

Community Shows It Cares

Following an issue of unsightly litter in the vicinity of Barn Road and on the new developments, the residents have joined forces with Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Parish Council to jointly 'make a difference'.



Last Sunday, on a cold but dry morning they turned out in force, adults, children and dogs, together with Chairman Cllr Mark Hill to clear up the unsightly litter which has found its way in and around their homes and the retail areas.

One local resident explained "This is such a lovely area in which to live, and such a shame when people carelessly leave rubbish lying around, expecting "someone" to pick it up. By working with Cllr Hill, we are helping reduce the problem. A clean, tidy area helps reduce further litter dropping and we are delighted to be able to help the Parish Council. It also helps educate our young people at the local schools about the importance of care for the environment"

Mark Hill said "It is beneficial when people who are new to our Parish offer to work together with ourselves to help keep our community clean and tidy. With ever decreasing amount of public money available for this, we simply cannot rely on "the council" to do it. We are delighted to offer practical ways in which we can work with others to look after their



streets, neighbourhoods and green spaces. It builds up a greater understanding of what the Parish Council can do, with their help.

We have also been greatly helped by Bloor Homes, with whom we have always had good practical working relations on their developments. They are very supportive of community projects and keen to help make a difference”.

Later this year, the Parish Council plans to carry out similar initiatives with the new residents of the Redrow/ Barratt Homes, Castle Green and retail developments. Cllr Mark Hill explains “We have readily accepted that the character of our beautiful Parish is going to change as more houses are constructed. Our challenge is the find practical ways in which we can meet our new residents, explain how the Parish Council can offer support and assistance for community projects and encourage some to become Councillors in 2027 when the next Parish elections take place.

Together we can help develop strong community relations and maintain the places in which we live.

