

Sandbach Clean Team



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Equipment Storage

All the Clean Team equipment is now stored in Sandbach Town Council Market Store, located on the Scotch Common next to the fish and chip shop.

Our monthly litter picks are now based there, when additional equipment will be available to members (or at other times by special arrangement with a committee member). Thanks to Sandbach Town Council for facilitating this.

Financial support

Sandbach Town Council awarded the Clean Team a further grant this year, helping us to continue our work. We are grateful for this.

In April the Clean Team was a recipient in the monthly Waitrose Green Token Scheme and £590 was raised for our funds. Thank you to all who put their tokens in the “correct” place!

Well Done, Year 9

Everyone in Year 9 of Sandbach High School was involved in a major litter pick in Sandbach on Friday 4th April.

This has become an annual event and is part of their Community Day: groups of yellow-jacketed young people scoured the town removing every trace of litter. Afterwards the place looked great.

The Clean Team supplied over sixty litter-pickers and other necessary equipment. Many thanks to all the staff and students who took part.

Brownie Camp

The Annual Brownie Camp took place in June and Clean Team litter-pickers were once again taken on the camp by the leaders to tidy up afterwards. The weather this year was wonderful!



Brook Wood was officially opened on Saturday 12th April by our MP Fiona Bruce, assisted by Cllr Mike Benson, the Town Mayor.

The weather was kind and over 100 people attended. Local residents, through the Community Action Group and supported by Plus Dane Group, put on a number of events for young people – which were enjoyed by all.



Over the past four years the Clean Team has played an important role in the renovation of this woodland, working with local residents and Sandbach Woodland and Wildlife Group to remove vast quantities of rubbish dumped in the wood. Our thanks to all those who were (and still are) involved in this project.

Photos: Dave Peever

AGM: Dick Macaulay Retires as Co-ordinator

At the AGM, on Friday 4th July, Dick Macaulay retired from his role as co-ordinator, a post he has held for nine years since the inception of the Clean Team.

In his review of the year, Chair Keith Haines spoke warmly of the debt of gratitude the whole community owes to Dick for his selfless service to the town.

Dick founded the Clean Team in 2005, when the first litter pick took place in Ettiley Heath and four people turned up to help clear litter

from Salt Line Way. He has led the team ever since, during which time it has grown to over 170 members and forged links with Sandbach Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Sandbach Partnership.

Councillor Mike Benson of Sandbach Town Council proposed a formal vote of thanks to Dick which was enthusiastically seconded by Dot Flint, Chair of Sandbach Partnership.

Keith made a light-hearted presentation of a golden litter-picker to Dick, which was followed by presentations of wine from Mike and a special litter-themed cake baked by Dot.

Ann Macaulay was presented with a bouquet and thanked by the Chair for 'loaning' her husband to the Clean Team for over nine years.



Waitrose Partnership Day

The last event co-ordinated by Dick was a display in Waitrose to celebrate their Community Matters and Partnership Day.

The Clean Team has twice benefitted from the Waitrose 'Community Matters' scheme, most recently in April this year (see page 1).

There was a combined display with the Brook Wood project – another scheme which Dick, as a member of Sandbach Woodland and Wildlife Group, has helped co-ordinate.

