

Featured Volunteer

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Interview by Rhys Pearce

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

In the last few years, I decided to think more about our planet and the living things within it. Since moving to Tredegar, I've been a member of the Sirhowy Woodlands volunteer group and I haven't looked back!

How long have you been a Litter Champion?

I've been a Litter Champion for 12 months now.

What inspired you to become a Litter Champion?

For about 15 years I've thought negatively about unsightly litter and then one day, I stumbled upon the advert for the Sirhowy Woodlands volunteer group.

How do you feel volunteering has benefitted you and/or the community?

I feel a profound sense of happiness. Not only do I meet new people on a regular basis, but the community reaps the benefit. Wherever I litter pick, the person following sees a clean pathway. It also means that litter isn't able to harm the eco system or find it's way into the waterways.



What would you say to someone who is thinking about joining the Litter Champion Scheme?

Firstly, good on you! The more volunteers we have the cleaner our community will be. It's beneficial for your mental health and physical fitness. Also, the scheme is very well run and I have great faith in the team that run it.

What's the most peculiar thing you've ever picked up whilst Litter Picking?

I once found a full-size child car seat deep in the woodlands.

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