



# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

July 2021

## UPDATE Stockbury Roundabout

We have just received the Secretary of State's decision. We lost and the Highways England scheme goes ahead without modification.

This is a sad day for Stockbury and we now have a lot of work to do in order to mitigate the inevitable harm this will do both to the people of Stockbury and the businesses based in it.

The Parish Council will think about how we might respond and, Covid restrictions permitting, look to hold a public meeting towards the end of the month.

For those wanting to see the the Secretary of State's decision in full, it can be found here:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://www.programmeofficers.co.uk/M2J5/Decision.pdf\\_\\_;!!HEBAkwG3r5RD!sPKd2A01MQQGz0fARpCbOEjdluczzCowVjcM\\_Rnk7RgScWHyz5cPIIJsxy022DbUFqDso-s\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.programmeofficers.co.uk/M2J5/Decision.pdf__;!!HEBAkwG3r5RD!sPKd2A01MQQGz0fARpCbOEjdluczzCowVjcM_Rnk7RgScWHyz5cPIIJsxy022DbUFqDso-s$)

For those of you that do not have access to the internet but would like to read the report, there is a printed copy at MB Farms which can be borrowed but must be returned to allow others to read it.

Phil Woods  
Chair  
SPC

## Parish Council

As I am sure you know, only 5 people stood for election to the 7 places on Stockbury Parish Council in May which left 2 vacancies. These vacancies were advertised with a view to the elected members "co-opting" people who missed the democratic process or who, on reflection, thought that they would like to serve the Parish.

I am very pleased to be able to report that we had more people applying than there were vacancies; I think this is a new record for Stockbury!

After careful consideration, I am delighted to be able to announce that we were able to select two people and even more delighted to report that they accepted the offer.

Welcome to Geoff Moody and Zeina Toric-Azad. Your lives will never be quite the same again but I hope you enjoy your time on the Parish Council.

Phil Woods  
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## John Cockett

One of our most talented villagers, JOHN COCKETT, has come to the end of a long, busy and fulfilling life. He has touched many people's lives over the years and this modest man's passing will leave a sadness in his wake. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to his family at this time in their lives.

For nearly nine decades John has lived in this parish and it seems only right to celebrate his life and achievements. He is part of its history. So please help if you are able as I shall be writing a memorial piece to be included in the August edition of The Observer.

*I really want to do John justice so I wondered whether you would help me out. Although I have known him on and off for more years than I like to calculate, I have not been close to his life as some of you have, for various reasons. I am in contact with his family and will be able to fill in the major part of his life and work but maybe some of you will have an outstanding memory / incident you would perhaps like to share. He was such a multi-faceted man that I would like to include as many aspects of his personality and achievements as I can in my memorial piece.*

*Please help me to do this. I would be grateful if you could send copy to me .... by July 5<sup>th</sup> if that is at all possible as it will give me time to put the little grey cells to work and incorporate your responses into the piece.*

*Thank you.*

**Ann Rich**

## In Fond Memory of John Cockett

Sadly he's had to depart,  
John Cockett that Master of Art  
He worked hard all his life  
Took great care of his wife  
And was always a man of good heart

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Swale foodbank provides an essential service to those in desperate need and are looking for your help. The following statement is taken from their website and summarises what they do.

“We don’t think anyone in Swale should have to face going hungry, that’s why we provide three days’ nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK”.

The foodbank depends on donated items and **Edo at The Harrow** has been and will continue to collect any food that you can bring along at any time.

The most needed items are:

Tinned Meats  
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Jar Sauces - Bolognese, Curry, Pasta Bakes, Chinese etc  
Long-life Milk  
Rice Pudding  
Custard  
Tinned Fruit  
Jam/Spreads  
Coffee

**Any other food donations are also welcomed.**

## Stockbury Roundabout A Personal Perspective

For the avoidance of any doubt, this piece is my view on what has happened and what we might do about it. It in no way reflects the views of the Parish Council; it is the personal perspective of one resident.

Before going any further, I will declare an “interest”: I am a member of the Conservative Party. Be that as it may, I am also what Andrew Neil refers to as “an equal opportunities attacker”. When something is wrong, it needs to be called out and supersedes any other consideration, especially if it impacts on the lives and businesses of people I have come to know as friends.

In my opinion, the Secretary of State’s decision has demonstrated that the lives and businesses of residents are of little consequence. The inspector recognised that those seeking to enter and leave Stockbury at the Church Hill junction will face a greater level of risk of coming to harm and that the cohesion of village life and the viability of village businesses will be put at enhanced risk but decided that this would be a price worth paying for speeding up the traffic on the A249. It seems to me that the demands of property developers and the ludicrous housing targets set for Kent are more important to the current Government. In short, we have been betrayed by the system overseen by a Government that claimed to care about rural communities. The hypocrisy involved is staggering.

I am not angry about the outcome; I am furious.

The Inspector might have said some nice things about Stockbury and commented that a bridge could be considered as a separate scheme but the fact remains that

we have been “thrown under the bus” by the very Government that said it would support us.

As a citizen, I had been preparing for this eventuality for a while and a very murky picture emerges when one looks into who influences who at Government level. I shall be working over the next few months to investigate fully, and expose, what I and others believe may prove to be some very interesting co-incidences that involve Secretaries of State, property developers and a very strange connection through, of all places, Liberia. On the back of the recent by-election result, this is almost bound to attract national media attention.

Whilst I will do what I can with my limited skills, I would particularly welcome help from anyone with connections / abilities around journalism, social media, Freedom of Information requests and following paper trails. We might not be able to change the outcome, but by God, we can make a noise about it!

Phil Woods

## Noise Nuisance

Now that the summer has arrived, so with it comes the increase in outdoor parties, wedding ceremonies, receptions and music festivals.

Whilst it is understood that we all want to get out and enjoy ourselves in the fresh air during the good weather after so many months of lockdown behind us, please spare a thought for those parishioners that are not attending your outdoor social occasion; remember that noise travels great distances day and night and nobody enjoys the relentless bass beat of a keyboard, guitar or drums unless you are attending such a function!

The mental well being of ALL residents within the parish should be spared some consideration and they should be allowed to enjoy the quiet enjoyment of their homes and gardens at all times of the day and night, without excess decibels of noise disturbance.

A little consideration for your neighbours goes a long way.

If you are bothered by such a disturbance at any time of the year, not just during the summer months, please remember that such incidences can and should be reported to Maidstone Borough Council. Take a note of the dates, times and noise level and complete the online MBC form to record the problem. MBC take such complaints seriously; an officer will investigate complaints and if necessary, take the matter up with the Licensing Department.

Don't suffer it, report it!

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## Stockbury Gardeners

Gardeners are generally reputed to be very friendly and generous people and I really have not found, in my experience, any difference. They are prepared to be generous, giving away seedlings, cuttings and even closely guarded secrets on how to grow prize flowers and vegetables. They will even compliment you on a good exhibit and be forward in offering advice. This is evident at Stockbury Garden Society. The only exception to ALL the above is when the King of Vegetables are in season. He or she will not be generous with giving away any of those delicious asparagus spears. Why you ask? Well, it takes 4 years of waiting after sowing the seeds until finally being able to gather a full crop!!!!!! Can you really blame him/her for that?

The crop which has to be allowed to produce the “fern” after the 6<sup>th</sup> June, has a limited time for harvesting, however the season for harvesting in Stockbury starts later, thereby it finishes later so about now I will have had my final taste of the best vegetable in the garden.

My favourite dishes are prepared by walking to the raised bed, cutting the daily crop and then sprinting to the kitchen to prepare the dish.

The Gardeners had their first meeting in the village hall for over 18 months in June and the turnout was fantastic, showing the enthusiasm of the members. It was decided that this year the Sweet Pea & Rose Show will not go ahead but the rest of the years programme will. There will be a talk next month by Nikki Gammans on the humble bumble bee. I have seen Nikki’s presentation before and it gives an insight to the 120 varieties of bumbles in the UK.

The talk starts at 8pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Things to do this month: keep sowing batches of lettuce, spinach can be sown now too.

Keep a look out for pests and spray with SB Plant Invigorator which is bee friendly. Keep weeding now that finally we’ve received our dose of well-deserved rain, remembering every drop of rain has a weed seed in it!! (You’re full of good news, Chris! - Ed)

Box hedges can be trimmed and again watch out for disease and pests, dead head roses and flowers.



The picture is the two friends in the greenhouse that you should look after as they devour aphids!

Chris Spree

## A Soldier - Fond Memories Part Four

I returned from Nepal in early November hoping I might be able to take some leave over Christmas and New Year to visit my girlfriend who was teaching in Hong Kong. I broached the subject with the Adjutant over breakfast one morning doubting that it would be warmly received. He took note and the conversation around the table moved on. Some time later he informed me that he had arranged for me to travel to Hong Kong on HMS Bulwark, a commando carrier, that was sailing from Singapore to spend Christmas and New Year there.

The day came to depart; my driver drove me down to the dockyard in Singapore in the CO's staff car. We arrived at the gangplank, Sapper Omprasad Pun got out of the car to open the door for me and get my luggage. The young naval rating at the foot of the gangplank asked him who was coming aboard and he told him Captain Kerr. I was piped aboard and met as I stepped onto the ship by the Duty Officer. He was not impressed when he discovered I was Acting Captain Kerr, Royal Engineers not Captain RN! I had to buy a lot of drinks in the Ward Room that evening; as it turned out not too expensive as gin was about a penny a tot. The tonic was more expensive!

The passage was uneventful. I had suggested to my girlfriend that she did not try to meet the ship as I did not know when we would arrive and I would ring her once I was ashore. I was apprehensive. When we had last seen each other I was sure I wanted marry her. That had been a year ago. Would I still have the same feelings for her? I walked down the gangplank, stopped to chat to a Royal Signals Officer I had been to university with and then set off to find a phone, in the process walking straight past her! She was with a group of naval wives who had flown up to Hong Kong to join their husbands. How embarrassing for her and for me. Half an hour later we were enjoying morning coffee in the Hilton Hotel overlooking the harbour and within the hour we were engaged. There followed a great Christmas and New Year holiday period during which I met many of her Hong Kong friends and a good time was had by all.

All too soon it was time to rejoin the ship for the return trip to Singapore. The word had got out that I had become engaged so I had to host another Ward Room party. This time Champagne was the drink, just a tad more expensive!

Soon after leaving Hong Kong the ship was diverted to Kelantan, a province on the east coast of Malaya to assist with severe flooding. The ship's helicopters and Royal Marines were deployed to help with people stranded. Some 20% of the population had to be moved, not all by the HMS Bulwark crew. The Captain sent me ashore to act as Liaison Officer between the ship and the local District Officer. I was installed in his office and although he was Muslim and it was Ramadan he kindly arranged for a case of Anchor beer to be left under his desk for my sustenance.

It had been an eventful year, joining the Regiment in January, learning the language, an operational deployment to Borneo, trekking in Nepal and Christmas in Hong Kong to say nothing of getting engaged to the girl I have now been married to for nearly 54 years.

Tony Kerr

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- -Distribute safety advice
- -Help make sure that elderly and vulnerable residents are not targets to criminals
- -Gather information to help police tackle local problems
- -Alert residents when there is a particular crime problem in the area

Our aim is to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the anxieties of becoming a victim of crime.

Please be vigilant and report suspicious characters or incidents to the police and also to your co-ordinator (details below).

Co-ordinators will cascade any information from the police or neighbours to members.

### **CONTACT NUMBERS:**

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Alternatively you may e-mail the Co-ordinator at:

**[stockbury-neighbourhood@outlook.com](mailto:stockbury-neighbourhood@outlook.com)**

Any ideas and views would be greatly welcomed at the above mentioned e-mail address.

If you know of any other residents who would like to receive information from Stockbury Neighbourhood Watch, then please ask them to either contact the Co-ordinator on the above telephone number or e-mail their details to the above mentioned e-mail address.

### **Mobile Library Dates:**

**The mobile library will be at the  
Village Hall on**

**Thursday July 15th  
from 9.10am - 9.40am**

## Patrik Says ...

### Planning Reforms Blamed for Tory By-Election Loss

After the Conservatives lost the Chesham and Amersham by-election with a 25 percentage points swing, Cabinet Ministers and senior party members have told Boris Johnson to rethink planning reforms that have been blamed in part for the result. One minister told *The Times*: "We need to tread carefully on planning. We say that communities will be involved but then they're not ... The Party knows we need to build more homes in this country. It's about how you take forward that shared vision with your communities".

Maidstone is currently in the final stages of its Local Plan Review; The Local Plan should give us a sound tool to manage development. The key word is "manage". It is not the first time that I refer to my job as an *elected administrator*. Central Government tells us, by their magic formula, how many houses we should build. Our MPs then tell us that we ought to use brown-field sites and, in any case we should not build here ... nor there ... nor ... best not at all in her constituency ..

Well, it may have escaped your notice that Maidstone's brown-field sites were used up years ago and there is only so much housing which we can push into the town centre. We must build houses by our masters' dictate. The Local Plan should give us some safeguards. If we promise to build 30,000 homes in the **least worst areas** then we have the tools to stop additional development in even more unsuitable areas – for now.

This strategy only works if we actively fulfil our annual housing supply target; if we don't, the Planning Inspectorate will ignore our fine Local Plan.

-----Please keep this brief explanation in a safe place  
I shall return to it over the coming months -----

**Bottom line**, you may have noticed, your elected administrator's options are a fine balancing act between fail and fail. What my formidable opponent at the last local election needs to realise is, had he won the count, he would have found himself in exactly the same position. There is little wiggle room for your locally elected administrator. The message needs to be taken to our MPs .. and here my argument closes its circle: The Chesham & Amersham by-election is No Surprise.

The last Local Plan Maidstone relied on the option of dispersal, thus enlarging little villages and disturbing settled communities, let alone over stretching the existing infrastructure. Given the ever-increasing volumes of housing requirement, dispersal is not working. Another alternative would be to build one or two brand new garden villages from scratch with fresh infrastructure and maybe even their own motorway exit.

That's where the proposal for a Lenham Heath Garden Village comes into the equation. I mentioned this in my previous newsletters.

If Lenham Heath should fail, the next site in line will be Marden, which has no feasible road infrastructure, or a site near Detling Aerodrome (Binbury Park). A developer has already a shovel-ready project lined up there, only waiting for MBC not to fulfil their housing quotas. This will be inside the AONB ! Planning permission there by default or

otherwise would set a huge precedent for everybody in the North Downs.

The Detling proposal is only half the size of Lenham Heath. It is no alternative because it would still require a huge element of housing dispersal. But most of all: **If the AONB outside Stockbury is no longer safe, then neither will be Frinsted, Wichling, Bicknor, Wormshill, Hucking nor Otterden.**

Maidstone will end up with 30,000 (thirty-thousand) new houses in its next Local Plan period. Only 12 (twelve) houses of these are planned in my ward, and none of them in the AONB. That was my election promise, which I will do my best to keep; but this is only possible if Maidstone's politicians are brave enough to embark on the concept of a new garden village **in the least worst location**.

Nobody is greatly in favour of any major development in Maidstone. Unfortunately the country is facing a housing shortage and Boris pledged to build 300,000 homes per year.

If you put in for planning permission recently you might have noticed that I lodged a conditional call-in to your application. There is absolutely nothing to worry about !!!!!

You may remember that I've been campaigning for a while against people installing cheap bright floodlights in the AONB. I note that many of those people are new arrivals from London who have no concept of the beautiful dark skies in the AONB.

I queried this issue with our Head Of Planning and he told me that there is no law, which we could employ to stop generally installations of unsuitable lights. The only way to place restrictions, is to attach conditions to new planning applications, if and when they come in. So whether somebody bolts on a satellite dish or rebuilds their whole house I now routinely seek to impose lighting conditions for any planning applications within the AONB outside those villages, which have street lights. To force the officer's hands, I will do it by a conditional call-in, meaning that if the officer won't attach conditions, the application must go to committee.

The conditions in my objections sound rather complicated and technical. Essentially the nationally-recognised guidelines for AONBs say that anything stronger than an old-fashioned 100W halogen spotlight is too bright. There is nothing to stop you installing a few of them or equivalent LED, as long as they are pointed downwards - as long as you are not suddenly planning to turn your yard into a football-stadium there shouldn't be any issue for you.

If you have any problems with your application(s) please let me know. I can also call-in applications in support, when the officer is minded to refuse but I must do so within 21 days of the validation date.

PATRIK GARTEN  
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## Stockbury Book Club

### A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

*"Eleven-year-old Owen Meany, playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire, hits a foul ball and kills his best friend's mother. Owen doesn't believe in accidents; he believes that he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul is both extraordinary and terrifying. At moments a comic, self-deluded victim but in the end the principal tragic actor in a divine plan. Owen Meany is the most heartbreaking hero John Irving has yet created."*

This was our May read. The reviews looked very promising, with many very good ones, unfortunately not a good review from us; half the group did not finish it! The comments at our meeting ranged from awful book, boring, shallow and childish, intolerable. There were some good comments where people were fascinated by the characters and the exploring of relationships of growing up. Others enjoyed the last 100 pages (it is in excess of 600). I think this book did not live up to its reviews.

Our average score was a rather low 4.

We are all looking forward to our next read 'A Man Called Ove' by Fredrik Backman.

Bev Martin

## Stockbury & Hartlip Cricket Club

Slightly chastened by our game against Holborough, we next entertained Old Gravesendians on a wicket that had had plenty of rain, however with Oscar and Henry back in the fold we had high hopes.

Deciding to bat we proceeded to score at 2 an over for 15 overs losing Paul for 1, Oscar 13 and John for 3 so I was thinking we might have made a mistake.

After pushing a couple of singles and being joined by Enrique who hit 11 off of his first four scoring shots, Henry decided the pitch was not as bad as he thought it was. The pair of them put the change bowlers to the sword with Henry making 115 not out and Enrique 65 not out. Apparently after last seasons run total of 19 with an average of 4 and his duck at Woodcombe Enrique was encouraged enough to buy a new bat. Seems to have worked!! We finished on 225. Luckily their batting was as weak as we had hoped with only 3 men reaching double figures.

Their run rate was as measly as ours for the first 14 overs and only lost 1 wicket to Andy, so the skipper was getting slightly worried as a draw looked to be on the cards; but I called on our secret weapon, a man who has taken a wicket in his first over each time he has bowled and lo and behold he removes their best bat for 18 courtesy of a good catch by Henry. This is the fifth time he has performed this feat on his way to picking up 9 wickets in only 20 overs. Who is this man? I hear you ask, why it is that well known heavy metal fan Keith who also bagged another whilst Henry

managed to get a wicket when bowling one of his worst spells courtesy of a catch by Oscar. Our new boy Wesley got 2 wickets including a caught and bowled and having ignored Damian, I thought it best to let him loose or I would never hear the end of it. He duly obliged winning the game for us by removing four of the last five including yet another stumping by Paul. He has now taken 14 wickets at an average of 7 runs each and is going at 4 per over, not bad for a bloke who's career average up to this season was 12 wickets at an average of 50 runs each and was going at 7 per over. Long may it continue! They finished on 111 so we recorded our second win of the season, a record for Hartlip and Stockbury.

Westerham cancelled before the season started so Oscar arranged to bring a side down from London, a "scratch" side mid to late twenties all of whom have been coached well who would be known as "The Presidents Eleven". John Yerburch our President has kindly donated a trophy to be played for annually and everyone was looking forward to a great day *if the rain held off*, which it did for seven overs before the heavens opened. As cricketers are the most optimistic weather watchers in the world, we hung around for an hour or so; players and fans either crushed under the barbecue tent and umbrellas or even wearing that wet weather fashion accessory the bin bag. Some faint hearts had already departed and as it did seem to be set in for the day it was decided to move the barbecue to Hartlip Place at Sophie's kind invitation and of course to partake of some liquid refreshment.

Obviously shortly after we arrived, the sun burst through and it turned into a lovely afternoon. However it was not wasted as the Presidents X1 challenged us to a game of garden cricket. They did include a number of "ringers" in their side, two extremely able lady lawyers and other very talented lady garden cricketers. This was to no avail however, as we won a closely fought match mainly due to Mima who I understand hopes to play garden cricket for England one day.

Sophie, who provided the barbecue and drinks is a fantastic hostess and all our thanks go to her for all her hard work as a great day was had by all.

After such a great day, it was a shame that it then rained all week and Sturry had to call our game off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Roger Milton

## June Church Draw Winners

### CONGRATULATIONS!

1st £40 - Terry Holliday (101)

2nd £20 - David Seymour (254)

3rd £10 - Mike Gee (267)

# Puzzle Page

## Number Search

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## Sudoku

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## Summer Holiday Wordsearch

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There are 8 brothers in the family.  
Each brother has one sister. How many children are there?

There are 5 sisters in a room.  
Ann is reading a book  
Margaret is cooking  
Kate is playing chess  
Marie is doing laundry.  
What is the fifth sister doing?

Name the coffee shop in US sitcom Friends

Which tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?

Whats the smallest planet in our solar system?

What number is a baker's dozen?

hot	zoo	swimming	water park
rubber ring	canoe	caravan	fun
rock pool	jellyfish	crab	shell
sand	sea	boat	beach ball
spade	bucket	flipflops	swimsuits
cases	aeroplane	drinks	icecream
picnic	beach	summer	

# Domestic Abuse

If you or someone else is suffering from domestic abuse please visit a Domestic Abuse webpage for advice and more information:

[www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primaryservices/housing/tier-2-additional-areas/domestic-abuse](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primaryservices/housing/tier-2-additional-areas/domestic-abuse)

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

[www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

[www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

There are also helplines available if you would rather speak to someone:

- Choices Domestic Abuse Services  
**0800 917 9948**
- National Domestic Violence Helpline  
**0808 2000 247**
- Refuge freephone National Domestic Abuse  
**0808 2000 247**
- The Men's Advice Line for male domestic abuse survivors  
**0808 808 4994**
- National LGBT+ Abuse Helpline  
**0800 999 54428**
- Childline  
**0800 1111**

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- Choices -**0800 917 9948**
- Victim Support -**0808 168 9111**

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If you would like to advertise or have item included in next months Observer, we must receive it no later than

**MONDAY 26th July**

Please email your contributions to  
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A quarter page £120

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If you would like to place an advert in The Observer, please email [stockburyobserver@gmail.com](mailto:stockburyobserver@gmail.com) The editor will confirm receipt and an invoice will be sent along with details of how to pay.

If you are a new customer, please also attach your artwork, preferable in MS Word or as a PDF file.

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Dog Club	Mick Bingham	01795 842480
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Environment Agency	Incident Hotline	0800 807060
Fly Tipping & Waste Collection	Including bulky items	01622 602162
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