

(EASI) EARLEY LITTER PICKERS (EASI)

Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

Summer 2026 Newsletter

Earley's Litter and Recycling Group

Welcome to EASI's Summer 2026 Newsletter. Summer brings longer daylight hours in which we can help keep our streets litter-free. With record temperatures and frequent heat waves, however, please avoid litter picking in the hot sun. Early morning and late evenings will be the best time to litter pick designated streets - wear a hat and cool clothing, and suncream to protect your skin if you can. This edition covers Earley Town Council's Green Fair to be held on 1st August, and includes articles on the town Council's March litter pick, as well as on recent proposals by Wokingham Borough Council to reduce the number of public litter bins in the borough, as well as their latest changes to waste collection services.

Litter Picking News

Earley Green Fair: Saturday 1 August 10am to 3pm

We look forward to seeing you at our stall at the annual Green Fair. Please do come and say hello and check in with us so that we know you are still picking and can keep our records up to date. We will also have a supply of the green council rubbish bags if you need more. If you think your road could benefit from a second litter picker, let us know and we will endeavour to recruit one. This year we will also be asking people to tell us if there are any areas in Earley which could benefit from a group litter picking blitz – mainly the off-street areas which are not normally covered by our regular pickers. Please keep your eyes open and inform us if you can identify any of these areas and also if you would be willing to participate in a group litter picking blitz. Either email us or talk to us at the Green Fair.

EASI Volunteers

The number of EASI volunteers currently stands at 307. This is a slight drop from our spring total, as several EASI volunteers have let us know either that they are no longer litter picking their streets or they have moved away from the area. EASI Committee Member Brenda Hill will be contacting more volunteers to see if they are still litter picking their streets. Streets that now need volunteers include:

• Dene Close	• Lutton Close
• Mallard Close	• Tinsley Close
• Beech Lane, Hilbury to Wilderness Road	• Maltby Way
• Coriander Way	• Tilney Way
• Henley Wood Road inc. side roads	• Allonby + path to Brookside
• Chalfont Park	• Laurel Park
• Elveden Close	• Wispington Close
• Eriswell Close	• Path west of Mill Lane past Hawkedon School
• Hawkedon, Rushey Way to Elveden Close	• Elm Road from Rowland Way to Earley boundary
• Finbeck Way from Maltby Way to Anston	• Farham Close

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>

Earley Town Council's 2026 Spring Litter Pick (HELP)

Earley Town Council held its annual Huge Earley Litter Pick, known as 'HELP', on Sunday 22nd March. EASI volunteers took part at most of the locations, and several of the EASI Committee and ETC Councillors helped in organising and leading some of the litter pick routes followed. We were, as usual, joined by many Earley residents, including a group from the local Hong Kong community. The Town Council's mass litter pick was a great success, with many litter-filled bags and dumped items identified for collection by Wokingham Borough Council. Photos below show volunteer pickers (left to right) at London Road in North Earley, The Interpretation Centre (Instow Road) and at Chalfont Park.



Public Litter Bins

Maiden Erlegh Residents Association (MERA) recently reported that Wokingham Borough Council wants to save £100,000 a year by reducing the number of public litter bins in the borough by 150 from financial year 2027-28. WBC's consultation produced a 70% negative response to the proposal with only just over 4% in favour. MERA has written to WBC's Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency asking for the implementation to be put on hold, especially as the remaining bins are likely to be overloaded and litter left around the bins. Separately, EASI has been advised by Wokingham Borough Council's Cleaner & Greener Team that litter collection bags should not be left beside a litter bin, but taken home to be collected alongside a black wheelie bin. Leaving the bags beside litter bins can cause problems because of the length of time they are left next to the litter bins, and the bags can also encourage people to fly tip next to the bags. They should also not be placed inside litter bins as this causes the litter bins to overflow. EASI volunteers' views on WBC's proposed reduction in the number of litter bins would be most welcome.

Recycling and Waste Collection News

Wokingham Borough Council's New Waste Collection Contract

Wokingham Borough Council started its new waste collection contract with Biffa from 1 June. The majority of residents will see no changes to their collection day. Around 1,000 households will, however, see changes to their collections because of changes to collection routes, which are being made to make collections more efficient. Residents with longer gaps between collections will get help with any extra waste which builds up. You can check your bin collection day using the following link: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/new-bin-collection-days> Garden waste collection will now need to be booked in advance. You'll be able to book a collection and order brown sacks on WBC's website or by phoning. Click on [garden waste sack collections](#) for more information.

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.