

# E-A-S-I

## Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative

### Summer 2023 Newsletter

#### Earley's Litter and Recycling Group

Welcome to EASI's Summer 2023 Newsletter. With over 300 members, EASI continues to do a great job at keeping Earley's streets clear of rubbish, and summer will give us even greater opportunities to pick litter - but don't forget your sunhat and to keep hydrated – and stay safe! This edition of the EASI Newsletter features the community litter pick held last March as well as recent recycling news from Wokingham Borough Council. It also provides some useful links to finding advice on recycling specific items - and don't forget to 'check-in' at the EASI stand at the Earley Green Fair on 5<sup>th</sup> August (see page 2).

#### Membership

We have been able to maintain EASI membership above 300 for some time now, with it currently stands at around **315** litter pickers. Much of this has been achieved through the work of EASI Committee member **Brenda Hill** who will continue to contact members to see if they are still able to litter-pick their adopted streets, and to ensure that our records are up-to-date. There are currently only 6 streets in Earley needing new volunteer litter-pickers. If you are able to take on any of the streets listed below, or to share streets or work as a group, please get in touch at [easilittergroup@gmail.com](mailto:easilittergroup@gmail.com)

• Wheelton Close	• Saleby Close
• Wokingham Road South: Maiden Erleigh Drive to Salcombe Close	• Trusthorpe Close
• Fleetham N side of road to No. 152	• Wispington Close

An EASI Flyer, which you can print off and hand to any prospective volunteers that you might meet whilst litter picking, accompanies this Newsletter.

#### The Huge Earley Litter Pick (H.E.L.P.)



In association with **Earley Town Council** and the **Earley Environmental Group**, EASI took part in this Spring's **Huge Earley Litter Pick (H.E.L.P.)** held on Sunday 26 March to coincide with Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean. With four starting points, and morning and afternoon sessions at some of them, over 100 volunteers helped to collect many bags of litter as well as remove several discarded large items thrown into hedges and ditches.

We are grateful to the Town Council for organising the litter pick and for supplying picking equipment. We are, of course, also extremely grateful to all those who took part, especially the large group of **'Hongkongers'** (above) who brought their families along and also to **McDonalds** whose staff (right) joined the litter pick in the Chalfont Park area. The next large-scale litter pick will be at **Thames Valley Park** in the autumn. We'll keep you informed over the date and details.



### Check-In at the EASI Stand at the Earley Green Fair

On Saturday **5th August**, EASI will have its usual stand at the **Earley Green Fair**. The Fair will be held between 10am to 3pm on the small field off Beech Lane at the end of Maiden Erlegh Lake. Please come along and see us to let us know whether you are still litter-picking your streets and whether you are interested in picking more streets or know of someone that would like to join us. We'd be pleased to see you and hear about your litter-picking experiences.

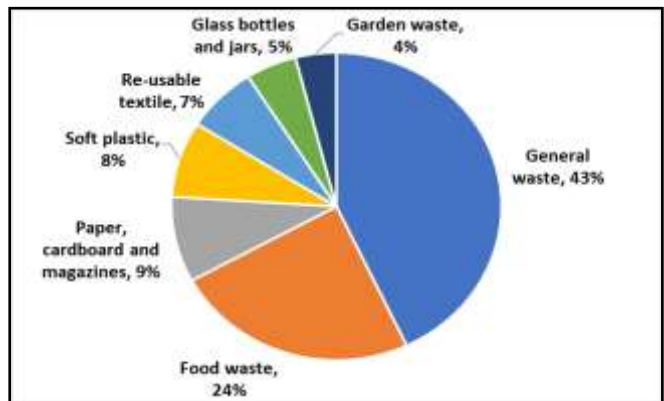
### A Big Thank You Again to Earley Town Council

We are extremely grateful to Earley Town Council for the **£300 grant** awarded to EASI in May for the purchase of **Junior Litter Pickers and Bag Rings**. We were awarded a similar sum by ETC last year and the picking equipment purchased has been put to good use by EASI's litter pickers and at the **HUGE Litter Pick** in March. Without such generous help we would not be able to supply the equipment needed to keep our streets litter free!

## Recycling

### What's in the Average Blue Bag?

A recent Rubbish and Recycling Newsletter from **Wokingham Borough Council** included interesting information on the average content of the blue bags collected from households by the Council's waste services. **Only 43% of the contents were classified as general waste!** The rest was made up of food waste which should be recycled through the food caddy supplied by the Council; paper, cardboard and magazines which should be put into the recycling green bag; soft plastics which should be recycled at large supermarkets; glass which should be recycled at bottle banks; and garden waste which can be recycled through the Council's garden waste collections. Whilst a lot of progress has been made, there's still a lot to be done to achieve higher standards of recycling by residents in Wokingham!



### Disposing of Sharp Items, Clothes and Textiles

The Council's Newsletter also asked residents to ensure that sharp objects are dealt with correctly. **Broken Glass** should be wrapped before putting it in with our rubbish, and **unwanted knives, scissors and blades** should be taken to **re3** recycling centres. **Clothes and Textiles** can be donated to charity and re-use organisations in-store or by using the bags that we often get through our letter-boxes. You can find out more about recycling in Wokingham at the re3 site: <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/how-do-i-waste-less/>

### 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. We are looking for an EASI member who is interested in recycling to take on the role of updating EASI's Newsletter and the EEG Website with information on local recycling schemes. 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/>
- **rubbish and fly-tipping clearance** at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/fly-tipping/>
- the **'Fix-My-Street' App** which can also be used to report excessive litter, fly-tipping, etc. <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>