

Aberdeen Glitter Pick 2018 & HSS Flying Eco Pigs Change the World!

On Thursday 21st June Aberdeen's communities came together for their annual Glitter Pick, 24 clean-ups in 24 locations over the course of 24-hours across Aberdeen.

The Glitter Pick started at midnight on Wednesday with Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Services team in the Mastrick/Sheddocksley area followed by other groups every hour.

Overall an amazing 466 fantastic people took part across the day, collecting 263 Bags of litter and helping to spread the Clean Up Aberdeen message. It was Glittertastic day!



Mile -End primary school pupils L-R Aakriti Bhatta, (8YO), Maggie Brown (7YO), Ryan Mason (7YO) with L-R watching Charlotte Andersen, (8), Penny Patton (8) and Elliot Anderson.



Primary 7 pupils from Cornhill primary school took part in the Glitter Pick- L-R Ben Still (11YO), Gemma Still (11YO), Freya Still (12 YO) and Chair of the Cornhill Eco Committee), Priyana Sapkota (11YO), Fola Reni- Shodipo (11YO),

The Glitter Pick sees everyone working together as part of the wider aims of the Clean Up Aberdeen initiative and is designed to help make the city sparkle in the summer months.

As a Council Aberdeen spends more than £4million a year on clearing litter – that is money that could be put to good use in other areas and services if we can keep working in partnership to change habits and keep our streets and open spaces litter free.

Groups who took part include Friends of Walker Dam, the City Council's Countryside Rangers, Donside Village Community, Friends of Seaton Park, Middleton Park School, Riverbank School, Robert Gordon's College, Hanover Street School, Fernielea School, Cummings Park Community Flat, Kingswells School, Airyhall School, Cornhill School, Hazlehead School, Skene Square School, Play Forum, Friends of Victoria & Westburn Parks, Guardians of Aberdeen's Graveyards, the City Council's Environmental Strategy team, Cove community, RSPB Dolphinwatch, Spirit Energy, Beavers, Aberdeen Boat Club, Fit Like Joggers, Tidier Tilly, Friends of Sunnybank and Fittie residents.

The event is part of the year-round Clean Up Aberdeen campaign which encourages people not to litter in the first place and provides equipment for groups wanting to organise a litter pick. For more details, or to get help organising an event, call 03000 200 292, or email cleanaberdeen@aberdeencity.gov.uk. More information is also available from Clean up Aberdeen on Facebook www.facebook.com/Clean-Up-Aberdeen or from the website www.cleanupscotland.com/.

The event was made more special as we were able to present our groups with a unique gift of a flying eco glitter pig!

The children of the city's Hanover Street School were recently named UK Champions of the Better Energy School Awards for their project 'HSS Flying Eco Pigs Change the World!'



Beautiful Flying Eco Glitter Pigs and Hanover Primary School celebrate becoming UK Champions.



The Better Energy School Awards is a nationwide competition for 5 to 11 year olds, which is run by the Young People's Trust for the Environment (YPTe) in partnership with Total. The competition, which aims to generate interest in the environment and raise awareness of the need for sustainable energy sources, has received entries from almost 275,000 children since it began in 2007.

The children of Hanover Street School learned about a wide range of environmental issues including single use plastics and the problems posed by discarded chewing gum on the streets of Aberdeen. They thought that if they could make their Eco Pigs (very cute papier mache pigs with eco messages on their wings) fly, then perhaps they could change the world.

Inspired by the environmental damage they had seen in Blue Planet 2, they approached local shopkeepers, cafe and bar owners to ask them to stop providing single use items like drinking straws made from plastic in their restaurants. They even got the school caterers to end the use of single use plastic for school lunches! Businesses that agreed with the children's requests to make changes received an Eco Pig to display on their premises. The Eco Pigs went far and wide, with one going to the home of Sir David Attenborough, who sent them a personal letter of thanks for the work they were doing to protect the environment for the future.

The school kindly made 24 flying eco glitter pigs for our event which were loved by all our groups and took pride of place in most of the day's photos.

Thank you Hanover, and thank you everyone for making our Glitter Pick such a fantastic success!



Airyhall School 12 mid-day



Cummings Park Community Flat 11am



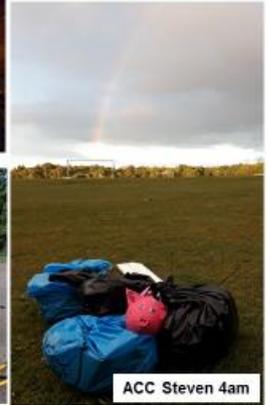
Hanover Street School 10am



Middleton Park School 9am



ACC Lorna 1am



ACC Steven 4am



Friends of Seaton Park 8am



Donside Villagers 7am



24 hour Glitter Pick

- 24 Litter picks
- 24 locations
- 24 hours
- 21st June
- 466 participants
- 263 bags filled



The End 11pm



Fittie residents 9pm



Friends of Sunnybank Park 8pm



Fit Like Joggers 7pm



24 hour Glitter pick

- 9 schools
- 5 friends groups
- 4 partners
- 4 community/residents groups
- 1 community flat
- 1 Beavers pack
- 1 ploggers group



Guardians of Aberdeen's Graveyards 2pm



Environmental Strategy 3pm



RSPB Dolphinwatch 5pm