

Winter halts green waste

GARDEN waste collections will be suspended for the winter as of next month.

The last collection date for garden waste for Nottingham City Council residents is October 30.

Collections will resume again in April 2016. In the meantime, residents can take their garden waste to the council's household waste and recycling centre in Lenton.

The council has suggested residents compost their garden waste when possible.

Game expert fears for health

THE potential impact of virtual reality gaming will be discussed during a conference at Nottingham Trent University.

Dr Angelica Ortiz De Gortari, a cyber-psychologist at the university, will talk about the challenges and opportunities that highly-realistic virtual reality devices may have for gamers as part of the Interactive Technologies and Games Conference, being held tomorrow and Friday.

From next year, virtual reality devices and technologies will be available for unregulated use in the home for the

first time. Over the last five years, Dr Gortari has carried out several studies into "game transfer phenomena" – gamers experiencing altered perceptions and involuntary thoughts and behaviours after playing.

Dr Gortari, who is based in the university's School of Social Sciences, explained: "The imminent arrival of more highly immersive technologies for entertainment brings exciting possibilities for developers and users, but also raises important questions regarding the impact on well-being."