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litter picking with the Guides

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The Clean Team have already had a really busy month starting with the litter pick last weekend. Despite the rain the length of Centurian Way was picked & now looks a lot better.

In addition to the organised picks all our members continue to pick on a regular basis and this is very evident throughout the town. On behalf of the Clean Team committee I would like to say a very big thank you to all those hardworking individuals.

The Clean Team committee of which there are eight, all work very hard not just on litter picking issues but any other concerns which we might have. One of our committee members is trying to push forward the replacement of the old bus stops which are falling into disrepair and are unpleasant to use. Another committee member is currently working with the waterways to improve sections of the canal by painting & general maintenance & the issue of litter in Brookes Lane.

Several of our committee members are also active on the Civic Pride committee which works in conjunction with the Town Council. As a result of this team effort Middlewich will see in place 60 baskets & tubs this summer and the launch of the Middlewich in Bloom competition. This is a free competition & anyone can take part.

In the next few weeks the Clean Team are out planting with one of the local Brownie units in the Church yard at St Michaels. Which is part of the clean teams development plan to work with local groups & schools to promote 'litter awareness'. We are very pleased with all our visits to the schools & will be continuing to build upon the progress we have made this year.

Maxine

Last weekend - 22nd May - the Clean Team purchased 2 large planters which were placed in Lewin Street in a small paved area near to Niddries Toy Shop. My job is to keep them watered!! They look brilliant. The area had been steam cleaned earlier last week by the CBC gumblaster machine.

The Clean Team feel that Streetscape are doing a great job in the town especially as we are aware that they have other commitments in the Borough.

Also a big thanks to the 2 residents of Lewin Street who have kindly volunteered to water the small flower bed which has 'developed' at the bottom of Maidenhills.

April 2004

I was on holiday in Cornwall with my family last week & I saw this excellent sign situated by St Michaels Mount

It was designed by a local school to encourage 'litter awareness' This is excellent & the message is so similar to the one which the High School designed for us. It just shows that other areas around the country are working to 'make a difference'

The Clean Team were out today 24th April litter picking around Somerfield & the Town Centre area including White Horse Alley & the Leisure Centre. The town looked relatively litter free which is very encouraging. The only discouraging find was one of our members did find a large bag of rubbish which had been dumped along the canal side by Finneys lane. The team made the most of the sunshine and picked for about an hour.

The Clean Team paid a visit to the 2nd Middlewich Scout group earlier in the month and donated £40 for plants to replace the spring bulbs they had planted around their Scout hut. The Clean Team presented the Beaver unit with a certificate for all their hard work.

March 2004

A few of our members were very adventurous on Sunday am & got together to litter pick a small section of Croxton lane with the junction of King Street eight bags of rubbish, 2 car tires and various car parts. We are very concerned that King Street has not been litter picked by Vale Royal Borough Council for over 12 months and after several phone calls & a letter we thought that positive action was required. We have now been assured that the area will be litter picked within the next two weeks - Starting at the Middlewich end. Watch this space.

Next on the agenda was a run through of details for the High School assembly - which is taking place in the next fortnight.

As part of our 2004 plan our aim is to promote 'litter awareness' through education. This is very challenging but good fun.

Friday & Saturday are really busy as it is the Launch of the Middlewich Vision Partnership Healthcheck. The Clean Team has a stand in the exhibition in the Civic Hall, which is open to the general public on Saturday. Please feel free to visit.

We held a very successful litter pick on Saturday March 13th .We picked along Croxton Lane to the tip .The stretch of road between the canal & Dane bridge was strewn with litter & fly tipping , not really visible from the road. We collected a total of 18 bags of litter and contacted the streetscape team to remove the fly tipping (including a sky dish!!)

After contacting Vale Royal Borough Council Waste Management team last Friday we are confident that King Street will be litter picked within the next few weeks. Their plan is to take sections at a time due to the problem of traffic control .This will be a big achievement if we can get the roads into the Town litter free!!

The Clean Team really enjoyed the Middlewich Vision Launch. The initial opening was excellent and very well managed. It was very well supported by local organizations and very informative. The High School pupils worked very hard on both days to sell tickets for the balloon race and their perseverance paid off!! The Clean Team had some very positive comments and it was nice to know that we are well supported.

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