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Litter Group Status 12/12/18

Litter should be considered as pollution.

The following topics are being considered for further development:-

The group aims to encourage people to pick up a few bits of litter whenever they are out and about, and to adopt an area close to where they live – rather than aiming to organise occasional large scale litter picks.

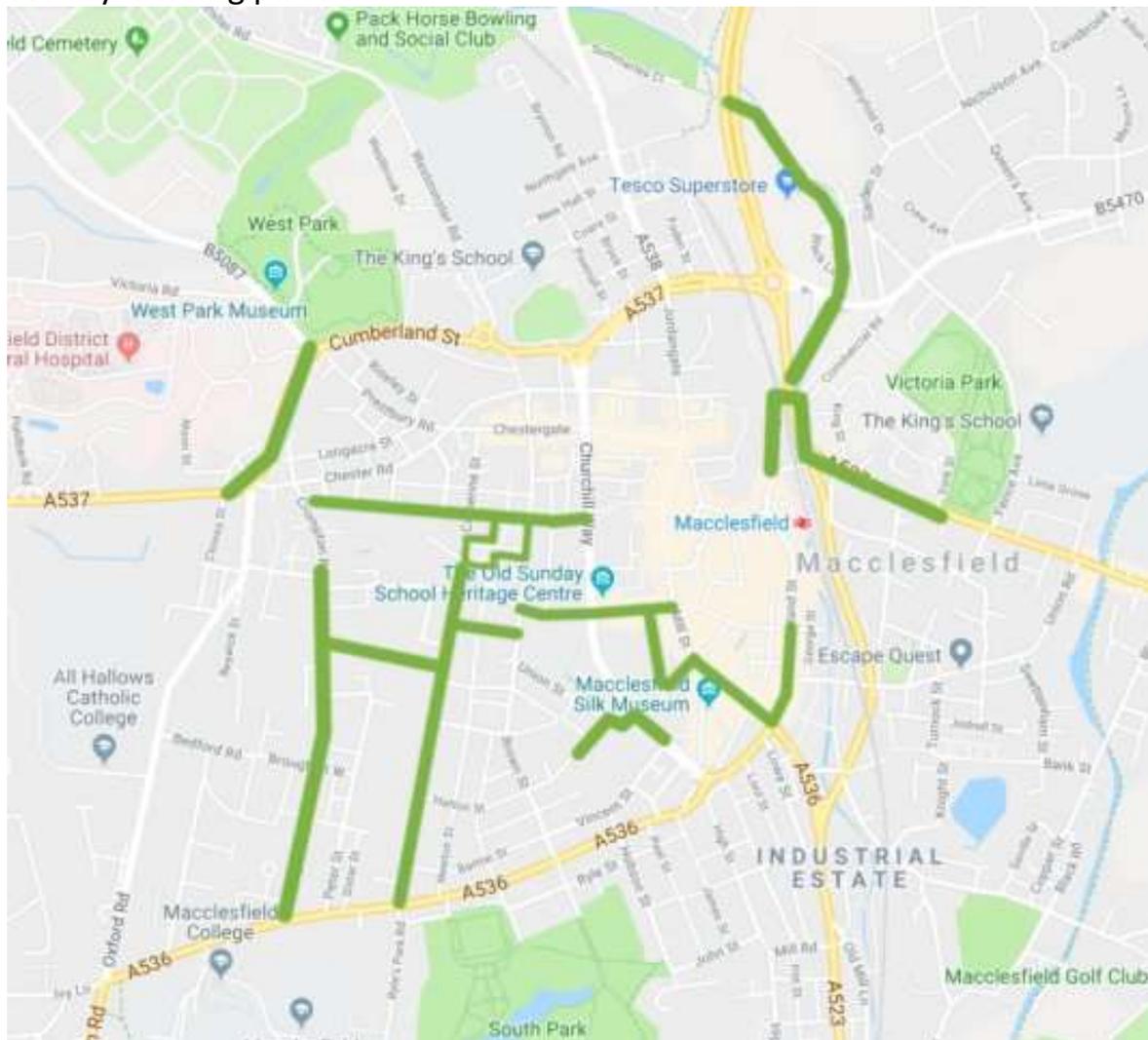
1. We know of six individuals who are active litter pickers in our group, and have collated this list of [neighbourhood community groups](#) who sometimes promote litter picks.
2. The Friends of West Park group are to be approached.
3. Tytherington School has been working on this subject in assemblies, and there are signs that the overall litter situation is improving.
4. West Park Co-op to be approached re using their bins.
5. Macc Town Council has two litter picker tools or 'reachers' to lend out, and Poundland sell reachers



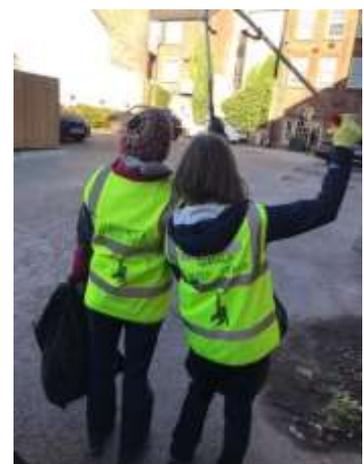
for.....£1, Chestergate's Pound Plus for £5, and Argos sell them for £10 ([including a folding model](#))

The £1 reachers have been tested for a few hours and haven't broken yet!

- The group aims to encourage solo litter pickers rather than trying to mobilise large groups, but does hope to make the 'soloists' aware of each other's activities using a Google Map, and to make the public more aware of that this activity is taking place.



- Now want to identify 'areas of need', and get in touch with local business for support - either in giving access to their bins to dump what has been collected, or to encourage them to clean areas adjacent to their premises - eg Tesco and the bank of the Bollin river.
- Sue and Gill had an amusing photo of their Hi-Viz outfits, and had started weighing what they collected with a handheld luggage scale. Current record for a Sunday morning 5.6kg.



9. The Scout movement can probably also help - as part of their community badge activities.

10. [TerraCycle](#) - take back some wrappers.

Contact: Litter@macctastic.org

Resources

Litter section of [NotJustOnce.org](#)

Litter Picking for [Dog Walkers](#)

Litter Bin [Placement and Design for Recycling](#)

Litter picking tips

- Never pick up used needles;
- Avoid picking litter up by hand but always wear gloves if you do;
- Empty bottles before collecting them and don't assume the liquid is the original contents of the bottle;
- Only collect litter that can be reached safely.

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