wheelie-bins on South Street - Cuckfield Conservation Area



Possible solutions

1. As a first step, CPC should try to persuade those people who have a garden (however small) with side access, to place their bins there.
2. As a second step, CPC should try to persuade those people who don't have side access to a rear space and who park their wheelie-bins at the front of their house or on the pavement, to switch to plastic boxes supplied by MSDC. This is the solution adopted by all the occupants of Nos. 1 to 7 Church Street.



For those people who can't or won't place their bins at the rear of their properties and won't switch to boxes, but who would none the less be willing to buy inexpensive screens there are many solutions available via the internet, such as the examples in the first image below.

4. For those residents who would prefer to hide their wheelie-bins in more substantial wooden framed hides there are also plenty of solutions available via the internet, like the examples in the second image below. These include hides designed to conceal a row of bins which is in many ways the optimum solution, but which requires neighbours to agree among themselves.

How might CPC help?

1. CPC could help by assigning a person to contact and / or visit residents with bin issues, to offer 'advice', e.g., most suitable screens for a given location, cost, etc.
2. CPC might also consider providing financial support where structural work is necessary, as might be the case in front of 'King's Mews' and 'Crundels', and to conceal the large bins used by 'Ye White Harte Inne' and the Old School.

I would appreciate your comments and the opportunity to attend the next relevant council meeting.

Kind regards

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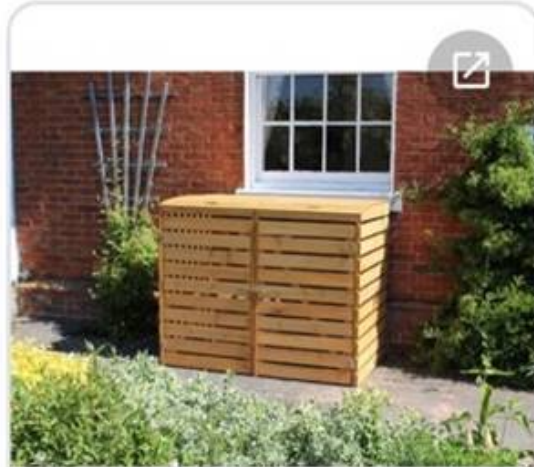


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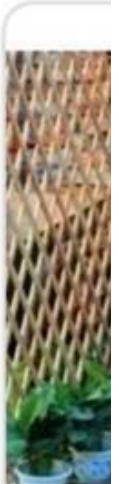


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