

Campaign to tackle a sticky problem

A NATIONWIDE campaign to resolve a sticky problem is heading to Charnwood.

The Chewing Gum Action Group (CGAG) has chosen Charnwood Borough Council to be one of 15 local authorities across the country to take part in a project which aims to encourage people to dispose of gum in a responsible manner.

Charnwood will receive paid-for advertising as part of being involved in the campaign, which will be displayed throughout the Borough until September.

Cllr Hilary Fryer, Charnwood's Cabinet member for Environment, said: "Chewing gum that is trodden into the floor not only looks unsightly but also costs the Council a substantial sum of money each year to clean off."

"It is also a problem that could easily be eradicated if people take responsibility for their own litter."

The campaign will be running sometime between July and September and hopefully will have an impact on the Borough and the issue of chewing gum.

To find out more information, visit www.chewinggumactiongroup.org.uk

TEN thousand more Charnwood homes are to make the SWITCH to new ways of recycling.

The SWITCH - Saving Waste in the Charnwood Home - trial was initially piloted in 1,300 properties in parts of Barrow, Quorn and a small area of Loughborough.

But now Charnwood Borough Council has obtained funding from Leicestershire County Council to roll the project out to a further 10,400 properties over the next two years.

The new areas to benefit include parts of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes, Hoton, Seagrave, Walton, Wymeswold, Quorndon, Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, Ratcliffe, Sileby, Thrussington and Loughborough and homeowners will be contacted by the Council about taking part in the project.

In 2010-11, homes in parts of Shepshed, Loughborough, Anstey, Barkby, Beeby, East Goscote, Queniborough and South Croxton have been shortlisted to take



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part in the scheme.

Residents involved in the SWITCH trial use food waste digestion equipment such as home composters, wormeries, Bokashi bins and Green Cones to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill sites.

Cllr Hilary Fryer, Charnwood's Cabinet member for

Environment, said: "We have had a really positive response from people taking part in the SWITCH trial and I'm delighted that we are able to expand the scheme to even more homes."

"Reducing the amount of rubbish that is sent to landfill has to be encouraged and this scheme is certainly

making people more aware of the importance of recycling, reuse and waste minimisation.

One Charnwood resident who took part in the initial trial said: "A year ago, we sometimes struggled to cram all our rubbish into the wheelie bin and get the lid closed."

"Now though, our wheelie bin is usually less than 50% full without compacting anything. The home composter has been a significant part of the process."

To find out more about SWITCH, log on to www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/switch_trial or email switch@charnwood.gov.uk

Nine are successfully prosecuted by the

NINE people have been successfully prosecuted by Charnwood Borough Council for environmental crimes since the start of 2009.

Pleading guilty to knowingly permitting controlled waste to be deposited contrary to Section 33 of the

Environmental Protection Act 1990 were:

- Dean Richard Smith (42) of Grassington Close, Leicester. Given a 12-month Community Order, 40 hours of Community Service and told to pay £200 costs.

- Tyrone Zico Williams (26)

- of St Austell Road, Leicester. Given a 12-month Community Order, with a supervision requirement for 12 months and a drug rehabilitation requirement for nine months.

- Abdul Rahman (36) of Ratcliffe Road, Loughborough. Given a 12-month Conditional

Discharge and told to pay £564.72 costs.

- Darren Mark Lowe (37) of Burder Street, Loughborough. Given a 12-month Conditional Discharge and told to pay £325.99 costs.

Pleading guilty to a duty of care offence contrary to

Council for committing enviro crimes

Section 34(2)(a) and/or Section 34 (6) of the Environmental Protection Act were:

- Mosoddor Ali (79) of Brush Drive, Loughborough. Fined £235, told to pay £750 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

- Kathryn Mary Elliott (38) of Bentley Close, Loughborough. Fined £50 for a breach of a conditional discharge, £50 for the duty of care offence, £60 costs and told to pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Found guilty for misuse of

a waste receptacle under the Clean Neighbourhood Environment Act 2005 Section 47(ZA) were:

- Robert Robinson (20) of King Street, Loughborough. Fined £350, told to pay £303.68 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

- Richard Summers (52) of Lime Avenue, Loughborough. Fined £350, told to pay £272.18 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

- Ryan Porter (32) of Barradale Avenue, Sileby. Fined £350, told to pay £150 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Where should the dog bins go?

RESIDENTS are being asked to suggest locations for up to 50 new dog waste bins.

Charnwood Borough Council is planning to install the bins to make it easier for dog owners to clean up after their pets.

But the Council wants to hear of possible locations for the bins from local residents.

Cllr Hilary Fryer, Charnwood's Cabinet member for the Environment, said: "It is up to dog owners to clear up after their pets and we'd like to thank those people who do act responsibly."

"We encourage all owners to act in the same way and help to take responsibility for their neighbourhood by cleaning up their dog's waste."

"However, we want to make it even easier for them to do so which is why we're asking people to come up with sites



Residents asked to suggest sites

they feel a new dog waste bin is required.

"All locations suggested will be investigated and dog waste bins will be installed at the sites deemed most appropriate."

The new bins are being installed as part of a campaign launched by the Council called Poo Do You Think You Are?

It aims to create a cleaner,

greener Borough by ensuring all dog owners clean up after their pets.

Not only could people face an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice if they are caught not cleaning up after their dog, the waste is also a health hazard,

To suggest a location for a new dog waste bin, call (01509) 634 563 or email cleaner.

greener@charnwood.gov.uk

Alternatively, log on to www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/dog_foulingfaq for more information.

Motorists targeted in new litter crackdown

MOTORISTS who throw litter out of their cars are being targeted in a national initiative supported by Charnwood Borough Council.

Environmental charity Encams is aiming to raise awareness around the issue of car litter and to record details of drivers who feel it is acceptable to dispose of car rubbish by throwing it onto the street.

The campaign is encouraging members of the public to keep their eyes peeled for culprits of this offence around the Borough and record as many details as possible including vehicle details, location and time.

This information will then be collated onto a database to help give an overview of the problem on a national scale.

Cllr Hilary Fryer, Charnwood's Cabinet member for Environment, said: "Nobody wants to drive through their local area to see litter strewn in hedgerows and scattered across roads."

"If everyone begins to take responsibility for their own litter then we can make a huge impact on the local environment."

Adverts will also be going up around the Borough to support and highlight this campaign to residents.