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Love Solihull - November 2021



This month we share updates from volunteers in Knowle, discover new volunteering opportunities in Solihull and share updates on progress at Hope Coppice.

Winter clearing around St John's Way, Knowle



On Monday 8 November, members and supporters of Knowle Society carried out winter maintenance on the planters in St John's Way shopping precinct and litter picked the area, with the support of Love Solihull.

They removed plenty of weeds from the beds and planted some winter pansies to inject some much needed colour during the colder months.

The group showed fantastic community spirit, with local residents, and [Solihull Rotary Club](#), turning out to support.

Several shoppers stopped to thank the volunteers and admire the area. It is clear to see how the efforts of these dedicated volunteers are appreciated by local people.

If you are interested in future community projects in this area, contact [Knowle Society](#) for more information.

Photo caption: Members of Solihull Rotary Club, Knowle Society and Love Solihull

Another litter haul for Friends of Shirley Park



Friends of Shirley Park carried out another successful litter pick earlier this month, collecting a whopping 30 bags of rubbish!

The group continues to do a fantastic job of making this park look inviting and welcoming for everyone.

The group's next litter pick is scheduled for Saturday 4 December starting at 2pm - everyone welcome.

Visit their [Facebook](#) group for more information.

Photo caption: Entrance to Shirley Park

4th Knowle Sea Scouts - World Challenge Award

After Bonfire Night, [4th Knowle Sea Scouts](#) carried out a litter pick around Knowle Park, High Street and St John's Close, filling a total of ten bags in just one evening.

The group, which is one of 105 Navy recognised troops, completed the litter pick as part of the environmental section of the World Challenge Award.

The badge is one of nine which counts towards achieving the [Chief Scout's Gold Award](#) - the highest award available to any Scout.

Thank you to everyone who took part and we wish you luck in your remaining challenges - you are true #LitterHeroes!



Photo caption: Members of 4th Knowle Sea Scouts

Litter Picking Hubs open at Solihull libraries

Just a reminder that litter picking hubs are now open at libraries across the borough. The hubs act as distributors of Love Solihull litter picking equipment to new volunteers, as well as supporting existing litter pickers with additional rolls of bags.

All new volunteers are invited to [register online](#), after which you will be contacted by a member of the Love Solihull team to confirm when you can collect your kit from a library near you.



Since the hubs re-opened on 1 November, we have signed up a further 50 volunteers, taking our total to just under 700 litter pickers across the borough!

Visit our [website](#) to see a short video by Richard & Sandra, two of our dedicated volunteers, and hear them talk about the health and social benefits of litter picking.



Volunteers begin planting at Hope Coppice



As work progresses at Hope Coppice, the [Planting Our Future](#) team was joined by several volunteers from [Solihull Faiths Forum](#), during Inter-Faith Week.

The group assisted in planting native bulbs, sowing wildflower seeds and adding ferns to the natural stumpery, which will become a wildlife haven for insects and even small mammals such as hedgehogs.

Pat, Chair of Solihull Faiths Forum, said: “16 people from different faith communities came along on a beautiful November morning to dig holes and plant snowdrops and daffodils, assisted also by two members of Healthwatch. Everyone enjoyed the chance to make a difference to the environment, share stories, forge new friendships, and contribute to a project that will enable people to reflect on those they have lost through the pandemic and foster hope for the future.”

The project, designed by [Red Kite Network](#) and delivered by [Copper Beech Play](#), is almost nearing Phase 1 completion, with Phase 2 due to start in the New Year.

Thank you to all the volunteers for contributing to this amazing space which we look forward to bringing to the residents of Solihull.

Photo caption: Carly (left) of Wonder Woods Forest School joined by Annie (right) from Red Kite Network

Volunteers needed at Solihull Zero Wasters

[Solihull Zero Wasters](#) is on the lookout for volunteers to help with their in-store recycling. The store currently takes in items from the local community that are not widely recycled, such as pet food pouches, blister packaging, crisp packets and unwanted bras - which are taken to various locations for collection.

They would love to hear from any willing volunteers who can spare a couple of hours a week to ensure the items are delivered to their collection points regularly.

They are particularly keen to hear from any young people who may want to carry out this activity towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award or who are looking for work experience.

You can contact Solihull Zero Wasters via [Facebook](#) or pop in to chat to the team.

Solihull Repair Café coming soon

What is a [repair café](#)?

Repair Cafés are places where people gather to work on fixing everyday objects together, such as electrical and mechanical devices, computers, and other items which can be saved from landfill with a bit of TLC!

Visitors to the Café bring their broken items from home and work with specialists to inject new life or help others with their own projects. It's an ongoing learning process for those involved and gives you the chance to meet new people and enjoy a cuppa too!

This community-led initiative is coming soon to Solihull Zero Wasters, based on Hobs Moat Road.

Volunteers are needed to get the Café up and running - so if you consider yourself to be handy and would enjoy sharing these skills, it could be the right volunteer opportunity for you.

You can register your interest by visiting Solihull Repair Café [Facebook](#) group.

Love Solihull actively encourages residents and businesses to make a difference to the environment and support those who co-ordinate their own projects.

Email alerts will be sent out throughout the year giving information on environmental projects including what is happening in your area and how you can get involved.

More information can be found at www.lovesolihull.org

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