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## **TWINBIN SCHEME LAUNCHED WITH HELP FROM CAPEL SCHOOL KIDS**

The first phase of Babergh District Council's new TwinBin Scheme got off to a colourful start today with the help of children from a local primary school. The TwinBin Scheme involves the use of a Blue Bin for recyclable material and a second bin for a household's residual waste.

After a talk from Babergh staff last week, kids from Capel St. Mary Primary School had been preparing for the launch by designing posters aimed at explaining the TwinBin Scheme and its advantages. The 30 winners who were selected were then invited to have their faces painted blue by a professional face painter before being organised into teams to see which one could first fill a 240 litre Blue Bin with the maximum number of blue balloons. The winning team received prizes from Sue Wigglesworth, Babergh's Vice-Chairman.

"I was very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm of the children. They all seemed to be really clued-up as to what materials can be recycled and why recycling is good for Babergh's environment" explained Ms Wigglesworth.

"Capel St Mary has a very environmentally-aware school and we wanted to get a serious message across in a fun way to explain why we are launching the TwinBin Scheme. We would like to thank the school for all of its support" explained Sue Gibbs, Babergh's Technical Officer (Waste).

Nicky Sirett, Headteacher of Capel St Mary Primary School added "We felt that this morning's activities and the poster design competition that led up to it, were a good way of involving our children in an issue which will become even more important as they grow older."

The first phase of the TwinBin Scheme encompasses 10,500 Babergh households. The Scheme replaces the district's Pink Bags with new Blue Bins which are both a more convenient and, in the long-term, more cost-effective way for households to increase their recycling rates. ENDS

Notes to editors: images of the launch at Capel St Mary School are available on request

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