



*We wish you and your family a Happy Christmas,
and send our best wishes for 2024*

After Christmas ...

After the celebrations are over and we look forward to a New Year, remember the following:

1. Be careful about disposing of boxes. Break them down and turn them inside out so it doesn't show the contents. Take them to a Council-run tip or take them out on collection day.
2. Don't show your gifts on social media, unless you have a private or friends-only group.
3. If you go away for Christmas or New Year don't post pictures until you return, otherwise you're telling people that you're away from home.
4. The Sales usually start on Boxing Day, so remember the previous advice about shopping and be careful when buying things online:
 - a. Watch out for the "Too Good To Be True" offers – they usually are!
 - b. Use a credit card rather than a debit card for extra protection
 - c. Check the website address – is the spelling correct or is it trying to appear like a recognised site?
 - d. Make sure there is a padlock in the URL bar or the web browser, or that the address starts with "HTTPS" – the "S" means it is secure
 - e. If you haven't bought from a website before, do some research before you buy anything
 - f. There is no need for a seller to know any other information than your payment method and mailing address.
 - g. Only use Apps from a reliable source such as Google Play or Apple App Store. Don't give an App access to your contacts
 - h. Don't use the same password for every site
5. When you take down the decorations and Christmas lights, don't forget to leave lights on timer switches to make it look like someone is at home.

Spot the empty homes ...

