

## **CHERYL**

7. I have had an email from **Surrey Countryside Partnerships** offering opportunities to join a shared countryside management service across Surrey. I know some of our members have already joined the Hedgelaying group at Thorncroft last week. I have a whole list of other places around MV plus email addresses and phone numbers. There is also the Rye Brook Catchment meeting on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Institute. Email addresses etc. I will put on the website in my report: [mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk) <mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk> 01372 743783 Lower Mole Partnership, 2 West Park Farmhouse, Horton Country Park, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8PL

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**Environment Report**

**Our annual Keep Britain Tidy Litter Pick** is announced for Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10am until 12 noon. To volunteer and reserve equipment call Cheryl 370 091.

**Leatherhead is being considered as a site for an Incinerator**  
Surrey County Council's Draft Waste Local Plan lists 9 sites that are being considered for locating Incinerators. Randalls Road Leatherhead is one of those locations.

The negative consequences of incineration include that they:

- are polluting and energy inefficient
  - require high volumes of waste and would have impact on recycling and reduction of waste in future
  - can handle 132 lorry loads in a day which would come from as far away as London thus further clogging our roads
- produce dioxins, acid gases, nitrogen oxides, and heavy metals.

For more on this subject and to participate in the consultation, go to:  
<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/swlp-responding-to-the-consultation-1/>

A link to articles about about subject is:

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/surrey-county-council-accused-proposing-14171425>

Consultation closes 7 February

We have also been informed that all the waste dumped at the Royal Oak site and from the site behind Tesco's constituted no environmental concern or threat to

human health. (This is contrary to what residents reported at the meeting between MVDC and North Leatherhead residents on 15 January. Both breathing problems and eye irritation were mentioned. Perhaps the waste did not contain carcinogenic material like asbestos.

Continuing the theme of Rubbish, the campaign against plastic is gaining ground. CPRE has reported on the recent Govt. change requiring ALL shops to now charge at least 5p for a plastic bag. In the same vein and with the same end in view, Green Peace is calling on Coca Cola to reduce its use of plastic, is calling on Supermarkets to follow Iceland's example and go plastic free and is also calling for a nicely named "Latte Levy." An interesting short video containing David Katz' ideas of how to deal with the plastic already in the ocean is shown in this video.

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