

Keep Carlton Tidy Group Annual Report 2024

The 32nd Annual Litter Pick was held on 17 March 2024. 21 people participated, compared with 26 in 2023. The volume of litter (1.62m³) was similar to last year, with the usual haul of cans and bottles – this year beer was more favoured than lager, and plenty of spirits and wine, together with snack wrappings and energy drinks. There was very little tobacco smoking paraphernalia, but the appearance of some vapes. Hauls after the recent floods included the whole front bumper of a car, other car bits, wheel trims, and ten number plates.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Keep Carlton Tidy Group, and 12 founder members attended this year, some of whom have a 100% record of turning out, and so some long service prizes were awarded in addition to the usual categories, to thank them for their hard work and support.

We also thank the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team for disposing of all the rubbish collected. Three local fly tipping incidents were reported to HBBC compared with four last year.

Littering has seemed less prolific over the past 12 months. I have personally recorded only 2 black bags, compared with ten last year and 22 the year before. However, I know that several parishioners have done informal picks this year. Since 2014, litter volumes have about halved overall, but it seems there is still a need for this group. We thank all the volunteers and look forward to next years' event.

Irene Peat Chairman Keep Carlton Tidy Group