

Clean Up Scotland Newsletter

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Ayrshire Volunteers' Environmental Efforts Receive National Recognition



Ian Cassidy in his yellow ALVN tabard being presented with his hero certificate by Gillian Slider, Community Development Officer for Keep Scotland Beautiful.

An Ayrshire man has received the prestigious Clean Up Scotland 'Hero of the Month' award in recognition of his exemplary efforts in encouraging the wider community to participate in local environmental initiatives.

Ian Cassidy from Stevenston, North Ayrshire has been leading the fight against litter across North, South and East Ayrshire, as part of the Ayrshire Litter Volunteer Network (ALVN). In a short period of time Ian has made a significant difference throughout Ayrshire.

Instrumental in establishing the successful litter picking group 'Friends of Stevenston Beach', Ian has helped the group to collect a record-breaking 1000 sacks of rubbish

in only six months. In his voluntary capacity, Ian has also been engaging school pupils in their local environment and has encouraged many new volunteers to sign up to the ALVN initiative.

Ian was presented with the accolade at the ALVN AGM on Wednesday 30 September. The award is supported by The Helping Hand Company who provide each Hero with a Clean Up kit - including a new Scottish litter picker and Handy Hoop.

Ian Cassidy, commented: "Over the few short years that I have lived in Stevenston there was a steady decline in the health and condition of the Stevenston Beach Local Nature Reserve. I was determined to find a way not only to halt that decline, but to also restore the health and cleanliness of the reserve. A chance sequence of events resulted in the formation of my volunteer group, realising the beach transformation after months of dedication and hard work."

COP21 Consultation Launched



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Keep Scotland Beautiful has launched a consultation about the big challenges and topics that will be discussed at the UN climate change negotiations due to take place in Paris in December at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21).

The consultation, 'Conversations about COP21', will seek to gather the views from the people of Scotland on the key discussions that will take place in the UN arena in December. The aim of this consultation is to get Scotland participating in the global conversations taking place around climate change in the coming months.

The consultation process will seek views from the public from the 9th of September to the 6th of November.

The consultation will be tied into many of Keep Scotland Beautiful's activities over the coming months, but is also available for anyone to participate in online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConversationsCOP21

Keep Scotland Beautiful will also hold conversation events in late October to have a more in depth conversation about COP21. More information about these events will soon be available at www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/theroadtoparis

Following the consultation, a briefing paper will be produced that will be presented to the Scottish Government to inform the delegation due to attend the COP and a report on the findings will be published.

For more information please contact Elizabeth Dirth at Elizabeth.Dirth@keepsotlandbeautiful.org

First National Stakeholder Event on Dog Fouling

Keep Scotland Beautiful hosted the first National Stakeholder Event on dog fouling in Stirling on Friday 18 September. Bringing together a diverse range of organisations, including SNH and Nation Farmers' Union Scotland, local authorities and housing associations, to fellow charities and community organisations and schools, to discuss the problem of irresponsible dog ownership and dog fouling across Scotland.

Research shows that communities across Scotland, both urban and rural, are blighted by the problem of irresponsible dog ownership and dog fouling - and it is a problem that is getting worse.



The national event is just the start of a conversation about how we can all work together to tackle dog fouling. A full report will be made available and presented to Minister of Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Paul Wheelhouse MSP.

Delph Pond Forum have made the headlines



There is plenty going on at the Delph Pond in Tullibody. Local people donned their gloves for a litterpick and took part in a

number of fun activities during the biodiversity and Clean Up event organised by the Delph Pond Forum in September.

Tweet of the Month goes to Traffic Scotland



Traffic Scotland's #takeithome twitter campaign has come at a perfect time with the Local Environmental Quality network discussing interventions to reduce Roadside Litter. The briefing from the network meeting can be found [here](#).

Network Rail scoops two Gold Awards for Flagship Stations



Keep Scotland Beautiful has presented Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Central stations with the highest accreditation available in the National Awards for Environmental Excellence.

The railway stations, owned by Network Rail, were awarded the top Gold accolade, recognising excellence in environmental quality. Only four 2015 Gold Awards

have been presented in Scotland. Both railway stations excelled in key areas including environmental quality, waste management and community participation.

Throughout Scotland, over 75 businesses, from shopping centres, leisure and cultural trusts to hospitals and ports, have received a National Award for Environmental Excellence. Further information on the awards, and how to enter, can be found [here](#).

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the charity that campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues to change behaviour and improve the quality of people's lives and the places they care for. We are committed to making Scotland clean, green and more sustainable.

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