



July 2025 Newsletter

SUMMER

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate."
William Shakespeare Sonnet 18 c1609

2025 The story so far...

So here we are a little over halfway through the year already. We have five events completed from the 2025 schedule – including a late addition in support of the #PaintAbingdonPink event for Action Against Breast Cancer. The remaining dates and how to keep in touch are on the next page. Any late notice changes will be posted on the website and on the Facebook group. If you have any suggestions or would like support in setting up bespoke litter-picks please get in touch by email

Pick reports: May - July

May 25th saw a fabulous crew of 24 volunteers sweep through and around the Town Centre and despite the initial thoughts that the town was looking pretty clean we recovered 9 huge bags of rubbish and 3 more of recyclables. It was great to see familiar faces and welcome new ones to the Womble army.



In June the focus was back on the River, but with the weir bridge sadly closed in May, we had to split efforts across two locations: for those on the river itself and the landlubbers. My huge thanks go to Kim and Penny who based at each table for the day. Whilst this meant we missed the opportunity of a full team picture and the bag count couldn't be accurately tallied up it was a successful event of 38 volunteers and tonnes of rubbish and recyclables rescued from our green, pleasant and watery spaces. ❤️. The next River pick will be in September and I think the split venues will be in place again.



The Paint Abingdon Pink day on 12th July was a **SCORCHER!** The thermometer was at 31c 🌡️☀️

Whilst the numbers of volunteers were low the enthusiasm across the town was high. Pictures below will give you a flavour of the day and I am forever grateful for those who came to support on the day, especially the two ladies from the Rock Choir who having sung their hearts out soldiered on to pitch in with the picking, the Mackenwells family and Tom L. 🙌🙌🙌. (4 waste bags / 2 recyclables)



Invitation to AbiBinIt volunteers and families: VJ80 Anniversary Party on the Pitch 16th Aug.

We have been kindly invited to attend events which are being held by the Royal British Legion, with support from Abingdon Town Council to mark the anniversary of Victory over Japan. There is a Party on the Pitch at the Abingdon Rugby Club grounds off Lambrick Way on Saturday 16th August, the day before our planned litterpick in that area on the Sunday. I will be there with table, flag and details about AbiBinIt, but the actual litter pick will take place as planned. Please come and say 'Hi' 🙌

On the Saturday there will be an assortment of activities to try – including bun throwing, Aunt Sally and a 'silly games' championship. They are looking for family and friends to form teams of four and enter a competition for the highest scores for each of the games. Food will be available to buy or take your own picnic!



Remaining Schedule for 2025

Sat 16 th August	11 am – 4 pm	VJ80 Party on the Pitch
Sun 17 th August	10 am – 12 noon	Southern Town Park
Sat 27 th September	11 am – 2 pm	Abingdon River Lock
Sat 25 th October	10 am – 12 noon	Reynolds Way Shops
TBC December	🎄 🎄 🎄	Town Centre *

*date to be agreed. Mince pies and hot chocolate may be on the cards 🙌

Keeping in touch: email, website and social media

Just a reminder that you can keep in touch via the events@abibinit.org email address. If you want to be added to the round robin email updates and the quarterly newsletters simply drop an email to that address with the subject of 'subscribe' 😊. To get yourself removed: send 'unsubscribe' to the same address 😊

AbiBinIt are very proud to be affiliated with [The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society](#) and I encourage you all to visit their site and consider joining. 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. *Huge thanks YET again to Ray*



Hand for the website support! 🙌 🙌 🙌. The planned 2025 schedule above is on the website and as posters are published, with confirmed dates and times, they will also be available there to download and share ❤️ <https://abingdoncivicsociety.org.uk/activities/abibinit-litter-picking-initiative/>

We now have over 700 members on the [Facebook group](#). There have been some great posts from individuals on this group: please keep sharing your pictures, reports and events which are in line with our theme. You may well inspire someone else to do the same. ❤️

Huge thanks to all who continue to turn out in support of these events; really, I could not do this without you! This applause is all for you 🙌 🙌 🙌

Stay safe and hope to see you soon... Don't forget the **August 17th 10am** is the next group date meeting at the Southern Town Park on Lambrick Way.