

## December

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Hello fellow litter pickers

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

December has been a busy month for litter picking - there is definately an increase this time of year, must be all the chocolates we are eating; Celebration wrappers are quite common!!

We had an excellent pre Christmas pick as you can see from the Home Page. As usual we were in high spirits & the Streetscape Team very kindly disposed of the 4 bags we collected.

Whilst we were out picking it was brilliant to come across a lady who was part of the Clean Team but not actually on the official pick. She explained that she was out doing her bit 'so to speak'. It's really fantastic that we have such support from all our members ..so my message to you any disbelievers out there is 'We are here to stay'

## November 2004

Hello ..actually it isn't November its the 31st October but i thought i would get ahead of myself.

Janet & i had a very enjoyable hour spent at the Football Club this afternoon assisting parents & children with a litter pick of the perimeter fence & pitches. It was actually quite tidy & we soon completed the task.

We were very impressed with the positive attitude of the staff/ parents & children and are really pleased that these picks are to continue.

They are an iniative of the staff at the club but are to be carried out and organised by the parent/ player committee. We also aquired 2 new members so a big thanks to all.

litter picking has continued throughout the month of November.

This weekend especially there seemed to be rather more litter than usual! All the Clean Team members have been out picking despite the wet weather. We held our Saturday litter pick yesterday ( 27th Nov) at Warmingham Lane but it also doubled up as a photo shoot!!

Approx 10 members including some brownies took part in a photo session for a Cheshire County Council publication. It was really good fun and we look forward to seeing the finished result.

i'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE QUITE READY FOR HOLLYWOOD although a few suggestions were made about Calender girls !!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to attend

## October 2004

19th October

Hello

The litter picking continues...

We have had 2 very well attended litter picks already this month.

Somerfield earlier in the month and last Saturday 12 members picked around Croxton Lane/ Golden Lion/ Webbs Lane area.

Members of the Clean Team also assisted the Middlewich High School For The Future group on Monday afternoon, for an hour. The School are becoming very proactive with regard to litter picking and organised with the help of one of the teachers a litter pick of the School premises & surrounding area. Many Thanks to them.

As usual Clean Team members are still picking areas around the Town.

I would like to say thanks for all their help. Although its now dark in the evenings i still take a bag & picker if i'm going down to One Stop at night you can still pick up a few pieces!& yes i'm still stopping the car if i see litter.( my boot can hold quite alot!)

#### Gardening

you may have noticed that the small planters have been tidied up?

( situated on the paved area in Lewin Street opposite the Fishing shop)

Chris, one of our committee members sorted these out ready for winter.

Also other members have now taken the flowers which the Brownies planted in the Church yard during the summer.

We also had a fun afternoon planting 2000 bulbs on an area in Warmingham Lane. They will look fantastic in the spring.

#### Other issues

The clean Team approached Streetscape earlier this month with a request to remove Graffiti from areas around the town (the Tax Office on Lewin Street was one such area) Many thanks to the STREETSCAPE TEAM for being so proactive.

Cigarette butts - we now have in place 3 cigarette butt buckets! they appear to be working - a great inovation by Poplar Stores!

#### Coming up

The Clean Team are visiting Middlewich High School on 5th November - as we visit every term as part of our litter education and we have also been asked if we can assist with the litter picking after the Cricket Club Bonfire - happy to help.

Maxine

### **September 2004**

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Tues 7th September

Hello,

As you've probably realised i've had a summer break from my diary. But that doesn't mean i've stopped litter picking!!

Infact as you can read on the Home Page all the Team have been involved in lots of activities as well as litter picking.

We've hit September up & running, with a litter pick last Saturday & on Monday of this week.

Both litter picks were quite well attended and as usual everyone worked for about an hour. On both occassions litter picking was around the Town Centre, a total of 8 full bags over the 2 picks.

Well done everyone !!

The usual debris was collected plastic & glass bottles taking up the most room. A couple of our members found a large pile of leaflets deposited in White Horse Alley, promoting tourism in another part of the Country!!

Another successful litter pick on Saturday 25th Sept by the Little Chef/ Centurian Way , just on the outskirts of the Town.

We were all all a high after winning a major award at the North West in Bloom competition. Next year we are detirmined that the the Town will look even better!!

We have also introduced a new bin for outside the One Stop & Tesco Express for cigarettes. We thought we would follow in the Poplar Stores brilliant idea lets hope it catches on

Max

## June 2004

Hello

This month is moving along really quickly & the Clean Team are certainly making use of the warm weather & light nights.

The folk \* Boat is nearly upon us & the judging for the Community Pride is tomorrow which has certainly created a frenzy of activity amongst the Team.

You may also catch me & other members running about with a watering can re below!

PLEASE NOTE everyone who works in our committee puts just as much effort into this as i do & i would like to thank them for working with me. Plus all our hardworking litter pickers ..i caught two members out with carrier bags this morning by the White Horse & they had walked along Sutton Lane.

Last week saw the following actions:

Monday evening 7th - litter picked Lewin Street area

Tuesday evening 8th - planting with the Brownies in St Michaels Church yard, the result looked fantastic they worked really hard & their enthusiasm was brilliant. We then took them on a litter pick along the canal & tested out our small(new)litter pickers. Their was quite a bit of litter on Webbs Lane park as unfortunately some of the boaters passing through are using the parks litter bins for their boating rubbish. The evening finished back at the church yard.

Wednesday evening 9th

Tidying up the flower beds outside Longcross Court in Lewin Street & replanting. lots of positive comments on this.

Thursday evening 10th

Planting with the Guides in Southway see front news page for coverage on this. Really pleased with the Guides support they worked really hard.

Also the same evening members tidied the library flower bed & planted a few bedding plants. It certainly is an improvement.

Saturday afternoon 12th

litter pick around the canals & St Michaels Way/ Brookes Lane. The weather was great & the pick was really well attended. One of the great things about the organised picks is that you can spend however much time you have spare & if new members turn up there is always someone available to show them the guidelines. As usual it was very lighthearted & great fun ..thanks to all who attended.

Sunday evening 13th

frantic dash around the Town - yes i know there was a footie match on ..but we virtually had a running commentary through it all, as we were in the Town Centre area getting it really / really clean for the judging of the community pride competition. Which takes place tomorrow.

last year Middlewich gained MOST IMPROVED TOWN so here's hoping!

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