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### Chrstitmas gift idea for smokers

New police powers which came into effect on 1st November mean that there is now an on-the-spot fixed penalty fine of £50 for littering which includes cigarette butts. Now there is a little box called a ButtsOut ashtray where cigarette butts can be stored until they can be disposed of in a litter bin.

Middlewich Clean Team has these ashtrays on sale at Chisholm's newsagent in Wheelock Street.

In the UK around 75,000,000,000 cigarettes are consumed each year and a significant proportion of the cigarette butts are dropped on the streets.

ENCAMS (formerly The Tidy Britain Group) estimates that 40% of all street litter is cigarette butts, which take years to degrade, look unsightly, attract more litter, damage wild life and pollute waterways.

So if you or somebody you know smokes - give ButtsOut ashtrays a try. Small enough to put in your pocket or handbag whilst out and about, instead of using the ground.

### Taking A Stand Against Litter

Middlewich Clean Team members Janet Chisholm and Diana Turner travelled to the Mermaid Conference Centre, Blackfriars, London, last week as guests of the Home Office for the second year of awards given for Taking A Stand against anti-social behaviour.

Last year Middlewich Clean Team won an award, one of 30 given from 500 nominations. This year there were 101 prizes from 700 nominations.

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### STREETSCAPE THANKYOU

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Following the success of Middlewich's award, Best Large Town in North West in Bloom, The Cleanteam decided to say thank you to the lads on the ground, doing all the hard work. To see what they received

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## North West In Bloom awards 2004

Nine representatives of Middlewich, made up from The Town Council, The Commubity Pride Group, The Middlewich Clean Team and The Health Check Innitative attended the North west in Bloom Awards presentation on Friday 24th September at Lancashire County Cricket Club, Old Trafford.

They enjoyed a three course meal which was followed by the Award ceremony.

Middlewich won the Best Large Town Award ( population 12,001-35,000).

We are all very proud of this award and would like to thank everyone in Middlewich who helped to make it possible.

Middlewich also won a Merit Award for the Croxton Trail which was also fantastic.

### Silk Fm Awards

Middlewich Cleanteam Success

The clean team were nominated by Bill Morris, in a competition to hear about local heros or groups withing the community that go the extra mile.

The Middlewich Cleanteam were then invitied as finalists to attend a three course meal at Mereview Restaurant, Alderley Park, Astra Zeneca. Four committee members attended, along with Bill and his wife Mary. Four awards were presented on the night, with The Middlewich Cleanteam achieving top spot and winning!!

The scheme is backed by 106.9 Silk FM and Astra Zeneca.

Well done to all the team.

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