

# Composting..... Green Waste Debate

the road between Chelmondiston and Shotley. Other sites not in Babergh district but convenient are in Somersham Road, Bramford and in Portman Road, Ipswich. The contents of the special bins at these sites is all taken for composting (*see map below*).

**Third** - if you have occasional quantities of garden waste, this can be bagged up and collected as part of the Council's bulky waste service which will cost £12.75 for up to 10 bags of waste. At the moment this is taken to a landfill site.

**Fourth** - The Council is considering a fourth option - the introduction of a seasonal garden waste collection service which would run from Easter to October - when most garden waste is produced. Residents will be invited to subscribe to this service. For a single annual fee of up to £30 they will receive compostable sacks or a bin and a regular collection, or for a lesser fee, a single bulk collection (*see questionnaire*).

Following these options enables the Council to move towards its aim of the exclusion of garden waste from the weekly bin collection and handling it in a useful and environmentally-friendly way.

## Compost tips

**Nasty smell** - Compost too wet, too many grass cuttings

**Solution** - leave lid off in dry weather, remove some cuttings

**Slow decay** - Not enough heat, lack of air, or too dry

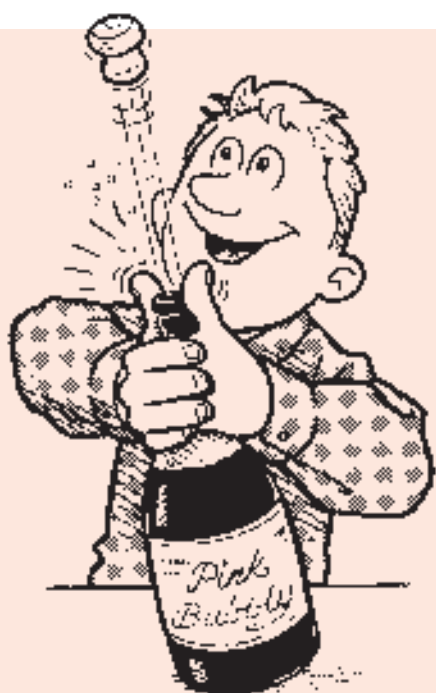
**Solution** - Position in sunlight or make a larger heap. Fork through and add new material in loose layers. Moisten compost.

**Vermin** - Meats and fats.

**Solution** - remove unsuitable material from the mix.

**Woodlice** living in the compost is a sign that it is too dry.

Don't bin it compost it!



yellow week) randomly selected at the Materials Recycling Facility in Gt Blakenham (provided it contains the correct recyclables) will be lucky winners.

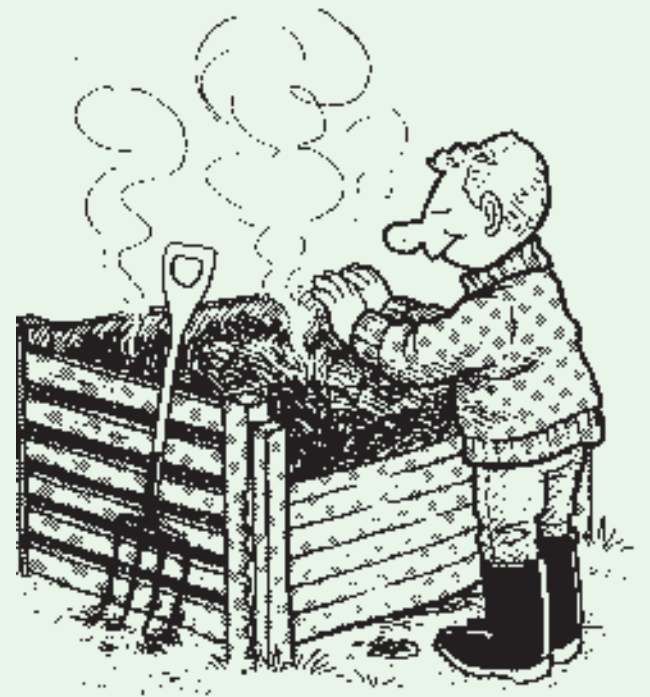
The winners will be notified and their names will be published in a future issue of *Sort it!*

## Why is recycling important?

A large proportion of the contents of your wheelie bin - which can be up to 60 per cent - is suitable for recovery and recycling so that it can be made into other products, saving natural resources. Processing this material usually uses less energy and, where appropriate, fewer polluting chemicals.

Recovering material before it is thrown in the bin immediately reduces the quantity of waste going to the tip. It also reduces the type of waste which does not readily breakdown in the ground and which can leave a legacy for many years to come.

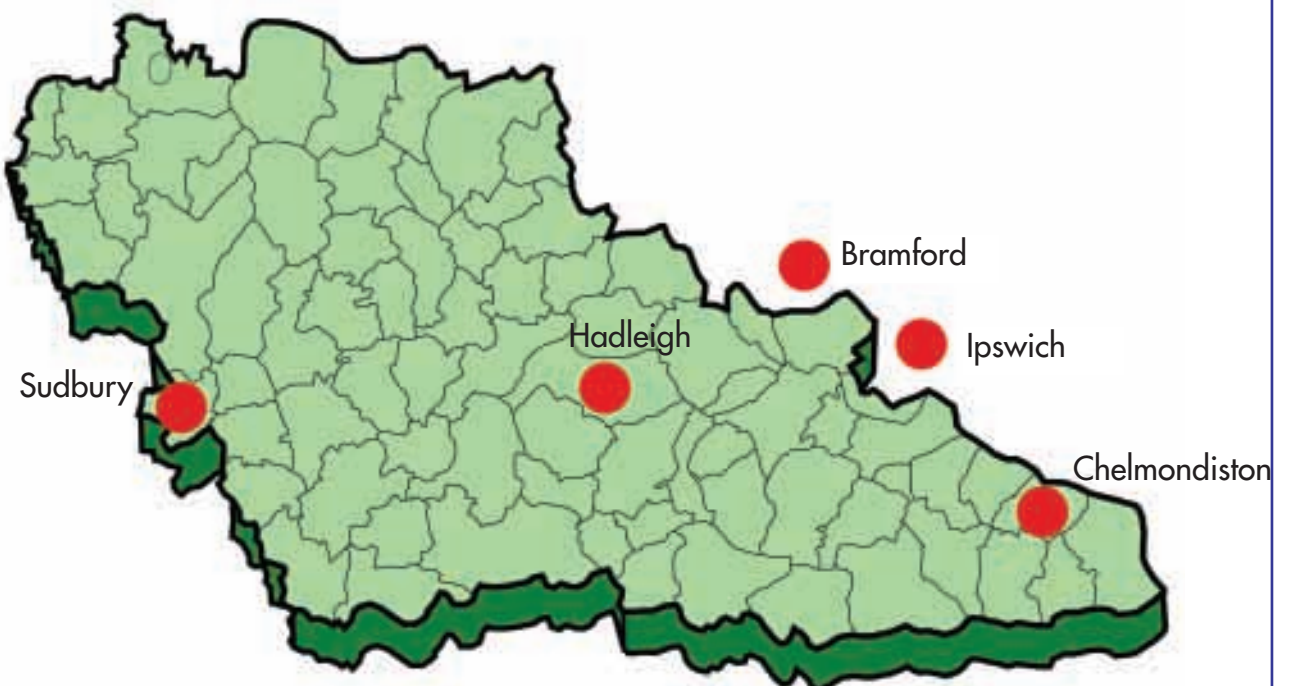
Burying organic matter, such as garden waste, for instance, must stop as this produces methane as it rots - a powerful 'greenhouse gas'. If collected this gas is expensive to handle.



## What goes in your Pink Bag?

- ✓ **Paper** - newspaper, magazines, directories, junk mail, envelopes.
- ✓ **Cardboard** - boxes and cartons (please remove waxed paper from cereal boxes).
- ✓ **Cans & Tins** - all drink cans, food and pet food tins.
- ✓ **Aluminium** - foil containers and milk bottle tops.
- ✓ **Plastic** - all bottles, including milk, juice, fizzy drinks, squash, washing up liquid, shampoo (please remove all bottle tops, but include them in your pink bag), rigid pots and tubs, e.g. yoghurt and ice cream, bags and film.

## Household Waste and Recycling Centres



### Opening Times

All sites are open EVERY DAY except 25 & 26 December and 1 January

1 Nov - 31 Jan 8am - 4pm    1 Feb - 31 Mar 8am - 5pm

There is no charge for depositing waste at these sites  
Any questions? Telephone 01473 583250