

LOTS OF LITTER

Litter is a huge problem in the UK, especially in populated grounds like school fields. It is an increasing problem for local wildlife and puts ecological stress on the environment. At St. Phillip School in Barnham, we have investigated the impacts of this issue.



The litter we found in a ten metre range.

Litter is widely discussed topic in local communities, they fill rivers, hang from trees and populate the countryside. Here in St Philip Howard, litter has been a recurring issue in our school fields. This is especially concerning because we are situated in the middle of the countryside, which is home to deer and wild birds like swans that flock onto them. After a thirty-minute litter pick we discovered the most popular items being dumped consisted of water bottles(10%), plastic cutlery(5%), cling film and tin foil(15%) and sweet wrappers(40%), other waste (30%)

We interviewed the head teacher- Mr David Carter, at St Philip Howard Catholic High School and he told us: "At certain times in the year, litter is worse than other months and because of this in the months where litter is worse (especially in the summer months where a significant amount of



students were eating outside- as many as 900!) They partnered up with 'Bin It, Now' campaign to reduce the amount of litter in eating areas like the picnic area.

On Saturday the 4th March 2017, Barnham hosted a big litter clean-up event in which local residents could do their part in cleaning and protecting the environment from non-biodegradable litter that could take many years to decompose, this could lead to the emission of harmful chemicals used in bleaches and dyes. By cleaning up this litter, it

protected local wildlife like hedgehogs from injuries or suffocation in the waste. They managed to shift 38 bags of litter (weighing approximately 150kg!)

You can help the amount of litter being dumped on our streets by simply holding onto your litter until you find a bin.

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