



Sarah, Jo and Shameena wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

What a year it has been, 2019 has seen more and more community groups springing up around the borough, from litter picking groups to Friends of Parks groups. We have also worked with over 20 businesses who have volunteered to improve our parks and open spaces, benefiting the community they work in.



After 2 years of litter picking, the Castle Bromwich Litter Pickers filled their 1000th bag of litter early this year. Their numbers continue to grow, and they will soon be collecting their 2000<sup>th</sup> bag of litter.



We are now lucky to have 4 Keep Britain Tidy #LitterHeroes Ambassadors in the borough.



During this year's Great British Spring Clean, 681 volunteers collected just over 1000 bags of litter.



The first West Midlands litter pick event took place at Brinton Park, Kidderminster hosted by the fabulous Pickup Artists. Community litter picking groups from across the region joined to share experiences on the fight against litter.



The community group Clean & Green (small changes, big impact, north Solihull) were the winners of the Cleaning up your community national award for working to improve the lives of people in their community.



The Love Solihull team won an International CSR Excellence award from Green Apple; are now recognised as Green World Ambassadors and the programme was a finalist for the Annual Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Awards.

All of the community groups we are fortunate enough to work with do a fantastic job; here are a few highlights of 2019 in pictures.





























## Thank you for connecting with Love Solihull.

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](http://www.lovesolihull.org)

For more information about Council services, please see our [website](#).



