

## **Environment Report 5 November LRA Meeting**

Our traditional Autumn Litter Pick took place on 13<sup>th</sup> October with 16 people participating. The MVDC continues to support such efforts by providing vests, gloves, litter sacks and pickers, and the collection of rubbish from a centralised place in the Town Centre. There was a slight agreement over there being less (paper etc), litter, but, unfortunately there were still over 50 sacks plus large items unsuitable for the sacks.

A location on the path between the Leatherhead Railway Station and Kingston Road has been identified as a place that needs rubbish bins. Judy and Chris Evans spent 4 hours collecting between 400-500 bottles and cans on that path. Other people have litter picked there in the past but never with such a result.

We appreciate the effort that our members take to make Leatherhead a better place.

I would like to use this opportunity to get a bit of feedback about activities at Norbury Park. Emails to me have suggested that the camping / glamping site is not a popular concept. Although the planning application for the site is temporarily on hold while an Environmental Impact Assessment takes place, it will be back on the Development Control Committee agenda soon. While this will not have as great an impact on us as the people local to Bookham, the new parking charges have been noted by several members. These members seem to be choosing to walk their dogs elsewhere rather than pay the £2 charge. Comments Please.

A new way of dealing with Ash dieback has been announced. A considerable number of trees in Norbury Park will be cut back as far as 60 feet from all paths, roadways, and carparks. This is considered to be a matter of health and safety. This is to be a cost neutral exercise with the company harvesting the timber to use the trees as wood chip. Ironically, expert advice has been taken about Teazle Wood with the recommendation that MV wait and see what approach is best to be taken. Here, experts actually suggested that it was better to leave the trees in situ.