

Litter Picking

Lockdown was fantastic for me as a litter picker as there was a considerable reduction in the volume left on the verges of the road. Sadly this did not continue as lockdown was lifted and there was a noticeable increased volume.

I have had weekly help from my husband who has been desk bound at home and has relished the opportunity for exercise so litter picking has become more interesting for me as he discovers what is lying on our roadside.

Every week the entire village is picked and we are finding an average of 3 to 4 black plastic sacks. The usual cans, bottles, takeaway packaging, cigarette ends plus the odd microwave and no end of car parts. We believe some people are littering habitually. Every week we find a bottle of the same type in exactly the same place. We think we have removed at least 400 bottles from the ditch on the Scout Hut road this year. It never ceases to sadden me that people will litter our countryside without any thought for the aesthetics of the area or the effects it can have on wildlife. A recent addition has been masks which often get caught in the hedges.

This year the payment I receive from the Parish Council has gone to the Parkinsons Charity. Maggi Mukasa