

[Economy Minister highlights partnership and collaboration to help rebuild the economy](#)

Working together to rebuild Northern Ireland's economy will make it stronger and ensure businesses are resilient, innovative, sustainable and competitive.

[Minister announces Digital Poverty support payment for CAFRE students](#)

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots has announced a £100,000 poverty payment package for further and higher education students at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) to address digital poverty.

[Vaccination programme continues at pace](#)

The latest detailed breakdown of Northern Ireland's COVID-19 vaccination programme shows that around 90% of over 50s have received their first vaccine.

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In recent years, at my request, over the spring/summer, additional wheelie bins have been placed on the northern edge of Magdalen Green to cope with the additional litter generated over the periods of better weather. They are removed over the winter.

I asked back in March for additional bins to be placed again this year and was promised by the City Council that this would be done. However, only two initially appeared (roughly opposite Step Row). I therefore contacted environment management again on 8th April and was assured this would be resolved, which I am pleased to note has since been done.

However, I have asked if thought can be given in the future to consider recycling bins – plastics in particular – and not just general waste, given the amount of litter that consists of plastics.

Given the dreadful vandalism on the Green last Friday night, I have been in discussions with council officers and Police Scotland about the issues. Adequate bins is hardly the whole solution to this, but it helps. I will be keeping residents updated.

Labour Market Statistics

The labour market statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.