

## **Reports on Previous Events**

### ***October Floop Clean-up***

We litter picked from The Quadrants, Levenshulme, to the start of Shillingford Road (The Secret Lake). There were six volunteers altogether and we managed to collect 15 bags of litter. The weather was good – mild with a slight breeze, and only a short episode of very light rain towards the end of the litter pick. There was also The Curious Incident of the Galloping Tyre at Longford Road West, where we tried to roll it towards the other rubbish, but unfortunately it escaped and rolled into the ditch! Nevertheless, a very successful litter pick.

Two days after the main event, Charles, Graham and Lucy went back and cleaned up the section from Shillingford Road to the Hyde Road bridge and collected a further 9 bags making a total of 24 altogether – many thanks to them. It does feel sometimes that littering is not a big problem on the Floop anymore but that doesn't explain why we were able to remove 24 bags of litter during October without trying very hard. The truth is that we rely on volunteers like you to wage the litter war month on month, summer and winter. Thanks everyone for your support, it really does make a difference!

**Award** - It was good to learn that The Friends of the Fallowfield Loop were nominated by Sustrans for a Sustrans 'Paths for Everyone volunteering award'. The panel of judges were so impressed by the commitment of the group that they recognised this by selecting the group to win an award. Many congratulations to all involved.

### ***October Yellow Brick Road (Old Stockport Canal) Clean-up***

We litter picked from Hollybush St. right up to Ashton Old Road concentrating on the areas adjacent to Longford St. where the litter was heaviest, particularly in the alleyways connecting to Longford St. In addition, some wonderfully dedicated volunteers put in an extra shift at the end of the morning and cleared the worst of the railway path leading to Gorton Station. There were nine volunteers altogether and we managed to collect 32 bags plus a fly tip comprising bed frame, abandoned blue bin and disassembled kitchen units. The fly tip has been reported to Manchester City Council. We had a lovely tea/coffee break in King George V Park in the sunshine – thanks to Charles and Erica! As usual, thanks to Biffa for collecting the full bags so promptly.

## **Future Events**

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

The remaining 2019 dates for the Floop/YBR events are therefore:

Nov 14/16

Dec 12/14

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