

**Keep Carlton Tidy Group
Annual Report to Carlton Parish Council
2014**

An annual litterpick has been held in Carlton since 1992, and the Keep Carlton Tidy Group was founded in 2004. The number of members has increased over the years, and the pick over the weekend of 15th-16th March was supported enthusiastically by 24 adults and 4 young people. About three cubic metres of rubbish was collected from roads, ditches and verges extending as far as neighbouring villages. Prizes were awarded as usual, with extra categories in honour of our 10th anniversary. A photo of the collection was added to the parish web-site.

In addition over the past 12 months, 70 carrier bags of litter have been disposed of, and 5 episodes of tipping reported. The overall volume of litter was slightly less than in 2013, when there were 8 fly tipping incidents.

We have had excellent and prompt help from HBBC Clean Neighbourhood Officer Shaun Gould and his team, in loan of equipment, and disposal of rubbish and tipping. Over the next year we will need to spend a small amount on new equipment, including grabbers and ring-holders for black bags, but this will be well within budget.

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