

Reports on Previous Events

December Floop Clean up - 10 volunteers gathered at Nelstrop Rd N on a rather miserable morning but of course their spirits were lifted by collecting 13 bags of litter (actually 23 bags in all but for consistency with previous records, we only count the pink bags as half a bag). Thank you to everyone for showing up given that it was at such a busy time of the year.

Thanks also to Sarah Bradbury from Sustrans for coming out to present me with the Sustrans North West Volunteer of the Year (2019) Award which I happily accepted on behalf of all the many (at least 100) people who have come out with me over the last couple of years to help clean up our lovely paths.

December Yellow Brick Road (Old Stockport Canal) Clean up - 9 volunteers assembled and got stuck in to some rather serious litter removal which resulted in us leaving about 47 bags for the council to pick up (some of these bags were already pre-filled!). We also alerted the council to clear a minor fly tip of a mattress and some kitchen furniture. The aim is get the Yellow Brick Road into a similar state to the Floop in terms of littering and while we made good progress towards this in 2019, there is still some way to go. We have made very little progress in recruiting local people to the cause so maybe that should be another goal for 2020 ?

Future Events

The monthly litter picks are planned for the second Thursday of each month (Floop) and the following Saturday (YBR).

The 2020 dates for the Floop/YBR events are therefore respectively :

2020

Jan 9th/11th

Feb 13th/15th

Mar 12th/14th

Apr 9th/11th

May 14th/16th

Jun 11th/13th

Jul 9th/11th

Aug 13th/15th

Sep 10th/12th

Oct 8th/10th

Nov 12th/14th

Dec 10th/12th

Other news

The scourge of littering is not just restricted to our paths and we all have our own ideas on how the bigger problem should be tackled. You might like to learn what Jeremy Paxman's take on this is. If so, click on [Jeremy's speech at the NEC \(Sept 2019\)](#) (N.B. this document does not include links to the embedded video or slides).

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Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Charles