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## **KEEP NEWBURY CLEAN! ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN**

Newbury residents came out in force on Saturday 25 March to join Newbury Town Councillors for our Community Clean. Ward Councillors met volunteering residents at the following locations to commence the Community Clean litter pick.

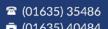
- Falkland Memorial, Wash Common
- Car park at the corner of Waller Drive and Stoney Lane
- Northcroft Park
- Digby Road Park
- Retail Park outside McDonalds

Councillor Margo Payne said, "What an amazing turn-out and an incredible result filling 40 rubbish bags with discarded waste and clearing some of our open spaces to enable residents and visitors to enjoy the lovely environment available to its full advantage. Thank you to everyone who joined in and to McDonalds Northbrook Street and the Retail Park for their sponsorship".

In Northcroft Ward, Cllr Jeanette Clifford commented, "Our beautiful Northcroft and Goldwell parks are coming back to their full glory and this was the perfect time for a spring clean. We are grateful to the volunteers - the real civic heroes - who donned gloves and hi-viz vests, wielded litter pickers, and worked very hard to collect the cans, bottles, sweet wrappers (and other, more surprising, items) that some thoughtless people leave behind. They did a great job and our parks look even better now."

Residents of all age groups joined in the clean-up, all enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and the opportunity to improve the environment in our town by making it litter-free.

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Cllr Margo Payne remarked, "It is hoped that the litter-pick will show others that we care about the future of our local environment and that we are not prepared to live, work and play in an area that is blighted by rubbish. What is good about working together like this, is it creates a sense of community and for some of our younger volunteers it is their first taste of active citizenship."

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