

KEEP NEWBURY CLEAN – ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN!

Newbury residents are invited to in the Annual Community Clean on Saturday 23 March 2019. Groups of residents, including Newbury Town Councillors will meet at the following locations to complete a two hour Community Clean litter pick.

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| 1 – 3pm | Falkland Memorial, Wash Common |
| 1 – 3pm | City Recreation Ground, Andover Road Gate |
| 1 – 3pm | Corner of Northcroft Lane and Northcroft Park |
| 1 – 3pm | Riverside Community Centre, Rosemoor Gardens, RG14 2FG |
| 2 – 4pm | Footpath next to McDonalds at the Retail Park |

The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Margo Payne is looking forward to the community event saying, “We are lucky to live in such a beautiful town, it is a shame that it is sometimes spoilt by people who do not take responsibility for their own litter and dispose of it. We would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to McDonalds who are sponsoring the event, providing litter pickers for our volunteers.”

She continued, “We really want to make a difference so we are inviting residents to join us in their neighbourhoods and the open spaces of the town on 23 March to help to litter pick. By getting involved we hope to show the rest of the community how big a problem litter is, and to encourage them to start disposing of it properly”.

The UK's biggest anti-litter campaign, Keep Britain Tidy, have revealed:

What begins in our streets can end in our seas. Cigarette ends contain micro-plastics that poison marine life, it's time to “Bin the Butt”.

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The Community Clean will begin to tackle rubbish starting at the locations listed above at 1pm. It is hoped that as many volunteers as possible will join the Councillors and that the rest of the community gets the message that dropping litter is 'simply not on'.

Leader of the Council Cllr Adrian Edwards stated that, "This clean-up 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. Working together like this creates a sense of community and for some of our younger volunteers it is their first taste of active citizenship so please join us".

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