



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NORTH DEVON HOMES LTD**

#### **Home Composting Initiative**

North Devon Homes are working in partnership with North Devon District Council to help our customers reduce the impact they have on the environment.



During discussions on energy efficiency between North Devon Homes and North Devon District Council, where ways of working together were being actively sought, the council offered 200 home composting bins to North Devon Homes to make available to our customers on a first come, first served basis. Each resident that requests an external bin will be provided with a kit which includes a booklet, video and internal kitchen bins. The council will then be provided with a list of addresses of those residents so they can monitor waste and the affect of the bins on the amount of waste.

The compost bins should help residents reduce the amount of waste they throw away. Over a period of time the Council will monitor the volume of waste it collects to see if there is a reduction in how much is being sent to landfill.

If this trial is successful North Devon Council will look at expanding the scheme to other homes in North Devon.

Miles Sellick, North Devon Homes Neighbourhood Manager “I am extremely pleased to be able to offer these composting bins to our customers and to be working closely with North Devon District Council on a scheme that tackles the important issue of environmental impact.”

Councillor Rodney Cann, North Devon Council’s Lead Member for Waste and Recycling, “Composting can be fun! I am delighted to work in partnership with North Devon Homes to promote a scheme that can reduce people’s carbon footprint; help to save Council money spent on refuse collection and is also an efficient use of waste. This scheme will be monitored and if successful in reducing waste, we (the council) will consider rolling it out across the district.”

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Notes to Editor:

- Picture attached shows (from left to right) Councillor Rodney Cann; Miles Sellick, NDH Neighbourhood Manager and Elaine Yorke, NDH Customer Involvement Manager with some of the composters.
- Councillor Rodney Cann is the Environmental Waste and Recycling Portfolio Holder for NDDC.