

# E-A-S-I

## Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

### Summer 2025 Newsletter

#### Earley's Litter and Recycling Group

Welcome to EASI's Summer 2025 Newsletter. Although the summer months bring longer daylight time for litter picking our local streets, excessive heat when out litter picking can be a health hazard, so early-morning or late-evening litter picking is recommended. Also, please wear suitable clothing and a hat to protect you from the intense sun, and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated. This edition of our Newsletter includes information about EASI's interactive 'Vacant Streets' map, and items on what to do with abandoned supermarket trolleys and dumped nitrous oxide canisters. Under Litter Picking News, we cover our stall at the Town Council's August Green Fair, an on-going national litter campaign petition, and two local junior litter picks. We also cover advice from Wokingham Borough Council on putting out your bins in hot weather.

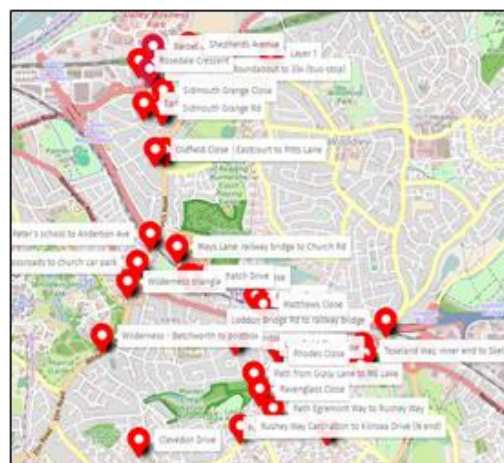
#### Litter Picking News

##### Volunteers

The number of EASI volunteers currently stands at exactly 300, and there are 34 streets that need a new volunteer. This represents a reduction of around 30 streets needing a new volunteer since the start of the new year; thanks to the many volunteers who have agreed to take on additional streets adjacent to where they are already picking.

Our interactive map, located on the Earley Environment Group Website, shows the streets not currently being picked by an EASI volunteer – these are referred to as 'vacant streets'. Please take a look at the map and click on the map pin to send an email to EASI if you can take on another street or two near to your patch, or know someone who might be interested in becoming an EASI volunteer. You don't need to pick all of your streets every time you go out.

The map can be found at <http://www.earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk/EASI/vacantstreets.asp>.



##### Abandoned Supermarket Trolleys



We have been informed by one of our members that there is a company called **COLLEX** that collects and repairs abandoned supermarket trolleys. COLLEX is currently deployed across the whole country, targeting known trolley dumping ground hotspot areas, and using market leading

technology to identify, locate and return trolleys to their rightful owners. You can contact them if you see an obviously abandoned trolley that's far from its store and needs returning to its owners. Their email address is: [request@collextrolley.com](mailto:request@collextrolley.com)

##### Nitrous Oxide Canisters

An EASI member recently reported finding two large nitrous oxide (laughing gas) canisters whilst litter picking. He reported finding the canisters on the non-emergency Website of **Thames Valley Police (TVP)**. A follow-up phone call with a PCSO confirmed that TVP is interested in knowing where these are being dumped so that they can build a picture of their use. We would be grateful, therefore, if volunteers could report any nitrous oxide canister finds when litter picking, using the following link: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/report-crime-incident-suspicion/>

## Earley Town Council's Green Fair – 2<sup>nd</sup> August



EASI will have its Earley Litter Pickers stall at the Town Council's Green Fair on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10am and 3pm. The Fair will be held on the field at the Beech Lane end of the Maiden Erlegh Local Nature Reserve. Please check-in at our stall to confirm that you are still picking, and tell us about any concerns that you have about the cleanliness of local streets, and issues with re-cycling, waste collection and fly-tipping. You can request new picking equipment if needed, and see if there are any streets in need of a new volunteer picker near you. **We look forward to seeing you!**

## Junior Litter-Pickers Keeping Our Streets Clean

Trinity Church held a litter pick in the ASDA/Chalfont Park area for junior members on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, and Loddon School held a Community Clean-Up of neighbouring streets on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Loddon School's haul of litter is shown right. EASI provided junior and adult litter-pickers for both picks. We are grateful to both organisations for encouraging young people to help keep our streets free of litter.



## National Litter Campaign Petition

It's not too late to add your name to the petition to establish a national litter campaign to stop people dropping litter and inform them about prosecution if they're caught. The promoters need 10,000 signatures for the government to respond to the petition, and 100,000 signatures for the government to consider debating it in Parliament. There are around 1,100 signatures so far, with several months to go until the 26 September 2025 deadline. If you are interested in signing the petition, please follow this link to the Government Petitions Website : <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/717322>

## Recycling and Waste Collection News

### Warm weather, cool bins - summer waste tips



Wokingham Borough Council's Environmental E-Newsletter of 1 July 2025 gives some simple ways to help you, your bins and our collection crews cope with the summer heat. **Earlier Collections:** during particularly warm weather Wokingham Borough Council's waste and recycling crews begin their rounds earlier to avoid the hottest part of the day. Please help them by putting your bins out the night before, ensuring they are ready for collection by 5.30am. **Food Waste:** food waste is collected each week, so make sure your food waste goes in your food waste bin to

be collected quickly. To help reduce odours and deter pests, wrap food waste in sealed bags and keep the bin lid locked close with the handle upright.

### Recycling Directory and Contacting EASI



The EASI Recycling database can be found on the **Earley Environment Group Website** under 'Environment' and 'Recycling in Earley – an updated guide'. The link is:

<http://www.earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk/Environment/NewRecyclingInEarley.asp>

The **EASI Committee members** are Chris Bassett, Tracy Collins, Bob Collis, Brian Hackett, Grahame Hawker, Brenda Hill, Stephen Kerry and Richard Tredgett. Contact us on EASI's **Email** address: [easilittergroup@gmail.com](mailto:easilittergroup@gmail.com), or visit the EASI **Facebook Page** 'EASI Litter Pickers – Earley'. Information about waste recycling and reporting substantial amounts of dumped rubbish or fly-tipping can be found, as follows:

- **general information** about rubbish and recycling at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/>
- **report fly-tipping** <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-collection/fly-tipping>

The **'Fix-My-Street' App** which can also be used to report excessive litter, fly-tipping, etc.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>