

## Young Reporters Scotland 2019

### Plastic Litter in Inverurie

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#### Intro

People started littering a lot in the Victorian times. Litter is not only disgusting but it's harming our animals. It is a global goal to reduce the amount of littering and have a clean world by 2030.

#### Plastic

In 1907 Alexander Parkes invented plastic. Plastic wasn't popular until 1960 when people started using it so much more than since it was first invented. Plastic is a man-made material that was made popular in 1960. Plastic bottles take 450 years to decompose that is a long time and if we keep dropping plastic bottles then we will never achieve the global goal. A mobile phone takes even longer than a plastic bottle to decompose it takes 1000 years to decompose which is longer than ten people that live to be 1 hundred years old that's like 10 generations to live to live to 1 hundred.

#### Plastic damage

Plastic litter is harming the world. Because every time you drop a piece of litter it takes years to decompose sometimes it can take up to 1000 years to decompose that's how long it takes for a mobile phone to decompose. Also 8 million tonnes of plastic alone goes into the ocean every year if nobody stops littering soon some scientists say that if nobody stops littering then there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050.

#### Where is there a problem

Inverurie has a big problem with litter. Most of Inverurie's litter is in their streets, parks and schools. Litter makes lots of people feel down because it looks so very disgusting that they feel sick and then someone comes along and thinks that the street is already covered in litter so they drop another piece of litter. There is not enough bins around the town so people just chuck it and then because it just gets chucked it then goes into the ocean and harms the animals.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion the global goal is to reduce the amount of litter and stop littering by 2030 and if nobody stops littering then there will be more plastic litter than fish in the ocean by 2050 if everyone keep going the way that everyone is because at the moment because there is already 8 million tonnes of plastic litter goes into the ocean every year.

