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CLEAN SWEEP: Cllr Mike Preston, the Leader of Charnwood Borough Council, says the new environmental services contract is good news for Charnwood residents, who can expect a simpler recycling service and a cleaner, greener Borough.

WELCOME to the Summer edition of Charnwood News.

Firstly, I should introduce myself. My name is Mike Preston and I was recently elected leader of Charnwood Borough Council.

I have been on the Council since 2000, representing the Queniborough ward. I'm also a County Councillor for the same division, which includes Syston East and Rearsby.

This is a good news edition. Over the past 18 months, under my previous Cabinet responsibilities of Environment, I have been involved in the negotiation of a new Environmental Services contract.

This covers the collection of your bins, recycling and the cleaning of streets and other areas.

The contract, awarded to Serco, starts in August and there are some changes to the way we will collect your recycled materials.

That's because you told us the present system was complicated and there was a lot of confusion over which sacks to use for different materials.

So we have responded to your concerns and the new contract now only requires one bag for your

New contract is good news for all

Have your say!

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involved in the partnership - but you can play your part to help keep the town clean and tidy by letting us know of areas where there is any litter or weeds.

Additional good news is the refurbishment of the South Charnwood Swimming Pool in Syston.

This is on time and cost. It will re-open in September and we hope to have some special events to celebrate.

While on the subject of celebrations, it's excellent news that Loughborough University is to host the Japanese team for the 2012 Olympics. Well done to the University team.

I hope you have a great summer and look out for more good news in the next edition of Charnwood News.

Cllr Mike Preston
Leader
Charnwood Borough Council

recyclable material instead of two.

The other good news is that the new contract has saved the Council approximately £1.2m per year.

As you may be aware, Loughborough has been entered into the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

The plans are going well - thanks to the hard work of everyone

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