

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

What a load of rubbish!

In our quest to make a difference in the village we held our latest litter pick on 3rd October, it was great to welcome new folk and our thanks to all who came and collected 23 full bags of rubbish, including old carpeting, bits from cars plus a large tyre. Our thanks go to Terry, Kerry and the guys at the depot without whose help our tidying up of the village in this way would be impossible.

Chatting to Kerry I find the litter problem in the district is costing the council thousands of pounds a year, which of course is reflected in our council tax payments. This however is avoidable if we all take a little more care and dispose of our litter properly. Prevalent this time, sweetie papers, the type small children tend to have and cans and bottles stuffed in the hedges.

It was very disconcerting to see the amount of dog mess, particularly on the recreation ground. Please may we make a plea to those dog owners to deal with this matter responsibly, there are two dog waste bins situated on the recreation ground so there is really no excuse for it, and after all a dog poo bag takes up little room in your pocket or bag. Chepping Wycombe Parish Council pay a considerable amount each year to have these bins maintained so let's make it worthwhile and use them rather than leaving the mess around to cause a health hazard and messy shoes.

Another problem is the amount of discarded cigarette ends, apart from being difficult to pick up I gather that these take around 15 years to degrade completely and have been shown to cause pockets of pollution due to the nicotine and other waste products concentrating as they decompose. On a more positive note we didn't find all the used bus tickets we did the time before so well done for that. Please consider joining us for our next effort to tidy up the village, we would really welcome you.



There is now a big hole in Heath End Road where 'The Magpie' once stood, however at the time of writing the appeal by Michael Shanly Homes for building 9 homes on the site is still in progress. We will update you when we hear more.

Lastly thanks for contacting me on a range of issues; it is good to hear your comments and concerns, which we do try to address.

Carolyn Leonard
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