STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Committee, Group or Sub Group

Clean Up

Meeting Date & Venue

Saturday 5th October 2019

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Councillor Buller, with the help of Malcolm Buller and Tom Burnham, organised the second Clean-Up of the year. A huge thank you to the 39 residents who helped collect masses of litter from our village streets. We had a blitz on the Station area with the help of the Community Payback team. Many estate roads were cleaned as well as the High Street, Marden Road and the Headcorn Road. We would like to thank residents who worked on our rural lanes at their own risk as insurance does not cover people litter picking outside of the 30mph zone. We would also like to thank the 1st Staplehurst Brownies pack who litter-picked the Jubilee Field with their leaders.

The refreshments, amiably dispensed by three members of the Men's Shed Group, were very welcome. They also helped dispense the equipment and sort it out on its return. Thank you so much. We are grateful to the Youth Club Management for allowing us to use their building and the site for storing the many bags of rubbish. We also would like to thank MBC for the loan of the necessary equipment and for their prompt collection of all the rubbish. Thank you to Jean in the Office who also worked hard on this event.

It was good to have many young children with their parents recognising how important it is to help others. We even had a baby being carried round! (Chocolate biscuits are a good reward too.) There was a good turn-out of Parish Councillors. Well done!

The challenge is to educate people not to drop their litter in the first place especially those who throw it out of their vehicles as they drive through Staplehurst. Real success would be for Clean-Ups to be unnecessary.

We know many residents also litter-pick on a regular basis in addition to our Clean-Ups. Thank you to them! We hope to see you next Spring when we will have to do this all over again.

Date & Venue of next meeting

Spring 2020