



July 2023 Newsletter

SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING*

* Week commencing 3rd July and the forecast is for more sunshine and showers! 18 – 22 Celsius

It's been a hectic time since the March newsletter: with the Clubs and Societies (C&S) day back in March, a couple of organised litter picks and a number of requests to assist others. The C&S event was well-attended, and my thanks go to our dear friends at the Abingdon Civic Society for co-hosting a table and to fellow AbiBinit picker Mike T for assisting me on the day. Great contacts were made with new faces keen to join and with the Town Crier team.... More of that later!

Keeping in touch: email, website and social media

Just a brief reminder that you can keep in touch with me via the events@abibinit.org email address. If you want to be added to round robin email updates and the quarterly newsletters simply drop an email to that address with the subject of 'subscribe'. Of course, if you'd like emails to stop simply send an email indicating you'd like to be removed.

My stated ambition in March to send a monthly message has remained a mere hope and intention. I will continue with the quarterly newsletters – of which this is the second this year. The next scheduled newsletter will be September for Autumn.



You can use the events@abibinit.org address to register your intent to attend one of the future litter picking dates. This helps me assess if I have the numbers right for equipment requests from the waste/environment team.

AbiBinit! are proud to be affiliated with the Friends of Abingdon Civic Society and I strongly encourage you to visit their site and consider joining. <https://abingdoncivicsociety.org.uk/>



The Friends of Abingdon support our group in a number of ways – not least providing us with space and administration of the following page on their website to promote our events and provide signposts for supporting contacts and sites. *Huge thanks again to Ray Hand for the website support!*

<https://abingdoncivicsociety.org.uk/activities/abibinit-litter-picking-initiative/>



For those that do use social media, we will continue to use the [Facebook group](#) for day-to-day news and event updates. If you are heading out to carry out an independent pick this group is a great way to reach out to the other members if you want some company. Additionally, if you've been a #LitterHero and want to share info on where you've picked and post pictures of the before and after please do! You may well inspire someone else to do the same. ❤️

Latest pick reports, events and future dates

We've now had a couple of organised group picks take place since March and, whilst they varied widely in numbers attending, the same enthusiasm and determination to pitch in and improve the local area has been welcomed. We have been very fortunate in the weather staying warm and dry for both sessions and personally I've managed to avoid getting caught whilst picking in the numerous thunderstorms we've experienced lately! I hope you have been as lucky.



The main event in April at the River was further publicised by the efforts of Patrick, one of the Town Crier team and our thanks go to him for turning out on one of the hottest days to 'cry' for us on the day. It really was a boost! The River events bring together volunteers from a number of community groups and is always well represented. They are good fun too 😊.

Thank you to all who come out to join us: it makes a huge difference.

The following dates are currently planned and I'm more than happy for [feedback](#) with suggestions for dates and locations.

If you'd like to register as attending please drop an email to events@abibinit.org – this simply helps with planning to ensure we have sufficient equipment.

- **Sat 16th September** River pick – based at Abingdon Lock : 10am – 1pm
- **Sat 14th October** Reynolds Way/Gainsborough Green – 10am – 12 noon

The River pick dates usually brings together several community groups. We are still finalising details for the Autumn date above and when confirmed the details will be posted on the website, sent to subscribed email addresses and posted on the Facebook group.

And finally...

I've been delighted to provide Assessor Reports for two young people undertaking the [Duke of Edinburgh Award](#) (Bronze) scheme. Whilst they have now completed their planned activities, we have two further still working towards completion. If you know a young person who would like to volunteer in a similar manner for their DoE please get in touch.



If you'd like to organise your own litter pick all the information you need is available on the Vale of White Horse [website](#). I'm happy to help with advice on arranging a pick and the process but **please remember** that the Waste Team do ask for a lead time of two weeks if you are requesting equipment.

Any suggestions/feedback or items you'd like included in the next Newsletter, added to the website or advice needed please email me lynne@abibinit.org

I look forward to seeing you all in the near future; stay safe and be well, Lynne Ford 4/7/23.