

Sandbach Clean Team



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Clean Team Outreach Activities

In the last Newsletter in June, we reported on the work of Interact Club from Sandbach High School and Sixth Form College, organized under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Sandbach.

This time, we've supported litter-picking teams from the local National Citizens organization and MacDonalD's restaurant. We also ran a litter-related activity at the Play Day in Sandbach Park.

Plastic Bags

Since 5th October, large retailers such as supermarkets are obliged by law to charge for plastic bags.

The aim is to reduce the amount of plastic waste: hopefully people will use strong "bags for life" or other alternatives to carry their shopping. Carrier bags continually form part of the litter that we collect, so let's see if it reduces under the new regulation.



Town Council: 17th October

We have invited Sandbach Town Council to join us once again for our litter-pick on October 17th, and will be starting from outside Sandbach Literary Institute at 10:00 am.



Hopefully the local press will be there, so please join us – the bigger the turnout, the better. It all helps raise

the profile of environmental concerns and demonstrates taking a pride in our community.

YOU can Help

We have a wonderful membership of over 140, (and growing) and the team needs some organizational support from members to help things run smoothly.

There are many reasons to give it a try. For example you might not wish to carry on regular litter-picking, but still want to contribute to the Team. Maybe you fancy brushing up your computer skills, or feel you could do a job in liaising with the local schools. Perhaps you're a wizard at stock control, or organization and general office skills?

There is a multitude of opportunities to help, and the great thing is that you can achieve a great deal in as little as about a dozen hours PER YEAR! We have a small but dedicated and happy team that could use a few extra hands – so if you can spare just a little free time, call Keith on 761541.

Spare Equipment?

With our growing numbers, we constantly need to find new sets of litter pickers, bag hoops and highviz jackets – all of which costs a lot of money.

So if you have spare gear or through for example a change of circumstances no longer get out to pick up litter, please let us know by ringing Keith on 761541 or emailing keithhaines@talktalk.net so we can recycle the equipment.

December 12th: Santa Hats ON

Don't forget to don your Santa hat for the Christmas litter pick on December 12th.

With the help of PCSO Spike Ellis we will be joined again by the local Uniformed Youth Groups. At the end of the pick (around noon) we're going to organize a social so that we can share a drink and a mince pie (or two).

Information on the Clean Team can be obtained from

Sandbach Partnership on 01270 752124, or sue.brereton@sandbachpartnership.co.uk or from the websites: www.sandbach-cleanteam.co.uk and www.sandbachpartnership.co.uk