

FUNDING FOR BEACHCLEANGIRL RECEIVED

Cleaning the beaches in Lee-on-Solent, one litter pick at a time, has been a labour of love now for almost a year for BeachCleanGirl. Whatever the weather, she is out there picking up litter left by beach visitors and is well on her way to reaching the half tonne mark.



It is a shame that it even needs doing, but a wonderful thing that someone cares enough to take direct action. The situation is becoming more serious as our oceans are becoming clogged with our indiscriminately disposed plastic to the detriment of marine life.



When our oceans die, so do we. Blue Planet II is evidence of what we have done and are still doing to our oceans. It has to start somewhere and we would hope that is in the home with education from the bottom up and top down. This is also why we are featuring a recycling awareness article on page 10 of this newsletter.

Councillor Graham Burgess has recognised that not only is education required, but involvement from the community as well. He has made a grant of £1,000 from his Hampshire County Council devolved budget available for the purchase of equipment to assist BeachCleanGirl make our beaches clean and safe again



Please follow BeachCleanGirl via social media outlets - Facebook = <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ad85w> and/or instagram = <https://tinyurl.com/yadndou6>. This information is also featured on the environmental page of our website

VOTING AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS IN MAY

Gosport Borough Council is taking part in a national trial of the use of ID when voting, as a way of making elections more secure. It comes after reports of alleged electoral fraud through voter impersonation more than doubled nationally between 2014 and 2016.

The trial means that at the borough elections on 3rd May 2018, you will need to bring ID to the polling station. You can bring one form of specified photo ID, like a passport or driving licence. Or you can bring two forms of specified non-photo ID, like a council tax bill and a bank statement.

If you don't have acceptable ID, you can apply for an electoral identity letter to bring to the polling station instead or you can apply for a postal vote.

You will need to produce acceptable ID or an electoral identity letter before being issued with a ballot paper in the polling station.

You can find out exactly what forms of identity are acceptable or how to get an electoral identity letter on the Lee Residents' website at www.leeresidents.org.uk (news section) or the GBC website at <https://tinyurl.com/y88hvphd> or by phoning GBC on 023 92 545227

