



Saturday 23rd April saw our first recent Community Litter Picking event. 25 community volunteers turned up at the Parish Hall, some with their children eager to help. As this was the first such event for years, it was set as a trial event and not heavily advertised with just some late advertising on social media and by word of mouth. The response (and response from people who supported but could not attend on that date) was encouraging. Another event has been scheduled for September to allow for greater advertising and involvement and it is intended to be an annual event.

HiViz jackets, litter pickers and bag hoops were free loaned by Colchester Borough Council, and the Parish Council purchased gloves (both re-usable adult and children and disposable) and a hot roll and soup refreshment at the end of the pick, back at the Parish Hall, with a Parish Councillor donating tea, coffee and biscuits.

Pickers were organised into teams of 4 to 6 people with an identified lead, were given a briefing sheet with safety advice and first aid contact and allocated to five specific areas that concentrated on problem areas (adolescent collection area near the school and the A120) and a broad coverage of all areas of the village.

There was an identified and contactable first aider, and a 'sweep' who went round the groups checking on problems, giving encouragement, and taking photos. Over the 2 hours the groups collected over 40 bags of rubbish.

Thanks to all who took part and to CCVS for grant funding the equipment and refreshments.

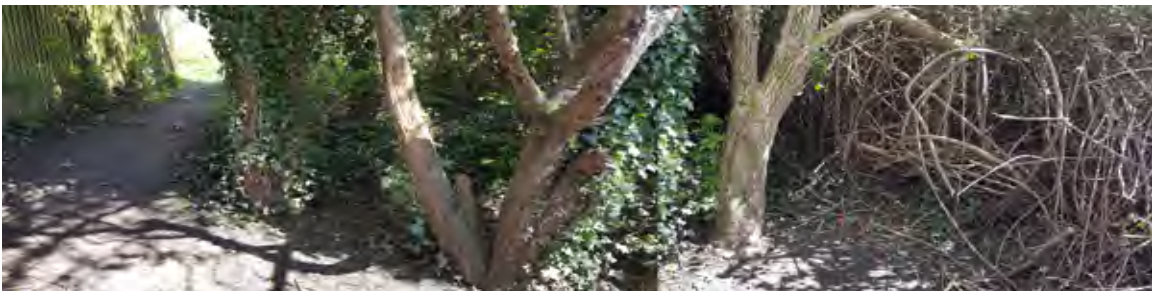




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Allan Walker, Chairman
Marks Tey Parish Council