

Litter picking around the village for my Duke of Edinburgh Award

My goal was to help maintain the cleanliness of the village. This included me picking up any litter I saw in different areas each week and disposing of them accordingly.

Tasks completed

- Collected litter all across the village, including bridle paths
- Disposing rubbish responsibly and recycling anything possible
- Removed litter from grassy areas and in bushes

My observations

- Most litter collected tended to be cans and glass bottles
- 'New Road' and 'Chitterne Road' tended to be the worst for litter with averaging a bag collected at a time
- The village tended to be really clean, especially along bridle paths
- Some rubbish had been caught in hedges which required more careful removal

Skills learnt

- Responsibility - making sure all litter was dealt with accordingly
- Problem solving - dealing with sharper objects like glass and deciding how to remove/dispose of them safely
- Independence - being able to carry out the task effectively without constant supervision

Taking part in litter picking helped me realise that small actions can make a big difference. Although it may seem like a simple task, clearing litter helped make the village more pleasant, safer and more welcoming. I feel proud of my contribution and it has shown me that small acts of care helps create a nicer and respected village. This opportunity has given me a better understanding of the importance of responsibility and I would like to thank the Parish Council for this. It has not only helped the village but also allowed me to develop personally and feel more connected to the community. Thank you

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