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Spring Clean Tidy of the Canal area

Press release March 21st 2005

British Waterways are holding a 'Spring Clean Week' in Middlewich 18th to 24th March. The spruce up of the canal areas will include painting/scrub clearing and litter picking.

The Middlewich Clean Team maintains a good working relationship with British Waterways staff responsible for the Middlewich canal section and were invited by Jim Taylor (the manager in charge) to assist in the activities.

Several willing members of the Clean Team turned out on Monday afternoon to help paint a length of fencing by adjacent to the canal towpath by Andersons Boat Hire. John Anderson very kindly supplied a boat to use for the week in addition to the on site BW boat.

Several members also carried out litter picks along the canal tow paths leading towards Croxton Lane and behind the Salinae.

Maxine Wrench of the Clean Team said 'Everyone who attended worked really hard and also had a lot of fun. The 'Spring Clean Week' is a real positive incentive for the town and prepares our beautiful canal sections ready for the summer visitors'.

In addition to the Spring Clean Week the Clean Team had a really successful litter pick week.

Last Monday 14 members litter picked Brook's Lane & Centurian Way and on Saturday 9 members turned out to pick a 'Grot Spot' area around King Street Industrial Estate.

We have even found some time to help Sandbach Clean Team on their first litter pick on Saturday morning. They are determined to be as successful as Middlewich and we are really pleased that both towns can work in partnership to raise litter awareness'.

CLEAN TEAM ENCOURAGED BY SUPPORT

Press release

Monday February 21st 2005

The Clean Team were out in force today picking litter along St Michaels Way, Croxton Lane & Webbs Lane.

A great turn out of 14 Clean Team members braved the cold weather and collected nine bags of rubbish. Town Councillor Fred Smith also joined the Clean Team to show his support.

Spokesperson Carol Eccles said;

'Fred who is joint manager of the Cats Bar with his partner Carole has always taken responsibility for keeping the area in the vicinity of his premises clean & litter free. It's really positive news for Middlewich that we are all working together to promote pride in our town.'

Planting for Summer – St Michael's Church is lit up with bulbs

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Middlewich Cheshire, 09 June 2004:

St. Michael's church has been lit up with bulbs of a different kind. The Middlewich Brownies have helped the Middlewich Clean Team to plant 200 bizzzy lizzies along the church paths to bring a bit of colour to the church for summer and the forthcoming Middlewich Boat Festival. The plants were bought by the Clean Team and the pre work on the ground was done by Streetscape, the team at Congleton Borough Council who amongst other things help to keep Middlewich clean and tidy

The recent hot weather enabled the two teams not only to plant the flowers but also to work together picking litter around the town. Katy Lee from the Clean Team said "It was great for the children to join in. They helped us pick around the Salinae grounds, along the canal footpath right up to Webb's Lane children's play area. I am glad that Streetscape saved us a lot of time by preparing the soil first. " Pat Pugh from the Brownies group said afterwards "I was surprised how much rubbish there was. When you want to really look for it you can find loads. The group certainly earned their badge tonight"

The Clean Team would like to encourage other schools and organisations to in the Middlewich area to take pride in their own community. If anyone would like more information on how they can do this then visit the Clean Team's web site <http://www.middlewichcleanteam.co.uk> .

Spring Clean for 5th Middlewich Guides

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Middlewich Cheshire, 31-May-04:

A superb joint effort by the 5th Middlewich Guides and The Middlewich Clean Team, saw the canals of Middlewich given a spring clean ready for the summer and the forthcoming boat festival.

After covering the health & safety guidelines and ensuring everyone was happy with what to do, the Guides went on a litter pick with the Clean Team on Cledford Lane & the along the canal tow path. The Guides leaders, Sue Stubbs and Jenny Fallows said afterwards, "It was a really fun evening & the Clean Team seemed to be impressed with the Guides responsible attitude and the help that they wanted to give" and the Clean Team wished to thank both of the leaders and all the guide members that volunteered and decided to help.

The Clean team are always looking for helpful members and anyone wishing to join can get in touch via their web site at www.middlewichcleanteam.co.uk

Middlewich Cheshire, 13th February 2004:

On Friday 13th Feb, Janet Chisholm and Diana Turner, members of the Middlewich Clean Team, made a presentation of £200 to the Middlewich Primary School. It is the intention of the Clean Team to raise awareness of the litter that had been starting to gather in Middlewich and to try and encourage the local school children to use the litter bins the team and borough council are providing in the town.

Two of the primary school children, Tom Johnson and Daniel Blythe have been seen in the town helping to pick up litter in their spare time and to say thank you they were presented with certificates by Mrs. Chisholm, Founder of the Clean Team. Mrs. Hooper, the schools deputy head gratefully received the cheque on behalf of the school and said that the donation will go towards their woodland project.

The Clean Team volunteers have recently won two awards themselves and are now keeping to the promise they made when winning those awards. They want to invest it into educating the school children of Middlewich, into keeping the town clean and tidy by encouraging Middlewich children to take pride in their local community and surroundings.

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Clean Team receive grant in 'Rewards for all' programme

The Middlewich Clean Team receive £2 450 grant in the 'Awards for all programme'
Middlewich Cheshire, 16 January 2004:

Awards for all is a joint scheme providing lottery grants to local voluntary and community groups and the Middlewich Clean Team have successfully applied and received £ 2450 to continue their work in Middlewich. The team had already been recognized for their community work when in December '03 they received the Government award 'Taking a stand' and a £1000 cheque as one of the top 10 prizes in the UK. Although they did not win the top prize this was an excellent achievement out of over 12 000 entrants

On hearing the news, Clean Team chairperson and founder, Janet Chisholm said, "This is excellent news for both the Clean Team and the local community. We have only been going for one year but in that time Middlewich has seen dramatic improvements which are down to both the hard work of the 30 or so volunteers in my team and also from the help and hard work of the local borough councils that we work so closely with."

It is the intention of the team to use the award money for the benefit of the town, by investing it into educating the local school children about the importance of keeping their town clean and tidy. Other areas of spend highlighted by the team are display boards, display material, tabards, pickers and gloves and the development of a web site. The web site has recently been launched and is found at <http://www.middlewich-cleanteam.co.uk>. The Clean Team are always looking for volunteers and helper on their group picks and these dates can be also be found on the web site.

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Clean Team Bring Rewards to Middlewich

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The Middlewich Clean Team receive £1000 Government award in the 'Making A Stand' awards.

Middlewich Cheshire, 09 January 2004:

On 4th December the founder member of the Middlewich Clean Team, Janet Chisholm along with committee member Diana Turner, visited the House of Commons and collected a cheque for £1000 from Hazel Blears, MP and Minister for the Anti Social Behaviour Unit. In October Last year the Government launched their action plan

‘Together: Tackling Anti Social behaviour’ and the Middlewich Clean Team have been awarded one of 30 national awards for their work in the local community.

Since forming in February 2003, The Clean Team volunteers have carried out many activities in the community including litter picking, graffiti cleaning and bulb planting. The group has now gained momentum and has 30 active members keeping their own local area of Middlewich tidy. Partly due to their own work and for their joint work with the local council, Middlewich has received recognition in the form of winning the large village, small town category award in the Best Kept Village competition, The Community Vibrancy Award in the Community Pride Competition which was sponsored by Shell and Most Improved Town in the North West in Bloom awards.

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Middlewich Clean Team -Making a real difference

Regular visitors to the clean team web site (www.middlewich-cleanteam.co.uk) will know Janet Chisholm, the original founder and Chairperson of the Middlewich Cleanteam. They will also know that she is one of a number of hard working individuals who volunteer their spare time to helping keep Middlewich the clean and tidy small town that it is.

The website, however, would now like to inform you that this hard work has now been recognised by the NSPCC and Janet has been nominated for Cheshire Woman of the Year Award 2004. The ceremony, which will take place at Chester Town Hall, is on March 17th where a lunch is given for all those nominated and the formal announcement of the winners will also be made.

The prestigious awards are in their 19th year and reward women from all walks of life for personal courage, service to the community or outstanding personal achievement and will receive wide press coverage.

We, of course, wish Janet the very best of luck for this deserved nomination and hope that come March we can report her winning the £1000 first prize.

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