

REPORT TO SYRESHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

LITTER AND FLYTIPPING

The Parish Council organised the Annual Village Litterpick during the week of 20th – 26th March. Although this was a relative success, we did not have sufficient volunteers, yet again, to cover all areas where litter tends to accumulate and consequently we did not manage to pick up litter on all of the slip roads to the bypass. We were, however, very pleased that children from the school and the Brownies also took part during the week.

We would also like to thank our Member of Parliament, Andrea Leadsom for not only supporting this event, but for coming to the village and taking part herself. Her efforts were very much appreciated.

We are very much aware that there are village residents who regularly spend time picking up litter during the year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the great effort you make.

The layby on Main Road just past the village hall has been something of a problem with regard to accumulations of litter, and the suggestion has been made that a waste bin should be installed there. West Northants Council are presently monitoring this area to see if it merits a bin.

There have been no major problems with fly tipping this year, although there have been a few minor problems at the Kingshill layby. Unfortunately, it is not possible to install CCTV in this area and we therefore thank residents for their diligence in reporting incidences so that they can be quickly dealt with.

West Northamptonshire Council decided last year that they would bring South Northamptonshire in line with the Daventry and Northampton areas and make a charge for the emptying of green waste bins. Many people decided to dispense with their green bin as a result of this charge. This year the charge was increased, so even more people have decided not to keep a green bin. Although we initially envisaged that there could be a rise in fly-tipping of green waste, this does not seem to have proved the case. We would, however, like to remind residents that there are facilities available for the proper disposal of green waste at local recycling centres and we request that residents of our village use these facilities.

Just a reminder too that fly-tipping of waste is a serious criminal offence for which the perpetrators can be prosecuted. Not only is it extremely unsightly, but it can also be harmful to the environment. Please continue to be vigilant and report any such activity you might witness.

Cllr Munsey