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### **Composting and residents' garden**

Dear Resident

At our recent Goulden House Co-operative General Meeting, residents expressed disappointment that we had removed three composting bins from the overgrown area on the edge of the outer green. Unfortunately, these were not being maintained and were being misused for refuse and dog excrement – on inspection, they contained almost no compost but were full of rotting food waste, plastic bags, and other assorted rubbish unsuitable for composting. Some of the contents had been scattered for several metres around the bins themselves, presumably by foxes and rodents. The bins were emptied, washed and put on Freecycle from where they went to three grateful new owners who are in a position to maintain them.

We do not intend to reinstate the bins in their former location; they would be accessible to people other than residents of Goulden House and it would be impossible to police their proper use. There are, however, alternative composting facilities still available in an area known as the Residents' Garden – this is a gated and locked area on the edge of the outer green adjoining the games cage that currently looks a little 'unloved'. This area is intended to be used as a community garden for any residents of the Goulden House Estate who wish to do so. If any resident wishes to use the composting bins in that area or get involved in some community gardening, please register your interest with the Estate Office and we will arrange for a key to be provided.

You can contact the office by e-mail: [office@gouldenhouse.org](mailto:office@gouldenhouse.org)

Please put 'Community Garden' or 'Composting' in the subject line and someone will get back to you with details of how you can pick up a key.

Kind regards

The Goulden House Management Team