

Welton Litter Pickers

While we haven't done a group pick since March, several of our members individually continue to trawl the roads into and out of Welton, doing a grand job of keeping our verges and hedgerows free of the litter that can harm wildlife, cause long-term pollution and just look so unsightly.

There has been much said recently about an increase in fly-tipping. There is never any justification for fly-tipping but one suggestion is that the reduced access to recycling centres has been a factor. Locally, we have become aware of instances on Hackthorn Road, Eastfield Lane and Heath Road out towards the A15. We have reported these to West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and action has been taken promptly and efficiently. If you become aware of an instance of fly-tipping do report it: don't assume that someone else will have done so. If it's helpful, give me a ring and I will talk to our very helpful contacts at WLDC.

It would be good to be able to say that our increasing 'wokeness' in relation to some important social issues might also extend to taking personal responsibility for our consumption and its effects but it is clear that we still have some way to go on that one. I know from my conversations with people about our litter picking that litter and fly tipping do have a very strong disapproval rating for many of us, possibly even disproportionately so. My own views are more pragmatic: the stuff is there and we either leave it and let it do its unsightly damage or we just pick it up and hope that over time, like not wearing a seat belt, driving when drunk or smoking in public places, the turning tide of public opinion will provide its own impetus to change the behaviour of all of us.

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