

Clean and Green Newsletter

February - March 2023

As the first year of Clean and Green is coming to an end, we would like to say a big thank you to all the community groups, schools and university students who have dedicated time to litter pick and remove weeds in the community. Thank you to all the teams across Parks, Highways and Cleansing services who have been working hard to spruce up areas across the district.

Clean and Green Action Weeks

In February, the Clean and Green team visited Radstock, Westfield, Mendip, Chew Valley, Saltford, Combe Down and Odd Down.

The team will also be visiting Kingsmead and riverside path, Publow and Whitchurch, Clutton and Farmborough, Lansdown, Lambridge and Keynsham before the end of March.

The Clean and Green Response team responded to **67** reports in February related to overgrown vegetation, dirty signs, graffiti, tree and woodland issues and litter. Since June 6, the team have responded to **973** reports and fixed or closed **885** of them. Some reports are still in progress.



Weeds cleared and sweeping completed at Ash Tree Court, Radstock



Overgrown vegetation cut back near Weston Recreation Ground, Weston



Overgrown hedge trimmed near The Shallows in Saltford



Weeds and leaves cleared along North Road, Odd Down



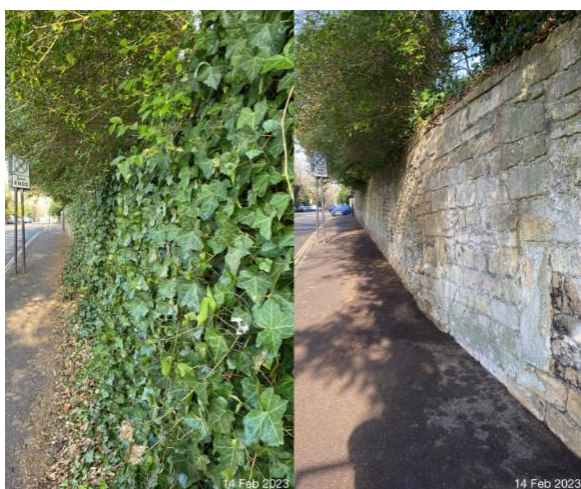
Weeding and sweeping completed along Upper Bloomfield Road and Frome Road, Combe Down



Weeds removed and sweeping completed along Bath Road, Manor Road, and Norman Road in Saltford



Before and after pictures of road signs washed in Stoke Hill, Chew Valley



Overgrown vegetation removed and leaves swept along Lansdown Road in Lansdown



Highways Maintenance and Drainage

Highway services continue to do routine gully emptying and refreshing road markings. In February, the team inspected **1,599** gullies of which **1,470** were cleaned. Highways have recently installed **15** new street name plates and the Clean and Green investment has supported an additional refill of all **435** grit bins this month.

Community Action

In February, we worked with dedicated community groups and schools such as Radstock in Bloom, Midsomer Norton Wombles, Batheaston Primary School, Bath Spa University's Student Union, Saltford Cubs, and St Martin's Garden Primary School.

Radstock in Bloom & Midsomer Norton Wombles

On February 6, the Clean and Green team joined Radstock in Bloom and Midsomer Norton Womble volunteers. Radstock in Bloom meet up twice a month to support with cleansing action in the area. The Community Action Day involved litter picking the central pavements of Radstock, which cleared **6** bags of litter from the streets. From the collaborative support, **13** bags of vegetation were also cleared from Frome Road.



Batheaston Primary School

On February 10, Batheaston Primary School held a litter pick in the surrounding areas of the school to support the Clean and Green campaign. The school borrowed Hi-Vis and our Cleansing team collected litter bags after the event. The 50 students cleared **15** bags of litter in Batheaston.



Bath Spa University Student Union

On February 21, the team did a litter pick with Bath Spa University's Student Union and Eco Society. The volunteers commenced litter picking from the university's art campus on Locksbrook Road and collected litter along the Avon River path. The committed individuals cleared **4** bags full of litter.



Salford Cubs

On 21st and 22nd February, Salford Cubs held two litter picks to coincide with the Clean and Green action week in Salford. The volunteers supported areas such as Beech Road, Chestnut Walk, and Lansdown Road. In total, 49 cubs from the Tuesday Tigers and Wednesday Wolves took part to collect litter in the community.



St Martin's Garden Primary School

On February 28, Clean and Green joined the Eco Council from St Martin's Garden Primary School. The children were split into two teams and supported litter picking in areas such as Fullers Way, Banwell Road, Sullis Meadows, Oolite Road and Shickle Grove. The 9 volunteers helped clear 4 bags full of litter from Odd Down.



In March, the team will be supported by Clutton Primary School to support with local litter pick in their ward.

Clean and Green will be providing litter pickers, Hi-Vis, and gold bags to The Great Avon River Pick event, as part of the Great British Spring Clean.

Please visit the organise a litter pick [page](#) for more information about planning a litter pick and how to borrow equipment.

#Litterheroes Workshop

On March 6, Keep Britain Tidy hosted a #Litterheroes Training Workshop course for B&NES residents with knowledge and skills to organise, promote and run successful clean up events- especially to locals who are preparing for The Great British Spring Clean!

Volunteers from wards, such as Widcombe and Lyncombe, Twerton, Walcot, Kingsmead and High Littleton, participated in the #Litterheroes Workshop.

Graffiti Removal

To request graffiti removal from a domestic or commercial building, we need the property owner to fill out our [online form](#). Graffiti removal is free for domestic properties and at cost charge for commercial properties. So far, **28** graffiti removal jobs for domestic and commercial properties have been completed since the start of Clean and Green.

Our Graffiti Removal Officer and Clean and Green Response team also continue to respond to reports of graffiti in public spaces reported on our [report it page](#). In February, **30** reports relating to graffiti were fixed and closed. Since the start of Clean and Green, **174** graffiti removal jobs have been completed (February 28).



Graffiti removed from a garage and the side of a residential property in Westmoreland

Coming Soon to Clean and Green

Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is a Keep Britain Tidy mass-action environmental campaign that encourages individuals, community groups, schools, and businesses to take part in litter picking.

The campaign will commence from 17th March to 2nd April 2023. Keep Britain Tidy are encouraging [individuals](#), [groups](#), and [schools](#) to pledge in collecting bags of litter. Last year, those who pledged picked up nearly half a million bags of litter. To pledge, please visit Keep Britain Tidy's [page](#) to get involved!

Great Avon River Pick

As part of the Great British Spring Clean, [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) have organised their second annual Great Avon River Litter Pick event. The event is taking place on Saturday 18 March, volunteers will be litter picking along the Avon River in Bath and North East Somerset, and this year the litter pick has expanded to include Bradford on Avon, Hanham Lock and Conham River Park as well.

Thank you to [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) for organising this incredible event and to all of the dedicated volunteers who will be taking part.

Trialling weed removal equipment

Through the Clean and Green funding, Street Cleansing have been able to trial a number of different approaches to tackle weeds across B&NES as the council is no longer using chemical weed killer.

The team will soon be trialling a foam stream process and hot wash process to remove weeds across B&NES, as well as continuing to use manual removal. The team will be monitoring how effective the equipment is throughout the trial.

Community Feedback

The team continue to receive positive feedback from the community, in keeping B&NES clean and green.

“Very professional” [Ivy cut and cleared from the wall on Lansdown Road] - B&NES resident

“Great job, and feedback well deserved.” – Parks Operations

“We really appreciate the efforts of the team for their actions locally this week.” – Saltford Parish Council

“What a great job the team did in Compton Martin!...I am extremely happy with the outcome, but most importantly the parish council all agreed that the team have done amazingly! Please pass our many thanks to everyone involved.” – Compton Martin Parish Council

“Just a quick thank you...these initiatives make a huge difference to our Ward.” – Kingsmead ward councillors

“I would like to make a personal thank you to your wonderful team who make such a difference to our communities. We really appreciate all you do in Chew Magna and BANES” – B&NES resident

“Our Crescent is absolutely delighted. Your team is here making such a big difference to our living environment...They have been here today, and have done a stunning job. Thank you” [Weeding, leaf clearing and graffiti removal at Cavendish Crescent] – B&NES resident

“Your excellent team have been here again & must say what a huge difference they make...The team are so good ..take their role seriously and keen to do the very best with great care for the surroundings ...are interested in our village history and generally pleasant to have as part of the community for a short time. Thankyou for arranging this opportunity” – B&NES resident

“Many thanks for all you have done in the last year, it really has made a difference and helped bring back the pride in some of the roads” – Widcombe and Lyncombe Council

The 1st Saltford Scouts Cubs units joined in BANES “Clean and Green” campaign on 21st to 22nd of February...They found a sock, a working torch and a couple of glass bottles along with others items (e.g. cigarettes and little bits of sweet wrappers).It was surprising what was found! The vegetation of Saltford is plentiful but still valuable and litter is not good and a problem to be tackled...We should all play our part in keeping the area clean. – Rory (Wednesday Wolves), Saltford Cubs

Communications

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