



# Middlewich Clean Team Newsletter

Summer 2012



## Working with Cheshire East and British Waterways to solve a messy problem

On Friday 30th March several members joined representatives of Cheshire East Streetscape Team, British Waterways and a Community Warden to highlight a problem that has been causing increasing concern to many of our members who regularly litter pick along our lovely tow paths.

If we can encourage dog owners to behave responsibly and to pick up (and to dispose of properly) the mess caused by their dogs then our tow paths will be much more pleasant to walk along for all of us.

## Have you any unwanted litter pickers or hi-vis vests?

If you have spare litter pickers that you've been given by the Clean Team that you no longer have need of, please get in touch and we'll arrange to collect them. Every new member gets them and they are expensive items, so we aim to make the best use of them.



## Nursery visits by the Clean Team

Clean Team members Hilary Jones and Carol Eccles visited several nurseries in Middlewich earlier this year to encourage young children to help to keep their town tidy and to have pride in their town. The children sing a song about the importance of putting litter in a bin and then are given the chance to try litter picking for themselves using junior crocodile litter pickers.



(Photo courtesy of Middlewich Guardian)

## Litter Pick Dates

**Saturday 5th May**, 2.00pm. Meet Golden Lion car park

**Monday 14th May**, 1.00pm. Meet Turnpike car park

**Saturday 2nd June**, 2.00pm. Kings Lock car park

**Monday 11th June**, 1.00pm. Tesco car park

**Monday 16th July**, 1.00pm. Town Bridge—meet Seabank car park

**Saturday 21st July**, 2.00pm. Meet Warmingham Lane Car Park



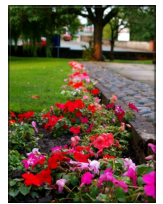
## Sea Cadets help out

In February, Clean Team members were joined by several Sea Cadets and their leaders on a litter pick in the town. The

Cadets are normally based at TS Portland in Whitegate but, as we can see from the photo, they were happy to do their bit to help keep Middlewich clean and tidy.

## Community Planting

Yet again, the Clean Team will be organising this popular community event in May. Hundreds of plants will be put in the borders in the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels in the town centre.



This will be followed by refreshments provided by the Mothers Union. Last year's planting was affected by a Busy Lizzy disease and had to be replaced by pansies, so this year it is intended to choose an alternative type of plant to avoid this problem.

**The date this year is:**

**Tuesday 29th May**

**Meet in the churchyard at 6.30pm**

**Everyone welcome**

## Well done Darren

The Clean Team has plenty of people who pick litter regularly—we see people out and about all the time in Middlewich—but one of our most diligent members is Darren. He's highly visible in his Clean Team jacket and also collects metal items along the way, which he then weighs in and donates the money he receives for them to the Clean Team funds to help with purchasing essential items—such as the hi-vis vests and litter pickers to our ever-increasing membership

## The Clean Team needs your help

Lots of hard work and money goes into supporting the magnificent efforts of the Clean Team's litter picking.

There are lots of ways that you may be able to help including suggesting businesses or organisations who may be able to help with sponsorship, offering help with fundraising, or letting us know about groups or organisations who would like a presentation about the work of the Clean Team.

If you can help, get in touch by phone—01606 836263 or text—07974 952177 or visit the Clean Team website—

**[www.middlewichcleanteam.co.uk](http://www.middlewichcleanteam.co.uk)**

## Middlewich FAB Festival

**As always, Middlewich Clean Team will be out and about litter-picking at the Folk & Boat Festival. This year it will be held from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th June.**

**If you can spare an hour—or more—during the weekend, your help will be very much appreciated.**

**Love your town—keep it tidy!**