

(EASI) EARLEY LITTER PICKERS (EASI)

Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

Earley's Litter and Recycling Group

Autumn 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to EASI's Autumn 2026 Newsletter. This edition includes a report on our stall at Earley Town Council's Green Fair; and articles on a recent Beavers Litter Pick and an update on Wokingham Borough Council's advice on leaving litter-pick bags for collection at public litter bins.

Following our litter hot-spot survey at the Green Fair we will be holding an EASI group litter pick on **Sunday 11 October, starting at 11am at Kilnsea Events Field near Maiden Place**. Please bring your litter pickers and gloves. For insurance reasons, all pickers must be existing EASI volunteers. Please come along if you can.

Litter Picking News

Earley Green Fair: Saturday 1 August



Our stall at Earley Town Council's Green Fair proved a great success with many current EASI volunteers reporting-in on their litter-picking activities and on litter hot-spots where we could hold a group litter picking blitz. We also heard about issues with fly-tipping and overflowing litter bins. In addition, we are pleased that 14 new volunteers joined EASI on the day. We are particularly grateful to Jean Hackett and Les Hill who kindly stood-in on the stall to enable EASI committee members Richard Tredgett, Brenda Hill (both left) and Brian Hackett an opportunity to take a break and enjoy the rest of the fair, as well as for Brian and Richard to help out on the Allotment Association stall next to us.

Thank you to all who visited and for all the good litter-picking work that you do!

EASI Volunteers

The number of EASI volunteers currently stands at 311. This is a slight drop from our spring total. EASI Committee Member Brenda Hill has been contacting EASI volunteers to see if they are still litter picking their streets. As a result, our current list of streets that now need volunteers include:

- Blackthorn close (a second volunteers)
- Path from Cutbush/Gipsy to Paddick field
- Coriander Way including path adjacent to Coriander Way through to Chalfont Park
- Melling Close
- Fakenham Close & alleyways
- Ryhill from Catcliffe to Rushey Way
- Kilnsea Events Field
- Rushey Way: Chalfont Way Circle to Tamarind
- Rushey Way: Tamarind to Ryhill
- Rushey Way: Ryhill to Beeston Way
- Rushey Way: Newquay to Kerris
- Rushey Way: Beech Lane to Laurel Park subway.

If you are able to add any of the above streets to your patch, or know someone who might be willing to pick it, please let us know at our usual email address: easilittergroup@gmail.com The locations of the streets that require a volunteer can be found on the map at the following link:

<http://www.earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk/EASI/VacantStreets.asp>

Beavers Litter Pick

In July, two of our EASI volunteers joined a meeting of the 84th Reading Scout Group Beavers to lead them on a litter pick. About 16 Beavers, plus adult helpers, picked litter along the path between Radstock school and down to Cutbush Lane. There wasn't a huge amount of litter – our regular pickers are clearly doing a great job – but we picked the equivalent of one full bag of litter. The Beavers were very enthusiastic and had strong views about dropping litter and how bad it is. These are our anti-litter champions of the future! EASI can supply litter picking equipment for other groups to undertake litter-picking activities. Please get in touch if you are interested.



WBC Advice on Leaving Green Bags at Public Litter Bins

In our Summer Newsletter, EASI reported that Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) had advised that litter collection bags should not be left beside a litter bin, but taken home to be collected alongside a household black wheelie bin. It has been pointed out, however, that for litter-pickers with a lengthy route to pick and several heavy litter bags to carry, taking the litter home can be difficult. EASI has been in touch with the WBC, and they have now agreed that we can leave litter collected in WBC's green litter pick bags besides public litter bins. These are usually due for collection on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please get in touch if you require WBC green litter collection bags.

Litter Hotspot Survey

At the Green Fair, we asked people to tell us where they consider Earley's litter hotspots are. Below are the resulting list of hotspots and our initial plan of action for some of them.

Shelter on Kilnsea Events field Kilnsea Drive	Group litter pick to be held on Sunday 11 October starting at 11am at Kilnsea Events Field near Maiden Place (see page 1)
Lower Earley Way	EASI pickers cover the cycle path side, but the worst litter is on the other side which is too dangerous for volunteer pickers. Please report this hotspot to WBC via Fix My Street if you can – the more we raise this issue, the more likely that it will be dealt with
Chalfont Park and car park	We have recently recruited an additional picker for this area which we hope will make a difference.
Path under Rushey Way to Maiden place	We are looking to recruit another picker for this patch
Reservoir on Elm Road	We have a picker who keeps an eye on this area, and he will do an extra pick if required
Footpath/cycleway Kerris Way to Durand Rd	This is picked quite regularly
M4 bridge at Cutbush Lane, Tesco (Silverdale Road), A4/Shepherds Hill, Rushey Way verge opposite Pimento, and End of Hambledon Close: All under consideration	

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: easilittergroup@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.