



I hope the summer has been treating you well and you have been enjoying your much needed and well earned holidays. Whilst I do love the autumn (for it brings with it a new rugby season) I'll be keeping my fingers crossed for the sun to keep on shining a little longer. As you will read, we at LitterAction have had a busy few months.

LitterAction in the news

Recently we sent out a series of regional press releases featuring groups registered on the website. As is the way with these things not all were picked up, but LitterAction groups did receive some good local coverage in Norfolk, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and the Isle of Wight. We would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to all of those involved.

We think that initiatives such as this are good for LitterAction and more importantly they are a good way to promote all the hard work that volunteers put into ridding their area of litter. We are always interested in your stories so if you or your group has one – post them on your group page, on the forum or even email us. We always enjoy hearing from you.

Autumn Cleanups

We are well aware that the time of year when many of you dust off those litter sticks and head onto the roadsides and lanes of the country is fast approaching. Whilst some of you will have been doing this throughout the summer, many groups get together to carry out litter picks over autumn and into winter. I'm sure some of you will be taking part in [The Big Tidy Up](#) this month as part of those activities.



If you want any help planning your community litter pick then do take a look at our [information centre](#). It contains advice such as organising the litter pick, where to obtain equipment, risk assessments, insurance and also litter laws. Don't forget to put any planned events on to your group page and record the results on LitterAction. It is important we get a full picture of the contribution volunteers are making to rid their areas of litter. It also gives us a better idea of just how much litter is out there.

Finally if you can't find what you are looking for on the website, or need further information then please do [contact us](#). We are more than happy to help.

Summer Stars

Before I finish, it would be rude of me not to mention the groups that braved the occasionally hot weather by carrying out litter picks over summer. Our computer system rather cleverly tells us that many groups have added to the bag counter on their group pages since the last bulletin. This includes [Pont-y-Clun tidy team](#) (58 bags collected), the [Litter-Free Guiseley Campaign](#) (66 bags) and [Derbyshire CPRE](#) (15 bags collected). In all 20 groups carried out litter picks, collecting over 800 sacks of litter. A magnificent effort and we hope that those groups are reaping the rewards of a cleaner landscape.

As always, please log onto your group's webpage and add the number of bags that you have collected recently if you haven't done so. That information really is very useful to us.

My sincerest best wishes for the coming months.

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