

My Litter Picking Journal

Monday 10th August 2020

Signed up for Adopt a Street like my brother and received another litter picker, bin bags and bin bag holder later today



Tuesday 11th August 2020

Went out for 2 hours litter picking with my mum. We went down Catalina Close, Sandford Lane and Sandford Park as well as the roads to get there from my house. We filled 2 heavy bags but had to be careful as one ripped.

Catalina Close – residential area with little litter

Sandford Park – there was a fair amount of litter around the trees, bushes and just off the paths, less than usual because we saw another couple out litter picking through the middle of the park

Sandford Lane - lots and lots of litter both recent and old, mostly McDonalds and drinks, a few people spoke to us (3 nice, 1 negative from lads in a car).

Wednesday 12th August 2020

I went out for over an hour with my dad to Hurricane Way and the roads leading to it from my house. There was less litter than Sandford, here it was mostly cigarettes, bits and pieces that had fallen from the rubbish bins, drinks cans and sweet wrappers. Because it's a busy, residential road, it probably needs less frequent litter picking visits than Sandford Lane and Park.



Thursday 13th August 2020

Today I went out with my mum for an hour to the nature reserve behind our house and the roads leading up to it. There was more litter near the main roads, the entrances and the water, we'll have to go back at some point to clear the area near the weir as there were kids still playing in it and insulting us. Multiple people thanked us and one woman got us to share the Adopt a Street details with her and the families of both her and her friend. It also rained but we still filled a bag. We chose this location because it's not a street so it might not get the same attention litter picking wise. Also there were no rubbish bins that we could see, the dog bin by the entrance was also overflowing where people had tried to leave their rubbish.

Friday 14th August 2020

Today me and my mum went out for about 45mins down to the aviation museum and back up Sandford Lane, we filled a bag of rubbish which proves that Sandford Lane is a high maintenance road that needs to be kept an eye on as we've already cleared it just a few days ago. I also want to recruit 5 more people to adopt a street by the end of the year and task them each with recruiting someone else as well. We also need to educate – I need to incentivise keeping things tidy, give kids a reason to not litter and demonstrate the impacts that littering has on the environment.



Saturday 15th August

Today me and my mum went to Ashenbury Park and spent over an hour and a half filling a bag and a half, we spoke to a woman who did this area pre lockdown and we saw the elderly couple who were clearing Sandford earlier this week. We found a lot of laughing gas and vape refills. We noticed that the weekly rubbish collectors have a tendency throw the rubbish bags into the middle of the road which is really bad because the bags rip leaving more rubbish just strewn everywhere.

Monday 17th August

Me and my dad went down to Bader Way from Constable Close and cleared out the Aviation museum car park, just that tiny section took up over an hour and we came home with an almost bursting (but lightweight) bag full to the brim of rubbish. It was so light because it was mostly filled with polystyrene in both huge chunks we had to break up to fit in the bag to tiny, tiny pieces that we had to pick up individually, also lots of cigarettes and wet wipes around the car park. We think the polystyrene came from falling off the back of a truck.



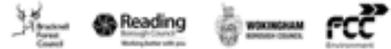
Saturday 22nd August

I went down to Bader Way doing the same route as Monday and collected a full bag in hour, no one spoke to me but I did get lots of stares! There was less in the car park but still a lot on the main roads. At some point I need to do Sandford Lane again and then the nature reserve. I was also thinking how handy it would be if there were bins by the bus stops because we always spend time picking up cigarette butts. Another note I should make is that Sandford Lane always has rubbish probably thrown from cars by people who think they won't get caught so maybe a sign reminding people of litter fines could be beneficial.



Saturday 29th August

Today me and my mum took the usual route again except this time it was less messy so we could go further. We went down to the Aviation Museum and car park then went down the cut through and up Sandford Lane then Catalina Close: and we only filled one bag and went really far in just an hour which suggests someone else is also cleaning the same route now too which is nice. We did spend quite a while by the bottle bank just putting in bottles that were around it, but we had to stop because there were so many big ones. We're going to report that as a problem to the re3 number on the bins.



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Next steps –

- Feedback to Adopt a Street
- Join the school eco club in Sixth Form and promote the charity to try and gain recruits
- Letter to the council about bins in the Nature Reserve and at bus stops; request no litter signage for Sandford Lane
- Talk about Adopt a Street during volunteering at Scouts to get the kids involved
- Continue to litterpick at least once a week