

# A Shamley Green Matter

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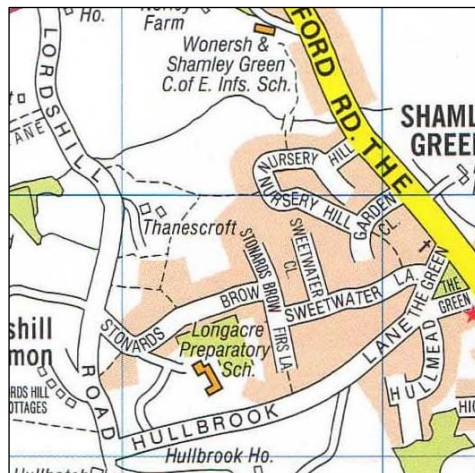
## MANAGEMENT OF LITTER PICKING - REVIEW

### Lengthsmen for Litter

All current litter pickers, see below, have confirmed they are happy to continue, which is brilliant. The Lengthsman initiative is working well and we will continue and make no change for the next 6 months. Hopefully there will be fewer Covid restrictions at that time and we can meet to discuss the more contentious subjects.

### Community Litter Pick Zone

Amongst the suggestions received is that we should have a more community based approach and one in which children could participate. I suggest we might try this in an area bounded by, but not including, Guildford Road, Hullbrook Lane and Lordshill Road.



I support the approach provided it does not restrict itself to intermittent group litter picking events but also covers how litter is to be managed in that zone on a sustainable basis. Group litter picking is not compatible with the Lengthsman approach at the same location regarding motivation. The aim is to have a pilot plan for implementation in 6 months time.

### Inaccessible Litter

I will discuss with Chris Howard issues related to litter in deep ditches and drainage channels and litter unreachable from the roadside. On a practical level we can pick up roadside litter regardless of who owns the verge. However if there is a deep ditch I do not think volunteer amateur litter pickers should attempt to clear the contents, nor should they unwittingly trespass on the adjacent land.

- I suggest our limit should be a zone not wider than arm's length with tongs (1.5 – 2m).

- Litter in ditches is a critical factor in blocking water flow and should be dealt with by regular inspection and clearance by the local council; but with liaison with local litter picking initiatives for the maximum effect.
- Where litter is out of reach on the adjacent landowner's land, there should be a process for the council to write to the owner, and the matter dealt with in a similar manner to "fly-tipping". A bit unfair; but the landowner is responsible for clearance

**Other topics for discussion when we can meet on which there are divergent views not suitable for resolution by email.**

Many are not keen on Zoom, my experience is that for a discussion it really only works for a small group, maybe no more than 5. Contentious subjects include:

- The number and location of Council waste bins, how we avoid these being overfilled and possible use for litter picking rubbish
- Measures to reduce the amount of litter, including notices, and pressure on those producing and selling products which contribute to this, eg. refundable deposits on containers, large reminder notices on containers.

### **Current litter pickers**

This is not intended to be prescriptive but people sometimes ask who is responsible for a particular area, and it is also useful if an area appears to be neglected to see if there is an obvious gap.

Simon Tomkins	Stonards Brow and Firs Lane
Chris Howard	Sweetwater Lane; but wider circuit via Lords Hill
Jane Hoy	Footpath at the side of Sweetwater Cottage
Richard Deacon	Green Lane and local footpaths, Littleford Lane to the Darbyns Brook drive and Northcote Lane.
Paddy Willis	Norley Lane to Lords Hill Common
Glynis Drummond	From the Green up Church Hill
Henrietta Griffiths	Up Northcote lane towards Green Lane, Norley Farm to Village stores via the woods and Nursery hill, down Norley Lane towards Long Common.
Robert Pick	Hullmead and Highcroft. Upper House Lane and Gaston Gate roundabout and the first 200m of Smithbrook Common Road
Carolyn Smith	Woodhill Land from Stroud Lane to Queens Lace
André Genillard	WSG primary school to the Red Lion
Sally Townsend-Smith	Around Nursery Hill, along the path to and beyond Westlands Farm
Athar Shareef	The Green east of the Guildford Road and outside Pond Cottage and the Bricklayers Pond
Lucy Camsey	Woodhill Lane, Tumblers Court to junction with Madgehole Lane
Patrick Mannix	Woodhill Lane, Tumblers Court to Farley Heath Cottage. Guildford Road, Christ Church to Gaston Gate roundabout
Michael Le Gray	Guildford Road from Nursery Hill up to the village green
Sarah Powell	Bridle path from church car park to Long Common and footpath alongside church yard and across fields.
Deborah Flood	Stroud Lane

Patrick Mannix