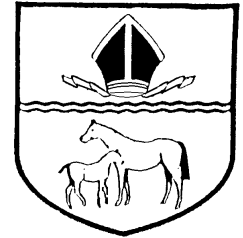


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RECYCLING CAN BANKS TEMPORARILY REMOVED

Recycling can banks are to be temporarily removed from recycling points in East Cambridgeshire.

The short-term move follows the withdrawal of the service by the authority's contractor and the additional cost to the Council to get them emptied by a third party prior to the service being re-tendered.

The can banks will be removed over the next two weeks but residents will still be able to recycle cans via their kerbside collections which collect over 175 tonnes of metal a year equivalent to over 88 per cent of metal collections in the district.

Officers are currently working on a new contract to ensure the service can be reinstated by the autumn 2011.

Councillor Richard Hobbs, Chairman of the Community and Environment Sub-Committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "No one likes to remove a service even when it is only be for a few weeks but unfortunately we are having to take out the can banks for a short period. However I would like to reassure residents that they are still able to recycle their tins and cans via their kerbside recycling collection service. We recycle over 88 per cent of cans through kerbside collection, we are working to reintroduce the service as soon as possible."

Should anyone have further information on what can be recycled or replacement black boxes please direct them to either call the council direct on 01353 665555, e-mail customerservices@eastcamb.gov.uk or via www.eastcamb.gov.uk.

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