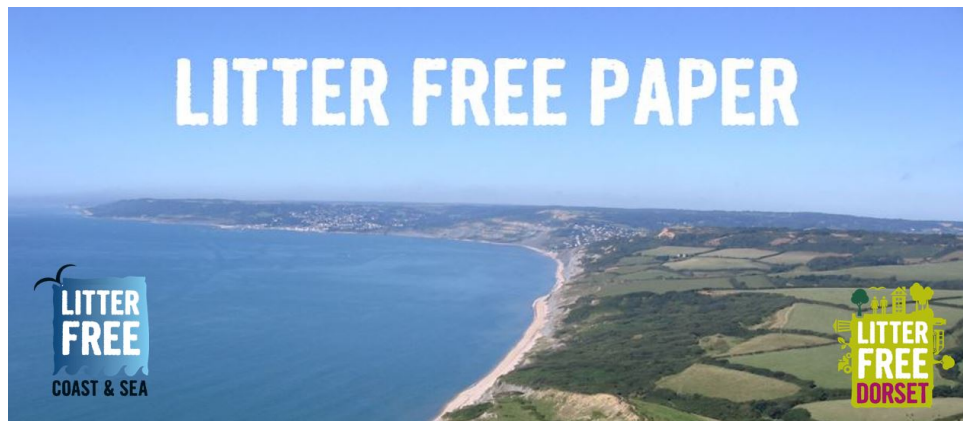


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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Litter Free News

Get ready for an awesome Autumn. There's been a lot happening over the last few months. Our e-news bulletin will give you a quick run down of what's been going on across Dorset with our campaigns, partners and volunteers.

We have a jammed-packed season ahead of us, so be sure to come see us at our events and venues across the county.

It's been a busy summer for the Litter Free team. [Litter Free Dorset](#) is underway, plus there's a new team member!

If you want to add anything for our next e-news, then be sure to [get in touch](#).



In July, Litter Free Dorset went to the 'Think ECO Go ECO' event in Beaminster which was well-attended by the community and opened by Sir Oliver Letwin. The event won an [Eco Church Silver award](#).

In August, Litter Free Dorset went to Blandford 'Waste Not, Want not' sustainability fair and spoke about behavioural change. Other organisations who came along included; [Transitions Town Blandford](#), [Ideas 2 Action](#) (recycling and re-using project) and Lush.



Photo: Damers First School took part in a litter pick in collaboration with The Thomas Hardy School.



The CPRE visited Dorset earlier this month with the reverse vending machine to demonstrate the deposit return scheme. Empty bottles and cans from litter picks were fed into the machine in return for tokens. These tokens were either redeemed for cash (10p per item) or donated to CPRE to fund litter-picking equipment. The reverse vending machine spent three days travelling around Dorset.



CPRE Green Clean

This September charity, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) have held an England-wide litter pick to collect data on the numbers, sizes and materials of drinks containers that are littered across the country #GreenClean.

This data will be submitted to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (Defra) upcoming consultation on the scope of this deposit return system.



Litter Free Coast and Sea Project Officer Sarah Spurling gives us an overview of the work she did in partnership with Pool Park this summer, delivering a number of events and activities to raise awareness of the impact of pouring liquids and materials, other than rain water, into outside drains and the impact it has on water quality in the Poole Park lakes and lagoon.

"The team were out and about in July delivering the 'Only Rain down the drain' campaign in Poole. We had great feedback for our eye catching drain art and had the opportunity to speak to many residents during the project, many of whom were unaware of the issues and pledged to make positive changes".

To engage residents in this project we:

- Created a postcard for residents within the catchment area, highlighting the campaign and also ways in which residents can help reduce pollution through their own actions. This was delivered to each household (2000+).
- Commissioned large pavement artwork (using ecological temporary paint) outside shops in Commercial Road to attract attention and create a talking point.
- Marked 40 drains in a circular loop around the civic centre area near the park with 'only rain down the drain – leads to Poole park lakes' with fish and

Day on 2nd August, to further promote the issue using the Litter free Coast and Sea water flow model and water less car washing promotion.

And finally, we launched our new 'Waterflow' exhibit at the public events which has proved to be very useful in portraying in a simple way, how drains in and around the home are connected to the wider environment.

Find out more at: <http://www.litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk/only-rain-down-the-drain/>



Swanage 'Love Our Beach'

We're busy getting ready for our 'Love Swanage' community event on November 3 at the Swanage School, where we'll be launching our project to the public with our residents information flyer.

We've also begun our visits to local businesses who are completing our questionnaire on their use and disposal of fats and oils.

But in the meantime, if you have any unique ideas on how to help us spread awareness about the perils of disposing of fats, oils and grease down the sink and drains...then share them with us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook! #FOG



And finally....a warm welcome to Caroline Richards (left) & Sophie Colley, the newest members of the Litter Free family.

Sophie started as Litter Free Dorset's project officer in July and has enjoyed meeting all the community groups working to reduce litter over the summer! She is keen to build on existing relationships as well as create new ones within communities, schools and businesses across Dorset.

Caroline (Caz) Richards joined us in October and will be the first point of contact for LFCS, primarily supporting the Team with communications and project work. With over 30 years' experience in project, events, parks and visitor services management and working in the public, voluntary & private sector; with local authority, the London Wildlife Trust, National Trust and Hive Beach Company, she "can't wait to get stuck in and help the team develop and grow all the exciting

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Good luck to you both in your new roles – glad to have you on board!



We love to hear stories of how Dorset's communities are working to make our coast and countryside Litter Free, so go on, big yourself up. Drop us a line and tell us what you're working on. We'd love to shout about what you're doing, and we might even be able to help.

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