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FW: Litter picking in Ledbury

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Dear Mrs. Price,

Nina Shields has kindly contacted me and let me know that you and she spoke regarding a proposed Litter Pick by Herefordshire XR members in or around Ledbury. (I contacted her to see if there were already a litter-picking group in Ledbury with whom we could liaise). She thought that the Council might be happy to support us (some of us do have our own equipment but not all).

The XR Litter Picking group tends to operate once a month and we were planning to visit Ledbury on the 14th November. There's usually 6+ of us and we spend an hour and a half or so.

We were planning to litter pick the bypass but I gather via Nina that that's not allowed under Highway Regs, we'd be delighted to focus on any particular area the Town Council might feel in need... the Rec springs to mind? Or possibly some parts of the Town Trail?

Do let me know where the council would like us to be, and if they have any other suggestions.

Thanks,

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Working Together to Take Action on Litter

The pandemic continues to disrupt daily living/routines and whilst we all must ensure we adhere to the latest Government guidelines to keep safe, many frontline services rely heavily on volunteer support, now more than ever.

- Have you seen an increase in the litter in your area (streets, parks, verges) Sadly never-before-seen litter now includes disposable masks, PPE gloves along with drinks bottles and takeaway packaging? All are hazard to wildlife, waterways as well as being unsightly.
- Do you get calls to advise where and how your residents can safely collect & dispose of litter?
- Is recycling important to you?

Lockdown littering has been reported to be up by as much as 32% in different parts across the Country. Every day we want to encourage as many people as possible to remove as much of this litter as we can before it ends up in the sea or landfill.

Remove litter safely during Covid-19, England

Following the latest government advice litter picking can now be carried out alone, in pairs, in small groups of up to a maximum of six, including yourself, or (from July 4) two households can meet regardless of size. Government advice on the lockdown and social distancing may tighten or ease over time, so please ensure you follow the latest advice on COVID-19 for your own safety and that of others.

- 1 Stay at least two metres from fellow volunteers and members of the public
- 2 Always use a Litter Picker, and wear protective gloves (do not pick up litter with your hands)
- 3 Wash your hands (before and after your litter pick)
- 4 Use your own bag, bucket, or cleansing bag to collect litter in
- 5 Try not to touch your face whilst out litter picking
- 6 Don't pick any more than you can put in your own bin at home
- 7 Don't pick up sharps/syringes
- 8 Please keep hold of the litter pickers and bags to use again in the future and don't share with other households
- 9 Disinfect your equipment before and after use
- 10 Once collected, you will need to dispose of your litter at home using your household general waste bins. Please check if your local authority has capacity to collect your litter bags during this time

If you'd like to receive regular updates on latest government guidelines and all things litter, **visit** www.hhenvironmental.co.uk/blog

To share your experiences and learn about how other areas around the country are supporting their community volunteers, **visit** www.helpinghand.co.uk/community/ – this is a totally free online resource, no need to sign up

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From all the green team in Herefordshire,

Lindsay, Carly, Chrissie, Craig, Debbie and Stacey

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UK Litter picking

Local Actions Inspiring Global Change

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THANK YOU LITTER PICKERS

Inspiring Stories from UK Litterpicking Groups Members

'Clean Our Patch' is a Plymouth based community litter picking movement set up in March 2018. Since this time we've collected over 8066 bags of litter across the city equating to just over 80 tonnes!

Clean Our Patch was founded under the mentality of being proactive about an issue that our local council does not have the capacity to achieve. It was vital to ensure full accessibility to all. So in January 2019, we created our ambassador programme giving people in their local neighbourhoods access to organise and lead monthly litter picks.



Clean Our Patch — Plymouth

The idea for this was two fold, one it would increase the capacity of Clean Our Patch and secondly it would empower people across the city to know that they can do something to change their communities.

We currently have 34 ambassadors that run regular litter picks in areas and they run in total 23 groups, including one in Zimbabwe. The recent development of setting up a group in Zimbabwe has shown us and all those involved, the potential for this model to be rolled out internationally.

We also run workshops about waste into Plymouth schools, scout troops, and other organisations, and we attend community events and street fairs with a stall that offers children's games about litter and awareness raising tools such as the Litter Archive, which contains tagged and dated items of litter dating back to as early as 1962.

We have started 2020 off with a bang after been shortlisted for an 'outstanding contribution to the community award' in the Southwest Business and Community Awards.

Ash and I were blown away by this and our teams set up a fundraising page so that we were able to attend the ceremony. We were delighted and humbled to be announced as the winners...It was important for everyone to know that this award was not won by Ash and myself it was won by everybody that has supported the idea, got involved in the programme and volunteered to move things forward!

We have been incredibly lucky and humbled by how the city has got behind this movement and how they have really started to change the culture of littering.



Authors: El Clarke & Ash Vibes
Clean Our Patch Plymouth



The Environmental Conscious of Inverclyde

My name is Stephen Henry, one of my passions is the Environment, I'm a bit of a walker and amateur photographer and love nothing better than combining both of these, however, over a number of years, whilst walking, I noticed more single use plastics were appearing much more frequently in and around really remote walking areas.

Becoming increasingly frustrated, I decided in 2016, to clean a small part of a beach on my own, and from that point onward found myself constantly picking up litter and debris every time I was out walking, in some instances, I could make no or little impact on the sheer volume of detritus, this continued for some time, until 2018, when it has reached a point of pivot, either I give up or move the activity up a notch and so I organised a beach clean, over 20 local volunteers attended and helped clean up the Cloch Lighthouse Beach in Gourrock. It was an absolute disgrace what was found and removed from that beach. Since then, there have been lots of organised beach cleans and litter picks, the last one of 2019, saw around 46 volunteers lifted over a hundred bags of detritus from the Lyle Hill in Greenock, however still the problem continues to grow, so it was time to take it up another notch.

In 2019, I petitioned the Scottish Parliament to ban single use plastics across Scotland (this made it through the petitions committee and is still work in progress within the Scottish Parliament). I also created the 'Literati guide to Inverclyde' FaceBook page which now has nearly 1,300 local engaged followers - the sole purpose of which is to continue to highlight and deal with and become the

environmental conscious of Inverclyde. The challenges we face in our local area and it is also used to share some of the great work which is also going on around Inverclyde in support of the environment.

What's next? My vision is to create a '**Inverclyde Environmental Group**' made up of all local stakeholders from the community, working hand in hand to tactically and strategically to deal with all local environmental challenges - I can't give up, I'll keep plugging away and try and lift the environmental challenge up to those whom can and will make a difference. More than ever, **it's now critical that each of us do what we can for the environment, it's the only one we have and it's the only planet with chocolate, surely that alone makes it worthwhile saving?**

Author: Stephen Henry, Inverclyde Environmental Group

*For more information about the inspiration work of Volunteers & Community Litterpicking Groups across the UK just like mine - join the **UK Litterpicking Groups Page on Facebook** and support us in making a difference.*

Make it your mission in 2020, to join in a litter pick; volunteers always need a Helping Hand.

Beach Cleaners: Ards & North Down

Beach Cleaners: Ards & North Down are a group of unpaid volunteers which cover the postcodes: BT18, BT19, BT20, BT21, BT22, BT23.

We've done monthly cleanups around the coast of Ards & North Down which has a coastline of 115 miles for the last 3 years.

We have carried out 41 cleanups, lifted 911 bags and assorted larger items, 993 volunteers have participated in our cleanups, and we've lifted over 2 tonnes of litter between 2018-2019.

We try to raise awareness of why it's important to take care of our environment and encourage members of our group to take individual action and/or participate in cleanups organised by other groups.

Our group won the National Live Here Love Here Ards & North Down Litter Heroes Award in 2018. And we have 1067 people in our Facebook group.



Why do we do it? - simply we want to live in a litter free environment and to protect marine and coastal wildlife from the dangers of litter and plastic.

Author: Lesley Crawshaw





Primrose Parks Alliance

Caroline Hall and daughter Sadie, aged nine, decided it was time to act and make a positive difference to Primrose parks as they make regular trips because physical activity is beneficial to Sadie; who has a gene disorder so rare that only 16 people in the world that have been identified with it.

Caroline set up a community group to restore the parks. Then four months ago they joined with a similar group called Keep Mill Dean Clean, which looks after a nearby green space with a stream leading to the Primrose nature reserve.

The Primrose Parks Alliance now has around 240 volunteers and in five major litter picks last year, they cleared 3 tonnes of waste from the three sites.

The alliance has also secured the help of the Royal Engineers, who will rebuild a bridge in Valley View Park as a training exercise campaign.

The volunteers work in partnership with South Tyneside Council which provides equipment for litter picks, delivers training to volunteers and provides parks maintenance. The project ties in with the council's #LoveSouthTyneside campaign.

"Our work is starting to make a massive difference with families now starting to enjoy the parks again, but we have a long-term vision to make the area beautiful again and make improvements for everyone to enjoy".



Primrose Parks Alliance Members: Caroline & Sadie

**Author: Terri McLoughlin, Trustee
Primrose Parks Alliance**

Jess Flag

I started picking 'one bag' of litter every time I went on a dog walk and it grew from there.

The South Wales valleys are beautiful, but in some areas, completely covered in fly tipping and litter. I seek to raise awareness but more importantly get very involved in every aspect of making natural areas beautiful again, and even more importantly keeping them that way.

I'd really love one day to just be able to enjoy a walk in beautiful Wales without having to clear up someone else's mess!

I fear we have a long way to go but awareness is growing and hopefully in my lifetime avoidable issues like this will be a thing of the past.

I have lived in Wales for little over two years and what I have found is that little by little the sterling volunteers around here and on **UK Litterpicking Groups** are inspiring others to **'do their bit'**. No longer is it acceptable or normal to have piles of rubbish lying about in our environment.

That said we are still fighting a minority who think it is acceptable to flytip because it's someone else's responsibility. We need councils to use all the powers they have to fine and catch those responsible for committing these crimes. Waste crime seems like a free for all at present; with little end in sight for those giving their free time for a litter-free Britain.

This is why we need the Government's support in creating proper laws and enforcement measures for local authorities to implement successfully to tackle Waste Crime.

Author: Jess Flag

Truckers Cleaning Up Britain

My name is Martin Burrows and I am a truck driver for Eddie Stobarts in Stoke.

Over the last 2 years I have noticed that many councils are closing laybys and putting parking restrictions on industrial estates. Due to anti-social behaviour by truck drivers throwing or leaving their rubbish.

It came to a head at Rochester Amazon, this was another great parking area for us but over the weeks more and more rubbish was being left at the side of the road.

So after I made a video it was seen by the local litter picking group who took action with the land owners. This in turn got us banned. It just seemed that the easy solution was to ban drivers when we need to change behaviour.

So **Truckers Cleaning up Britain** was started. I wanted to show councils and the general public that not all truck drivers were anti social or indeed threw rubbish.

So I decided to collect 1 bag a litter from where I parked my motto was 1 bag a day will help the environment. But I realised that there were no solutions to this problem. Hence **'be part of the solution not the problem'** came as my motto.

Since April 2019 I have collected 650+ bags and gain support from various councils and Veolia Waste Services Stafford. My aim is not just collect as many bags of rubbish but to educate HGV drivers of their duty to our country.

Author: Martin Burrows - Eddie Stobarts

UK Litterpicking Groups FACEBOOK

When I started **UK Litterpicking Group** on **Facebook** 20 months ago, I had no idea of who, where or how many people were Litterpicking across the UK.

In a short period we now have well over 2400 individuals and groups across the UK, covering streets, parks, beach, canal and river clean up, hill and mountains clean ups, in fact everywhere where there is litter a group has sprung up. All are volunteers and have groups of one up to groups of thousands 'an army of voluntary litterpickers'.

The **UK Litterpicking Groups Facebook** members have provided enthusiastic support to everyone doing a litter pick, guidance on equipment, fund raising, how to run an event, community clean up inspiration, public liability insurance, how to disposal of rubbish collected, recycling of litter and many other voluntary actions. This group share ideas and best practice, are proud to showcase the unpaid work they do - highlighting it before and after pictures area. I think it is fair to say that without these wonderful people; where we all live would be a far dirtier place!

To our MPs who may not be aware that a group exists within their constituency, their local county and parish councillors who may not know a group exists within their local area. And then to start a national discussion on how we can change things, via education, enforcement or whatever other methods are available. I teamed with Helping Hand in sponsoring the group as not only were they local to me in Herefordshire but are also a major supplier of equipment and more importantly advice.

The group is run by all the volunteers all across the UK who give their time freely to make Great Britain a cleaner place.

**Andrew Wood — Founder
UK Litterpicking Groups**



The Helping Hand Company are a family run business in Herefordshire, offering specialist anti litter consultancy, community campaign support and safer litter clearance hand tools. Our tried and trusted brand works in partnership with local authorities, community groups, businesses, schools and charities. Since 2019, we have been proudly supporting UK Litterpicking Groups Facebook Page. This group is made up of over 3,700 unpaid Litter Heroes and Eco Warriors; who champion and support their local communities to become cleaner, greener and more sustainable places to live, work and play. **Please note, all stories/pictures were from pre COVID-19, local lockdown restrictions and the implementation of social distancing.*

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