

Featured Volunteer

Andrew Williams

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Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Hi, I've been a taxi driver/owner in Ebbw Vale since 2002. I enjoy DIY and am never happier than when I'm doing something, I'm not known to sit still for long! I spend most of my weekends at my holiday home and enjoy getting out and walking our little dog. At home, when possible, I like to go out litter picking.

How long have you been a Litter Champion?

I've been registered since May 2020, sadly with Covid and hay fever I didn't get to start litter picking until March this year.

What inspired you to become a Litter Champion?

As a taxi driver I see litter building up around the place and it depresses me seeing the lack of pride some people have in our community. So, I decided I wanted to do something about it.

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

I feel a massive sense of accomplishment when I see an area that I've spent time clearing and I believe the community appreciates my efforts too, many have even stopped and thanked me for doing it. It is also a great form of exercise and what can be better than being outdoors and breathing in the fresh air?



Andrew has collected 150 bags of Litter since September 2021!

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

Definitely do it, it doesn't matter if you only pick up a few pieces a week or spend hours on end and fill loads of bags. We are all doing our bit to improve our borough.

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

The most peculiar thing was a large belt / track from a machine that was about 6 foot long and 2 foot wide, very heavy and had been there a very long time and would never have rotted down.

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