

(EASI) EARLEY LITTER PICKERS (EASI)

Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Earley's Litter and Recycling Group

Welcome to EASI's Autumn 2025 Newsletter. As we enter the autumn months and approach winter, there will be fewer daylight hours available to pick litter. Please litter pick when the light is good, wear hi-viz clothing if you can and take particular care when crossing the road when the light is not so good. EASI is interested in identifying litter 'hot spots' in Earley in order to target locations where there are particular problems with littering or fly-tipping. Please get in touch at easilittergroup@gmail.com if you know of any locations that need to be considered for a concerted litter clearance. In this edition, we feature our success in signing-up new volunteers at our stall at the Town Council's August Green Fair and report on some of the litter picks recently undertaken in Earley.

Litter Picking News

EASI Volunteers

The number of EASI volunteers currently stands at 305. There are now only 6 streets that need a new volunteer; Barbel Close, Shepherds Avenue, Rosedale Crescent, London Road from the Aldi roundabout to the 334 bus stop, Church Road from Eastcourt Ave to Pitts Lane, and Oldfield Close. If you are able to take on one or more of these streets, or know of someone who could do so, please let us know at easilittergroup@gmail.com

Green Fair – New Volunteers Success



EASI's stall at the Town Council's Green Fair on Saturday August 2nd proved to be a great success with 32 streets taken on by new and existing volunteers. Our new 'map and flag' system enabled existing volunteers to quickly identify their streets when reporting back on the cleanliness of local streets, and on issues with re-cycling, waste collection and fly-tipping. We were also able to efficiently allocate streets to new volunteers - we are most grateful to you all! Litter picking equipment requests were also taken on board and new equipment should now have been delivered to volunteers. Please

contact us at the above email address if you require replacement litter picking equipment and we will arrange to deliver it to you. (Above: EASI Committee Members Tracy Collins, Brenda Hill, Bob Collis and Richard Tredgett at the EASI stall)

Beavers Litter Pick – Report from Brenda Hill

We were very pleased to be invited back to take the 84th Beavers' Colony on a litter pick in July. Fifteen



enthusiastic Beavers were confidently able to say why litter is not a good thing and keen to do their bit to reduce it. We split into two groups and between us picked the path between the back of the leisure centre and Radstock School. Due to our diligent EASI members, there wasn't a great deal of litter, but we were still able to pick six half bags of rubbish and keep the Beavers entertained. Teaching youngsters about the adverse effects of litter and encouraging them to do their bit for the community all helps to minimise litter and hopefully train up the EASI recruits of the future! Hopefully, this will become an annual event.

FoBOS Litter Pick of Bulmershe Field - Report from Mary Bather

FoBOS (Friends of Bulmershe Open Space) volunteers organised a litter pick of Bulmershe Field and surrounds for the morning of Wednesday, 27th August. We were supported by members of EASI and WASP (Woodley's equivalent to EASI) and by local councillors, and managed to clear the field and many of the surrounding roads. Our next events will include a pick of the Bulmershe Park Woodland, which has been heavily littered over the summer, at the end of October, and there will be a leaf sweep and litter pick of the Town Lane public right of way at the end of November. We would like to thank EASI for the loan of litter picking equipment.



Earley Town Council's Autumn Litter Pick



On Wednesday 8th October, fourteen of Earley Town Council's Wednesday Volunteers took part in their annual autumn litter pick. The pick covered a route starting at The Interpretation Centre in Instow Road, followed the path through the Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve to Brookside, followed Gypsy Lane to Riverside Park and crossing Rushey Way followed the green corridor to Paddick Drive. Around a dozen bags of litter were collected. Well done to the volunteers, who on most Wednesdays are engaged in helping maintain the nature reserve, but are also experts at litter picking!

Hawkedon Primary School

As part of their Value Enrichment Days, on 6th November Hawkedon Primary School held a 'Kindness in the community day', where the children aged 4-11 had the opportunity to show kindness in the local community; kindness being one of the school's core values. Their litter pick covered both the school grounds and paths close to the school. EASI loaned the litter pickers and provided the collection bags to the school.

More Text and photo from Kathryn?

Group Litter Picks Welcomed

EASI would be pleased to loan litter picking equipment for local litter picks organised by organisations such as schools, church and community groups and to scout, guide, brownie, cub and beaver groups. We would supply both adult & junior litter pickers, and collection bags to put the rubbish in. We can also tell you how to get Wokingham Borough Council to collect the rubbish you collect. All we would want in return would be a short write-up on where the litter pick took place, who was involved and a photo of the participants (with permission from parents) or of the bags of litter collected.

Recycling and Waste Collection News

Recycling Directory and Contacting EASI



The EASI Recycling database can be found on the **Earley Environment Group Website** under 'Environment' and 'Recycling in Earley – an updated guide'. The link is:

<http://www.earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk/Environment/NewRecyclingInEarley.asp>

The **EASI Committee members** are Chris Bassett, Tracy Collins, Bob Collis, Brian Hackett, Grahame Hawker, Brenda Hill, Stephen Kerry and Richard Tredgett. Contact us on EASI's **Email** address:

easyllittergroup@gmail.com, or visit the EASI **Facebook Page** 'EASI Litter Pickers – Earley'. Information about waste recycling and reporting substantial amounts of dumped rubbish or fly-tipping can be found, as follows:

- **general information** about rubbish and recycling at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/>
- **report fly-tipping** <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-collection/fly-tipping>

The **'Fix-My-Street' App** which can also be used to report excessive litter, fly-tipping, etc.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>