

## **Keep Carlton Tidy Group Annual Report 2015**

The Village Litterpick was held over the week of 9<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> March and 23 adults and 5 young people took part this year (2014 -24 and 4). The volume of litter was about 3 cubic metres as usual, but the finds were less interesting, mainly cans, bottles and food and garden litter. There was a large find of whisky bottles and canisters in a ditch, which was reported as tipping. Prizes were awarded as usual, and a report and photographs placed on the Parish website.

Additional litter over the 12 month period was less, with 52 carrier bags disposed of (2014-70). 5 tippings in all was the same as 2014. There was surprisingly little extra litter following the Richard III event on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, when Carlton was used as the traffic diversion route and there were many visitors passing through.

As usual there was excellent and prompt help from the HBBC Clean Neighbourhood Officer, this time Luke Clements, and his team, with loan of equipment and disposal of rubbish. The response to tipping is very quick and the men are happy to take a verbal referral. Luke has used the Carlton Group as an example of good practice when he talks to schoolchildren and others about litterpicking, and the idea of prizes proves very popular.

The Group spent some funds on new grabbers, and also litterhoops which made picking much easier.

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