

# **APRIL 2024**

## **DO YOU NOTICE RUBBISH?**

Help keep your local area safe and clean for people and wildlife. Look on the ground, in hedges or on verges. There is so much rubbish.

In March the Keep Britain Tidy asked us to collect litter – between  $15^{th}$ - $31^{st}$  March – we were asked



picked up litter where we live – and to pledge how many black bin bags you would collect.

My street is a small one, only 12 houses. I already go out 3 times a week and collect the litter left by people passing by. So, I pledged I could collect 1 bin bag of litter. I actually collected 1.5 bin bags over the 17 days. So much litter from cans, sweet/chocolate wrappers to full bags of McDonalds waste. It's a disgrace.

Well, its April now and I don't see why we all can't keep picking up litter and making where we are a nicer place to live – if we keep picking up the litter maybe the litter droppers might notice how nice everywhere is and stop being litter louts – we can live in hope.

If you see it, pick it up, bag it, recycle it or put it in the bin. Always wear gloves or use a litter picker.

#### Litter-picking is a simple action that makes an immediate and visible difference.

## Join in a local clean-up event

You could join in a local clean-up event, it's a hands-on way to combat litter and promote community engagement. It's about taking responsibility for our shared spaces and enjoying a cleaner, greener neighbourhood.

Plus, it's a fantastic way to meet like-minded individuals who share your passion for the environment. Together, you can make a tangible difference in your local area.

### Recycling

Recycling paper, plastic, and glass is your way of giving materials a second chance while reducing the strain on our landfills. Did you know that recycling a single aluminium can save enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours? Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees.

#### Reusable bags, bottles, and containers.

Switching to reusables reduces your waste. If YOU switch to a reusable bottle, YOU could save about 156 plastic bottles from trashing the environment each year. Now think of how many bottles that is times the number of people on our planet. That's a lot, isn't it?

Start going green with small, conscious choices every day. Each step, no matter how small, contributes to a larger collective effort to preserve our planet, each action creates a ripple of positive change. It's OUR invitation to tread lightly on Earth.