



STOWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

TIDY TOWN TEAM TIDY UP!

Stowmarket Town Council's Tidy Town Team once again hit the streets, last week to target grot spots in the town and litter along the high street. The team comprised of Town Councillors, local residents and Town Council staff.

Tess Bateman, one of the newest recruits to the team, has lived in the area for the majority of her life. Over recent years she has noticed more and more rubbish appearing on the streets of Stowmarket, mainly, in her opinion to more people eating on the go, not taking pride in their town and basically not caring about their environment. Tess stated that 'the litter detracts from town and puts people off from coming here'. In order to help combat this, Ms Bateman regularly litter picks the streets around her house and frequently collects over four carrier bags of rubbish from the area. Mrs Bateman thoroughly enjoyed her time with the Tidy Town Team and feels she made a real difference to the appearance of the town centre. She reckons if she had £1 for every cigarette butt she picked up, she would be rich!

Councillor Lesley Mayes says 'It was great to have some new residents on the team. They all did a wonderful job and in total we collected more than 25 sacks of rubbish. The Tidy Town Team provide a valuable service to the town and make an extremely positive impact on the environment'.

The Tidy Town Team is always looking for more volunteers who would like to make a difference to the town. There are litter picks planned for the following dates, all of which will start at the Town Council Offices on Milton Road South at 10.00am:

- National Litter Pick Weekend – Saturday, 4th March
- Wednesday, 12th April
- Wednesday, 14th June
- Wednesday, 2nd August
- Saturday, 7th October

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