

# Rotters News

Collections start 2nd or 8th April

*Spring 2013*

See inside for your 2013 collection days



**Waste powered pick-up wins a world record for Rotters,  
The Co-op and Fairtrade**

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## ROTTERS COLLECTION DAYS

Please note that during bank holiday weeks (bh) collections take place one day later.

### Week One

<u>Mickleton, Middleton, Eggleston, Romaldkirk</u>	<u>Lartington, Cotherstone, Bowes, Startforth, Boldron</u>	<u>Whorlton, Ovington, Hutton Magna, Thorpe, Barningham</u>	<u>Gainford Winston</u>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
April 1 (bh Tues 2) 15, 29 May 13, 27 (bh Tues 28) June 10, 24, July 8, 22, Aug 5, 19, Sept 2, 16, 30 Oct 14, 28	April 2 (bh Wed 3) 16, 30 May 14, 28 (bh Wed 29) June 11, 25 July 9, 23 Aug 6, 20 Sept 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29	April 3 (bh Thurs 4) 17, 31 May 15, 29 (bh Thurs 30) June 12, 26 July 10, 26 Aug 7, 21 Sept 4, 18 Oct 2, 16, 30	April 4 (bh Fri 5) 18 May 1, 16, 30 (bh Fri 31) June 13, 27 July 11, 27 Aug 8, 22 Sept 5, 19 Oct 3, 17, 31

### Week Two

<u>Barnard Castle (North)</u> Glaxo side of Galgate and beyond	<u>Barnard Castle (South)</u> Bowes Museum side of Galgate and beyond	<u>Woodland, Copley, Butterknowle, Hamsterley, Stainton Grove and Stainton Village</u>	<u>Bolam, Ingleton, Headlam, Cleatlam, Staindrop</u>
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TCV Rotters are a not for profit community enterprise.

## News from Rotters HQ

*Here we are back at Rotters after an unusual fortnight driving around Britain in our coffee powered car for the Co-op and Fairtrade Fortnight. Myself and the team have been converting a Ford P100 pick-up to run on waste coffee (using gasification) since Christmas when Brad Hill from Co-op Fairtrade Coffee made the request. It's been a challenge we've met successfully and now we're ready for the next one. If you are interested there's lots more information about how we made the car and our tour on [www.coffeecar.org](http://www.coffeecar.org) and #beanmachine, also, there should be something on the Discovery Channel soon because we had a film crew with us for a couple of days!*

*Remember this time last year when we were basking in sunshine contemplating a drought? Rotters got off to an amazing start; in anticipation of a glorious year of veg growing over 300 of you bought one of our raised beds within a month. Then what happened? It turned out to be the worst year in our 15 years of making compost, so wet the stuff wouldn't go through the trommel.*

*Whilst in grumbling mode I'm sorry to say we have to increase some prices because of the ridiculous fuel costs and no we haven't converted our vans to run on green waste (gasification) just yet!*

*Here's hoping for a much better growing season this year and a growth in self /community sustainability.*

*Best Wishes*

*from*

*Martin and the Rotters Team*

### **Bio-char (the Black Stuff)**

You may remember from past Rotters News Letters we mentioned the wonders of Bio-char, how it brings soil to life increasing mass through extra microbial activity and producing healthy plants full of nutrients and flavour.

The gasification process we use to power the Coffee Car produces bio-char and this is something we need to research further so we can incorporate it into our compost or perhaps package as a new product.

Members who have tried the compost with added finings from our charcoal kiln reported great results.

Only tiny amounts are necessary, so allow us some time to do the work and we'll be back to you with what's new!



**Officially Amazing' Martin receiving the Guinness World Record for the fastest car powered by coffee**



**The Crew on record day. Col Davison, Ben Day-Preston, Martin Bacon and Phil Bacon**  
**KEEPING IT CLEAN**

When Rotters Community Composting first started in 1997, green waste composting was left to individuals and small community groups like ourselves. We grew from a community initiative and now are part of the local scene.

Recently Rotters have had to battle all sorts prohibitive costs that make sense only when applied to big commercial profit making recyclers.

When the Environment Agency do their annual inspection of our site they always comment about the lack of rubbish in our green waste, other sites have masses of contamination that must be weighed and declared, this is a most unusual phenomenon. We always explain this is because we are community composters and our members are careful to put only good compostable waste, not rubbish, into their Rotters bags. We can be proud because as locals together we take care of what could easily be wasted and turn it into a product that is valuable to ourselves and our community. Besides that it's always nice to know where our stuff comes from, that it's uncontaminated and safe. Applies to our food too!

## Rotters Services and Products

I'm a  
ROTTER

**Yearly Supporters Club £15** Includes cheaper compost and the facility to drop off any excess Rotters bags of green waste. (**Please note:** you do not need to be a supporter to benefit from our fortnightly green waste collections.)

**Please** ring first to arrange a suitable and safe time to come.

Membership does not cover trailer drop offs from large garden clearances.



**Dumpy 10mm compost (approx. 1 ton) £15, Non Supporters £30**

We charge £1 a mile delivery to those living outside Barnard Castle and Startforth.

**Bags of Compost (50 litres) £2, Non Supporters £3**

Delivered free on your collection days



**Replacement Rotters Bags £3.50**

Please note we are not responsible for lost or stolen bags



**Large Green waste Collections £45 per LDV van load**

Price includes 20 minutes loading time. Please have your green waste ready and situated in a convenient place for the van to get to. TEL 01833 690022.

Delivery charges apply.

**Name**

**TOTAL**

**Address**

**Tel/Email**

Please make cheques payable to TCV. Sorry we can't take card payments but you can pay by **Paypal** at [www.rotters.org](http://www.rotters.org)

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