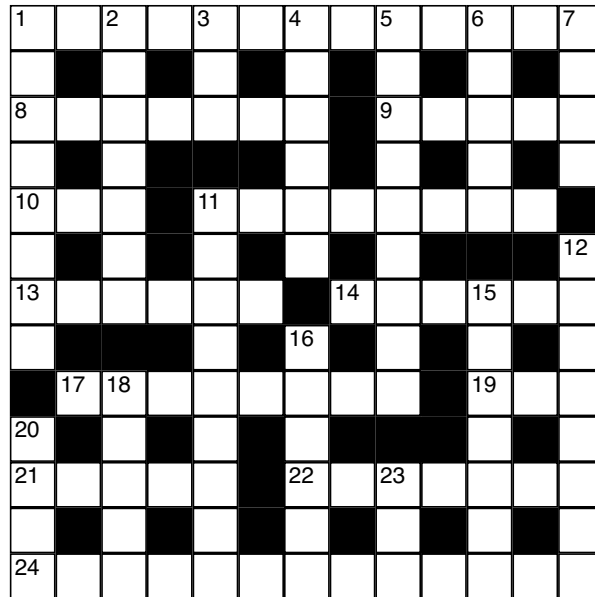


# Double Chance Crossword

**CRYPTIC & QUICK**  
But the answers are the same  
for both clues

## Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 He earns a living in cinema (13)
- 8 Desert Arab could become ice-bound, but it's not cold! (7)
- 9 Tree with blue-black berries is more mature (5)
- 10 Chemical manufacturing company here in France (3)
- 11 Jealousy that could turn you yellow (8)
- 13 First class youngster with love for martial art (6)
- 14 Make secure with turn at wicket just after nine (6)
- 17 It gets things moving in river well (8)
- 19 Change colour of old party blouse eventually (3)
- 21 Deposit in earth originally inspected near Totnes exuding radioactivity (5)
- 22 Give up wager (3,4)
- 24 Agree with English National Trust letter-writer (13)



## Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Landlord again removed from US political party (8)
- 2 Victorian prison? It's the very devil! (3,4)
- 3 Australian runner, Seymour, regularly left out (3)
- 4 Pin strip of leather in shoe (6)
- 5 When you take out money you don't have (9)
- 6 At home using first section of dictionary

- 7 Rent part of basement or nursery (4)
- 11 Something seen in garden is just a deer running wild (5,4)
- 12 21 Across trap that occurs in cyberspace (8)
- 15 A little fishing-rod seen in pond (7)
- 16 Ring everybody in Cambridge University press (4,2)
- 18 Flower found in monasteries (5)
- 20 Did it slip or was it thrown? (4)
- 23 Longing for eastern money (3)

## Quick Clues Across

- 1 Cinema employee (13)
- 8 Desert nomad (7)
- 9 Member of governing body: senior (5)
- 10 They make drugs etc (1,1,1)
- 11 Condition caused by liver disease (8)
- 13 Japanese self-defence (6)
- 14 Strip of wood to strengthen or fix (6)
- 17 Rotating rod (8)
- 19 Soak in pigment (3)
- 21 Put in ground (5)
- 22 Store wine in cellar (3,4)
- 24 He regularly provides material for publication (13)

## Quick Clues Down

- 1 He runs a bar (8)
- 2 Satan (3,4)
- 3 Flightless bird (3)
- 4 Particular language (6)
- 5 Deficit in bank account (9)
- 6 Relating to Indo-European languages (5)
- 7 Pulled apart: ripped (4)
- 11 It provides wood for veneers (5,4)
- 12 Links between computers (8)
- 15 Young frog (7)
- 16 Summon to join army (4,2)
- 18 Michaelmas daisy egg (5)
- 20 Gramophone record (4)
- 23 Japanese monetary unit (3)

For solutions see pages 28 & 29

## Councillor's litter ordeal kicks off Green Heart of Essex campaign

The Green Heart of Essex campaign, which aims to celebrate, look after and improve the appearance of the district, was launched by Braintree District Council on Friday 18th June.

At the launch, shock tactics were used to convince residents of Braintree District that throwing litter, gum and cigarette butts not only harms the district but ultimately costs each and every one of us thousands of pounds to clean up. Councillor Wendy Schmitt, Cabinet Member for the Green Heart, undertook a challenge in the style of an 'I'm a Celebrity - get me out of here' ordeal. Laying in a cage, pupils from St. Francis primary school covered her in litter collected from Braintree's streets. The litter became progressively more disgusting and ended with live rats.

Cllr Schmitt said: "I wanted to get the message across to everyone in a fun, but also shocking, way that dropping litter is disgusting, it ruins the appearance of our neighbourhoods and that spending on clearing up after people is a terrible waste of money and resources.

"The Green Heart of Essex campaign will see more staff spending more hours out and about cleaning up the district and there'll be more emphasis on prosecuting those caught littering and worse; but we want to ensure everyone in the district knows the true cost of littering and how they can do their bit to stamp out the problem."

Benefits of the campaign to local people include:

- ◆ See It - Report It - a new service where residents can report litter, fly

tipping, cigarette butt littering and any other environmental nuisance via phone, email, website, text, twitter and facebook - and can find out how long it will take to clear the problem;



Cllr Wendy Schmitt faces the cigarette butts with Andrew Howell, Jake Finesilver tipping cigarette butts, Verity Forster and Georgia Walker from St Francis Primary School

- ◆ Green Heart Clean Team - an expanded team who will be working longer hours, seven days a week to keep the streets, parks and open spaces clean and tidy. New hours are: 7am to 8pm weekdays; 7am - 5pm Saturdays and 7am - 1pm Sundays (formerly 8am - 4pm weekdays; 3 hours Saturday mornings; no hours Sundays)
- ◆ The Enforcement Team - more council employees will become accredited to enable them to penalise anyone caught dropping litter or committing other environmental offences;
- ◆ Thousands more trees planted to enhance our district, boost the range of plant and animal life and help combat the effects of climate change
- ◆ Parks and open spaces - we will continue to improve play areas and ensure natural places are well looked after for the benefit of local people and wildlife.
- ◆ Less waste to landfill - we have set a target to re-use, recycle and compost 53% of household waste
- ◆ Carbon Cutting - we will support local people and local businesses to reduce their energy use and help cut the district's carbon emissions by 1000

tonnes.

Anyone who wants to know more about the Green Heart of Essex campaign can call Braintree District Council on 01376 552525 or visit the website: [www.braintree.gov.uk/greenheart](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/greenheart)