

Clean Up Scotland Newsletter

East Lothian hero for coastal Clean Ups



An East Lothian man has received the national Clean Up Scotland 'Hero of the Month' award in recognition of his continued commitment to cleaning up Scotland's beaches.

Andy Bradshaw has spent hundreds of hours in all weather conditions collecting rubbish and waste from Gosford Bay, getting to and from the beach using only public transport. Andy's efforts have been supported by East Lothian Countryside Rangers service, who have kept him supplied with materials to carry out the Clean Ups and then collecting the filled rubbish sacks to dispose of them.

Andy, who is retired, carries out twice weekly rubbish collecting visits to the Bay, on one occasion filling more than 50 refuse sacks in a single day. He was nominated for the national award by Duncan Priddle, a countryside officer with East Lothian Council.

Read the rest of the story [here](#).

Our Neat Streets success



The results of our latest anti-littering project demonstrated the success of many of the interventions. The outcomes, which have been released in a summary report, show a 24 percent increase in brightly wrapped bin use and a reduction in cigarette litter following the installation of 'vote with your butt' bins.

For the first time in Scotland, it brought industry, the City council, charities, local businesses and people together - united in the vision of their community becoming litter free. Our partners, [Hubbub](#), who originally conceived and trialled the concept in London, were instrumental to the project's success, as were the City of Edinburgh Council and the Greater Grassmarket Improvement District.

Neat Streets, based in the Grassmarket in Edinburgh, was a project designed to influence littering behaviours by nudging people to dispose of their waste correctly. The campaign ran over three phases between May and August 2016, with the aim of increasing civic pride and reducing the problem of litter with a series of highly visible activities in the Grassmarket.

Read the rest of the story [here](#).

What are your plans for 2017?

With spring just around the corner, plans are afoot for Clean Ups in 2017. Spring is a perfect time to do your first Clean Up of the year and we are encouraging people to get out in April and May and [register an event](#) with us.

Success for Clean Up Tarbolton Woods



The Clean Up Tarbolton Woods campaign, based in South Ayrshire, have had a flush of success over the past few months. Pictured above, the campaign jointly won 'Outstanding Community Group' alongside Fullerton Fairy Trail at the South Ayrshire Council Outstanding People awards. One of their youth volunteers, Troy Clark, then went on to win the South Ayrshire Youth Forum award for community involvement.

Samantha Brown, secretary of the group, said: "Our volunteers and supporters have dedicated their time, skills and energy to taking our campaign forward with a positive can do attitude. When you have no cash to start a project it is actually quite amazing how people come together to donate and fund 'in kind' and also what a bit of initiative from passionate people can do."

Your stories

[People Against Litter](#) are a group who encourage people to commit to picking up one piece of litter a week. The word then spreads

by asking another to do the same. Can you commit to picking up one piece a week?



Balfour Scouts took up the #2minuteCleanUp challenge. They were timed for two minutes and asked to collect as much as they could in teams. As you can see in the photo, this can be quite a lot!

The Scotrail Biodiversity Fund



We have been managing the ScotRail Biodiversity Fund for Adopt-a-Station volunteers, and are delighted to announce that fourteen adopted stations will receive grants ranging from £100 to £5,000 to support and encourage biodiversity projects.

The volunteers working at the successful adopted stations showed a dedication to ecosystem restoration, biodiversity planting and conserving wildlife in Scotland in and around their chosen station in their applications.

The successful stations are: Aberdour, Burntisland, Dalry, Dumfries, Dunlop, East Kilbride, Gorebridge, Inverurie, Kelvindale, Kirknewton, Montrose, Perth, Stow and Uddingston. Applications for the 2018 fund will open in May this year.