

IMPORTANT!

The Community Council recently discussed the control of ragwort in and around Collieston and Slains.

Common Ragwort (*Senecio Jacobaea*) is poisonous to horses and other livestock and can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state.

We have asked Aberdeenshire Council's Landscape Services for their advice on how to dispose of ragwort. They have suggested that when small quantities are found, it only requires the plant to be dug out of the ground and either left to dry out and die, or to include small amounts within home composting bins, or household waste.

For large amounts it would be necessary to follow Defra's advice, which can be found online at:-



<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/wildlife/weeds/pdf/ragwort-dispose.pdf>