## Featured Volunteer

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Interview by Rhys Pearce



I am currently a student studying 'Cyber Security', looking to progress into that field of work when I leave. I spend a lot of my time learning in front of the computer and playing with tech. When I'm not doing this, I like to be outside, in the garden or going for a walk.

How long have you been a Litter Champion? I've been a litter champion for about six months.

## What inspired you to become a Litter Champion?

I would go out and see litter everywhere (I see it even more now), but never had the equipment to do anything about it. I found out that there was a Litter Champion scheme and decided to combine a walk with a collection. It's great for resetting my mind, I put on a podcast on and have a wander around.

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

I have met loads of people, all wanting to say thank you or have helped collect. Even a couple of young lads shared their disgust for littering. Hopefully, those that do throw litter will see us Litter Champions and think twice before trashing their local environment.

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

Join us, you will instantly see the difference. If you work from home or have a bit of spare time, it's great to just break up the day. It gives you a good feeling knowing that you have helped the community.



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

As of yet nothing terribly weird or wonderful, but I do keep a little bag for vapes (to keep separate due to the battery) In 1 hour I will generally find between 5 to 10 disposable vapes.

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