

## **Keep Carlton Tidy Group Annual Report 2023**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Litter Pick was held on 12 March 2023

The event was very well supported, with 26 people participating, compared with 29 in 2022, and we were able to cover all the roads leading to our neighbouring villages. The volume of rubbish collected was similar to last year, mainly food wrappings, cans, and bottles, including whisky, beer and wine. However, the load was heavier because of the seven sandbags.

The most useful find was scaffolding poles and sandbags, the most interesting was an audio box/sound system and the most disgusting was a black bag full of decaying wild birds and snares. The most decorative item was a pergola. Prizes were awarded as usual.

A report and photographs were placed on the Parish website and printed in Carlton News.

We were grateful to the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team for disposing of all the rubbish collected.

Four local fly tipping incidents were reported to HBBC compared with three last year: – a mattress near the railway bridge, a large piece of car left behind after the flood under the railway bridge, builders waste on Bosworth Road in the track adjacent to the Dixie Playing Fields, and on Lount Road a biohazard of cylinders. We also reported tipping at Far Coton, and at Shenton.

Additional litter picked over the twelve month period was the equivalent of 10 black bags (compared with 11 in 2022 and 22 in 2021).

It seems there is still a need for this group. We thank all the volunteers and look forward to next years' event.

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