## **Stowey Green Spaces Group**

## Report on Litter picking 2024-2025

In the year under review, our volunteer litter pickers covered 18 routes in Nether Stowey and 13 routes in Over Stowey, carrying out their patrols usually on or about the third weekend of the month.

At these times they will be seen on their routes, dressed in their hi- viz jackets and armed only with a litter picker, a blue bag, and a hoop to hold it open, and their "pickings" are either recycled by the volunteers and disposed of in either their domestic waste or recycling bins, or where this is not possible, are left [and it is never less than 5 full blue bags] for collection by Somerset Council.

Thanks to Somerset Council for the blue bags and for arranging the collection, the Nether Stowey Parish Council for its financial support for the acquisition of the equipment, to Richard Ince of Parsonage Farm for facilitating the collection process and not least to our volunteers. They range in age from the active retired to Duke of Edinburgh award candidates and come from both parishes and even from outside!

So necessary is this project that some routes need to be patrolled twice monthly, but equally, so popular is the activity that we have sufficient volunteers....just.... to make this possible.

New Volunteers are always welcome as are suggestions for new routes

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