

Clean Up Scotland Newsletter

Cambuslang man hailed as litter hero



Andy Wilson, member of Friends of Holmhills Wood Community Park, has received the prestigious Clean Up Scotland “Hero of the Month” award in recognition of his continued commitment to litter picking.

Andy walks through Holmhills Park every day on his commute home from the station. On his way through the park, he picks up all of the litter he sees and bags it for the local authority to collect.

Not content with picking up easy to find litter, he often goes out of his way to remove it from bushes and hedgerows, even donning his waders to clear out the ponds.

Andy is also a keen photographer and his photos of the park have brought many new people to visit.

On receiving the award Andy Wilson commented:

“I’m a zoologist by degree with a passion for photography and very much notice things in the landscape that really shouldn’t be there. Holmhills Park is my oasis of tranquillity and I pass through it twice every day to and from work.

It has often been stated that a little litter leads to more litter so I would encourage everyone who uses and enjoys the area to always carry a plastic bag and pick up anything that catches their eye on their way through the park. Research has shown that people tend to litter more when there is litter already there so every bit of litter removed will lead to less incentive for others to drop litter.

With many of us leading such diverse lives these days the sense of neighbourhood has all but vanished and getting involved in a Clean Up is one way of getting to know other people in the area who also care about the environment.”

The Clean Up Scotland Hero award is supported by [Helping Hand Environmental](#) who provide each Hero with a Clean Up kit - including a new Scottish litter picker and high viz vest.

Do you know someone who is a hero in your community? Nominate them [here](#).

CCF development grants deadline extended

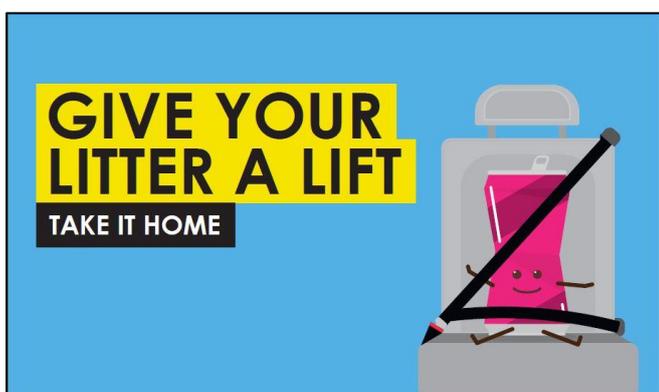
Development Grants of up to £1,500 will still be available in the new year through our administration of the Climate Challenge Fund on behalf of the Scottish Government. Additional application deadlines have been announced as 13 January and 10 February 2017, with funding decisions made on a monthly basis. Find out more [here](#).

Free support to develop your campaign

As part of the [Litter Pick Plus](#) project, we want to work more closely with groups and individuals who are developing their litter campaigns. So whether you are just starting out, or want to move on to tackling specific issues in the community, [get in touch](#) for free support and ideas.

Roadside litter campaign launched

We've recently launched an ongoing campaign, **'Give your litter a lift, take it home'** to raise awareness of the impacts of roadside litter and begin to change the behaviour of those who throw litter from vehicles across Scotland.



Roadside litter creates a negative impression of Scotland, not just with our local communities, but among our many visitors from around the world. Our key transport infrastructure across Scotland, the very routes we and our visitors use every day, are blighted by litter.

Littering from vehicles is illegal. It is dangerous to us and to our wildlife. It is expensive and difficult to clean up. And, it is unsightly. Nobody benefits from roadside litter. For the public and private sectors, for individuals and local communities, a cleaner, greener Scotland is good for us all; socially, environmentally, physically and financially.

The campaign is making one big ask of road users – to 'Give your litter a lift, take it home'.

You can find out more about the campaign, who is involved and what you can do to get involved at www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/roadside-litter/

Our Annual Review

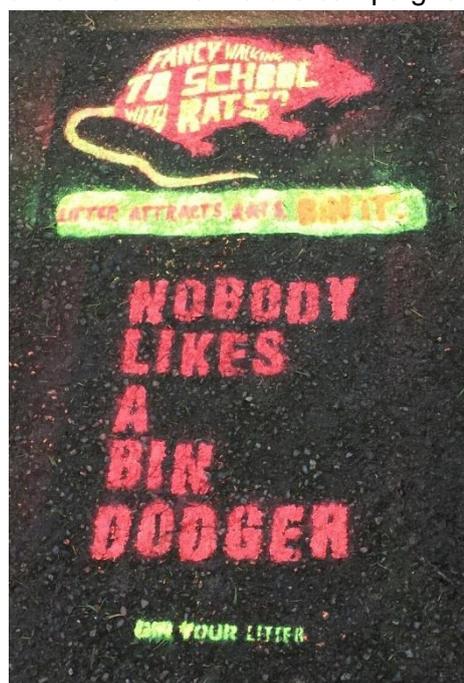
Perhaps you have visited an award winning local park or beach this year. Maybe your community group, NHS Trust or local authority has benefited from training that we offer, or possibly your children attend an Eco-School? Our Annual Review for 2015/16 highlights the work that we do to help make our country cleaner, greener and more sustainable. Read the review [here](#).

Highland Council's latest litter campaign

For a number of years, The Highland Council has experienced issues with external litter at secondary schools and Further Education establishments. The streets in the vicinity of schools (routes to and from school as well as from school to local food shops) are particularly associated with school-related litter in the minds of the general public.

In an attempt to tackle this, The Highland Council successfully secured funding from Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS) for a litter campaign to try to tackle this issue in five secondary schools and the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI).

The campaign included street stencils, internal floor vinyls and litter bin stickers. After a positive response from pupils and teachers, The Highland Council are producing a survey to collect further feedback to inform their future campaigns.



Do you know an exceptional young Scot?

Young Scot has launched this year's Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards. Nominations are open until the 27 February and aim to recognise young people and groups aged 11-26 who have made a difference to the lives of others. There are 12 categories, including environment and community, and finalists will be invited to a red carpet ceremony in Glasgow. To find out more, visit www.youngscotawards.com

Your stories



A recent Clean Up, with 20 residents in Dumfries and Galloway, two community safety officers and the new Town Centre Ambassador, collected over 10 bags of rubbish with some lovely home baking afterwards!



The Gowan Hill litter pick, organised by John Allen, collected 10 bags of rubbish, including items such

as a broken umbrella, firework litter, and mini barbecue remnants.



An eight strong group of volunteers from ferry operator CalMac, removed around 50 kgs of rubbish from the beach as part of the Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) Beachwatch campaign.

Have a very merry Christmas



Whether you have organised a fun, festive Clean Up or are taking a well-earned break from litter picking, from all of the Community Projects team at Keep Scotland Beautiful, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.