



## Contribution from Aldeburgh



### MANAGING WASTE IN ALDERBURGH, SUFFOLK

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#### Introduction

- Aldeburgh is a seaside town in east Suffolk, with a resident population of around 2800. This number greatly increased during the summer, with day visitors and holidaymakers.
- There are 1.918 properties in the town, 1.421 of which are classed as permanently « occupied ». There is a high proportion of « holiday » homes in the town which are occupied for intermittent periods in the year.

#### Waste Management Issues in Aldeburgh

- Modern day lifestyles produce an endless stream of waste to be dealt with.
- Maintaining a clean environment is vital, not only for residents but to attract visitors to the town, to help support the local economy.
- Being a coastal resort, Aldeburgh faces particular problems.

#### Waste issues

- SEWAGE
- REFUSE and RECYCLING
- LITTER
- DOG-FOULING
- BEACH

#### Sewage

- Sea water is tested weekly during the bathing season, by SCDC, May-September, according to standards laid down in the EC Bathing Water Directive.
- Aldeburgh has been a holder of the Seaside Award from the Tidy Britain group since 1993.

#### Refuse and Recycling

- The weekly black bag refuse collection system generally works well for the residents of Aldeburgh. Problems can arise if holidaymakers do not know which day the refuse is collected and bags are put out on the wrong day. This not only looks unsightly but can be a problem if animals get into them.

- Dumping of domestic rubbish at the recycling centre also happens, perhaps because some people are not aware of the refuse collection day.
- The recycling centre is heavily used over 150 tonnes of materials collected in 1999

## **Litter**

- Litter control in Aldeburgh is carried out according to the national guidelines (leaflet available to explain recommended standards of street cleanliness).
- Street cleansing is carried out daily in the busy town centre and less frequently the further out one goes.
- Extra resources are available if heavy littering occurs.
- Litter bins on the seafront are emptied daily.
- SCDC can issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those dropping litter.

## **Dog-fouling**

- Dogs are not allowed on the beach from May-September.
- Aldeburgh is a designated area, where it is an offence not to clean up after your dog. SCDC can issue Fixed Penalty Notices with £25 fines
- Fido bins are provided, and emptied three times per week.

## **Beach cleaning**

- The amenity Beach «fort Green to the Weekworth Hotel» is cleaned daily from Easter to september
- Annual Tidy Britain campaign in April - volunteers clean littered areas - fisherman's old fridges removed last year from sea front

## **Aldeburgh Culture**

- Aldeburgh has a lively cultural tradition, at all levels
- Annual Aldeburgh Festival
- Annual Aldeburgh Carnival
- Annual Aldeburgh in Bloom