

IMPACT REPORT 2025



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Registered Charity Number 1212579

Message from our CEO

Real and lasting change in our neighbourhoods happens when people choose to get involved. Pride in a local area is not automatic or inherited. It is built through action, engagement, shared effort and care for the places we live. One of the most powerful outcomes this year has been the way litter picking has brought people together across age, language and background. In a borough as rich in diversity as Harrow, these connections with members of the community matter.

This Impact Report shows what active participation can achieve. From a single litter pick to leading a project, every contribution strengthens our neighbourhoods. Working alongside council, schools, police, businesses and community groups, we are helping to build pride, improve safety and bring people together.

I am grateful to everyone who has played a part, and together we will continue building a stronger, cleaner and more connected Harrow.

Casey Dalton

Chief Executive Officer

Message from our Chair of Trustees

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the achievements highlighted in this Impact Report. Every contribution, whether large or small, has helped shape our work.

2025 was a landmark year as Harrow Litter Pickers became a registered charity. What began as a small group of committed residents is now a well-governed organisation, supported by a dedicated Board of Trustees and led by an exceptionally active Chief Executive. This has given us strong foundations for responsible and sustainable growth.

I am proud to serve as Chair of Trustees and of everything we in Harrow Litter Pickers have achieved this year. Thank you for your support, and I look forward with confidence to the year ahead.

Keith Hewat

Chair of Trustees

What do we do?

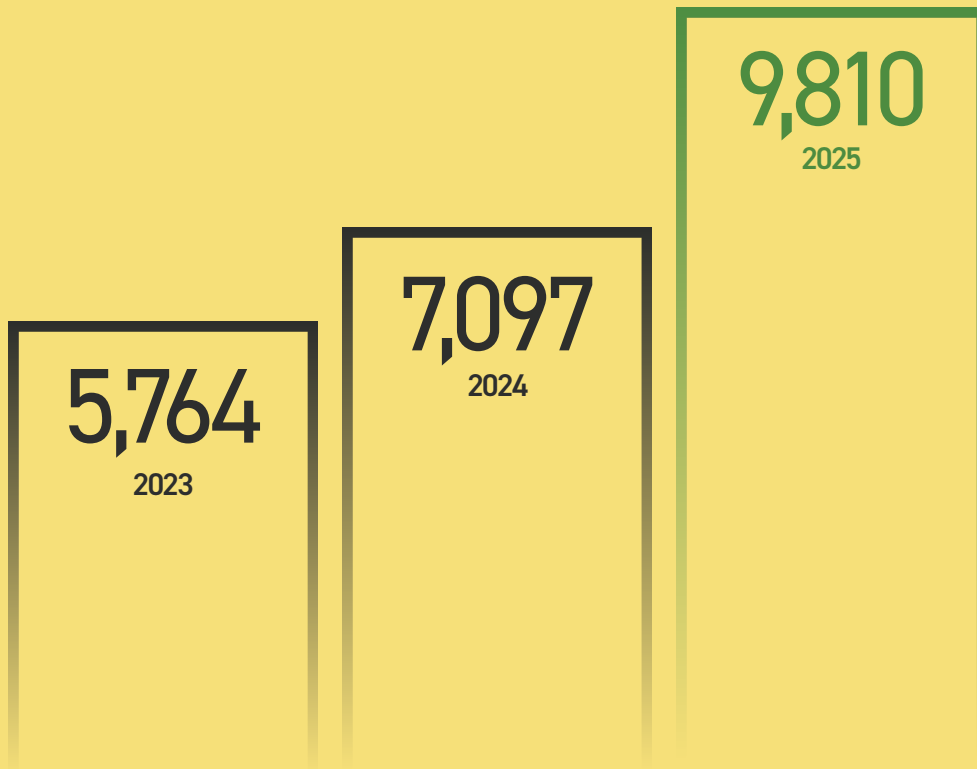
We are an apolitical group of volunteers from Harrow.

We litter-pick and:

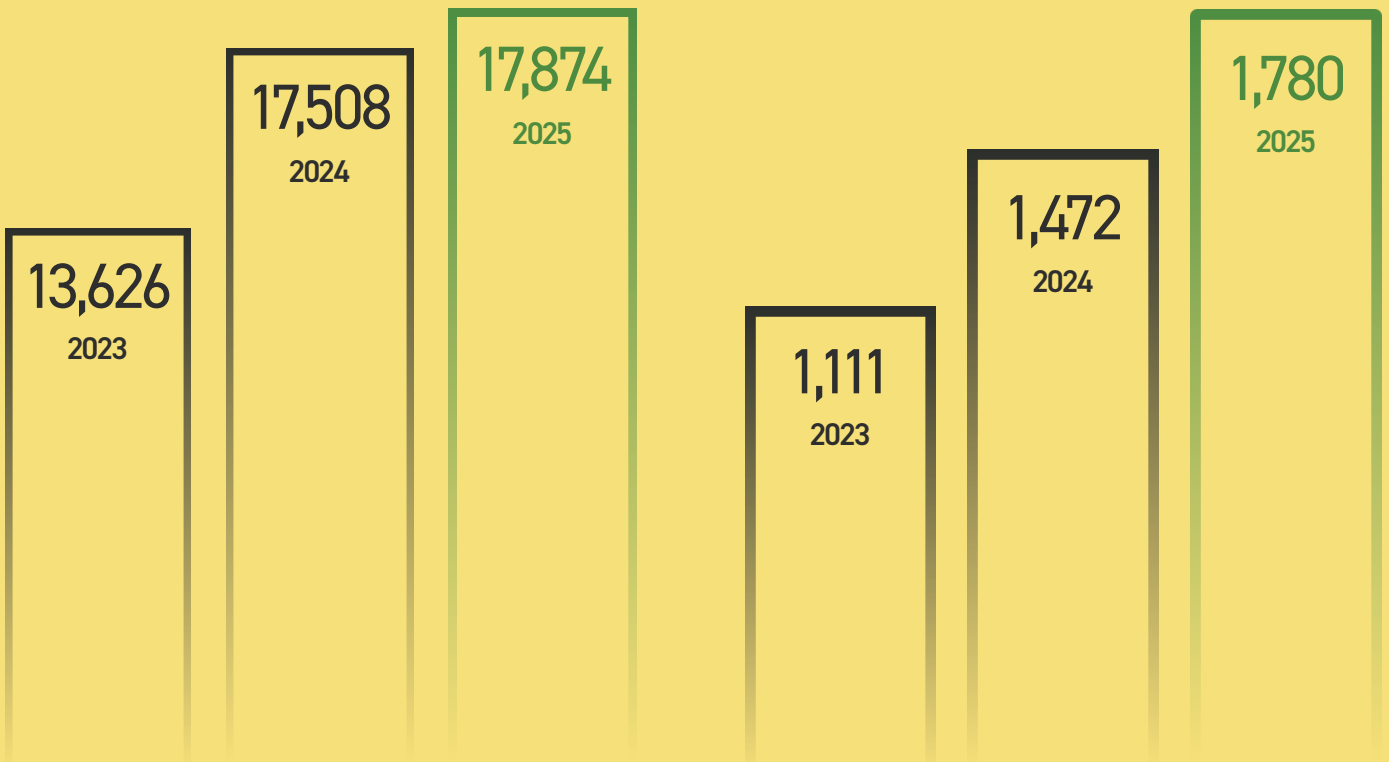
- Organise large scale clear ups of significant problem areas
- Work with local authorities, police and partner organisations
- Conduct joint operations with police searching for weapons at the same time as clearing the rubbish
- Build an active and inclusive community
- Link community with authority
- Report road faults and other issues
- Clean drains, graffiti and street bins (often of paan tobacco)
- Plant bulbs, flowers and seeds
- Support residents to pick up rubbish
- Organise events



Past 3 years



Volunteer hours



Rubbish bags

Cleanups (logged by members)

2025 numbers



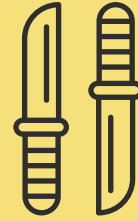
1498

total members
(+358 YOY)



319

group events*
*3+ people
(+127% YOY)



33

found knives
(90 total)



11

schools
engaged with,
supporting
environmental
education



27

joint operations
with Police



127

witness
statements
submitted
to
Harrow Council
(with evidence)



20+

large-scale
cleanups

Running totals (2021-present)

6,350
reported fly-tips

which is
1400+
reports/year
or
115
reports/month
since HLP's
inception
(July 2021).

6,081
litter-picks*

*logged figures
by members,
true totals
may be higher.

62,583
rubbish bags

equivalent to^[1]
782
skips
or
1,200+
tonnes of waste.

28,858
volunteer hours

equivalent to^[2]
15+
working years
for
1
full-time
worker
or
5+
working years
for
3
full-time
workers

^[1] Based on an 8-yard builder's skip, and the standard capacity guidance of 80 bags/skip.

^[2] Based on a standard UK work-year (232 working days, 8h/day).

2025

**G R E A T
BRITISH**



**SPRING
C L E A N**

2 weeks



10 parks

ALEXANDRA PARK
BOXTREE PARK
BRIDGE STREET GARDENS
BROCKHURST CORNER OPEN SPACE
BYRON PARK

KENTON RECREATION GROUND
PINNER MEMORIAL PARK
QUEENSBURY PARK
ROXETH RECREATION GROUND
STANMORE MARSH NORTH



617 rubbish bags



bulky & hazardous waste

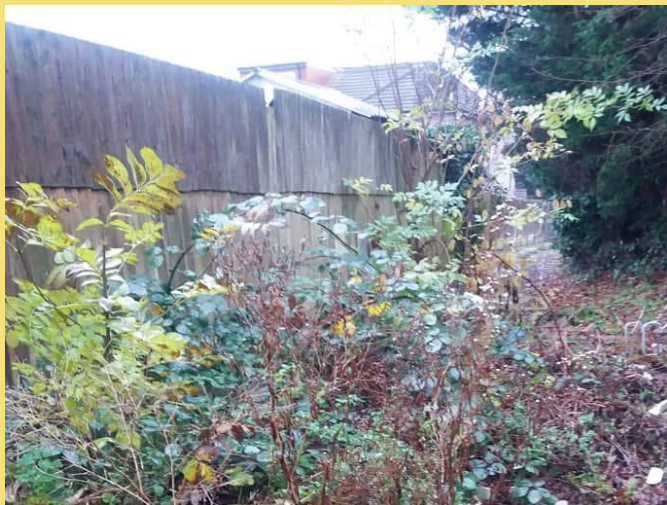
Rayners Lane Community Garden

As of December 2025, the Rayners Lane Community Garden is a multi-award winning, cleaner, safer, greener, brighter, bio-diverse, sustainable shared working, social and learning garden that can be enjoyed by HLP volunteers and the local community.

Before



After



Highlights



On 17 March 2025, we formally became a registered charity, strengthening our governance and long-term sustainability. We now operate with a CEO and seven Trustees, providing leadership, accountability and strategic direction as the group continues to grow.



Joined 5 multi-agency Days of Action in Edgware, Harrow Town Centre, Rayners Lane, Wealdstone, and South Harrow, collecting 190 bags through multi-agency collaboration.



14 service roads cleaned across South Harrow, Belmont and Shaftesbury Circle.



Formation of 8 dedicated WhatsApp monitoring groups, bringing together traders, residents and volunteers to monitor private service roads, report issues quickly and coordinate regular light-touch maintenance.



Large-scale / sustained clean-ups at over 20 sites, including Shaftesbury Circle, Edgware Brook, Old Redding, South Harrow Arches, Belmont Trail, Lowlands Rec, Roxeth Rec, Alexandra Park, Newton Farm Ecology Park, Learner Drive, Ellen Webb Drive and Eastcote Lane.



Spring bulb planting at approximately nine locations, including Belmont Circle and underpass, St Margaret's (South Harrow), Shaftesbury Circle, Northolt Road and multiple South Harrow service roads.



Rayners Lane Community Garden:

CleanupUK's Davina Hodson Awards - Best Transformation of an Area - Winner
RHS London in Bloom – "It's Your Neighbourhood" Award, graded Thriving

Harrow Litter Pickers:

BBC London Make a Difference Awards – Highly Commended (Green Award).

Features on BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC Breakfast, and The Times.

Spogomi UK Qualifiers – 3rd place, representing Harrow nationally.

Harrow's Heroes – three members nominated, with one overall winner.

What people say

Volunteer voices

"To be honest with you, I have a mental disability and depression. Going out with a purpose helps me more than you think. I do something nice for the community and my health improves. Thank you!"

"On a personal note, I have made very good friends, my fitness is steadily improving and behind me is a blazing trail of cleanliness."

"I do not need to join a gym. My gym equipment was provided free of charge and my activities do not only benefit myself. I plan to repay the kindness shown by the little acts of kindness I now perform by myself, not just at the weekends."

"The camaraderie when doing litter picking as a group makes something that could be a boring chore into a fun filled activity."

"Yes, we're out there trying to improve our surroundings, but in doing so, we gain purpose, connection, and a sense of achievement. Volunteering can lift your mood, boost confidence, and create meaningful relationships. It's not just about what you give; it's very much about what you get back."

"Never met such a bunch of passionate, positive, determined and generally "can do" people, not to mention the amazing camaraderie, support, fun and friendship that exists."

"I have most enjoyed meeting everyone who is helping in their own ways, and being astonished at the sheer level of work going on unnoticed."

Community voices

"This area has been a concern for a long time... but what's been most inspiring is the community's willingness to act. Our group has quietly grown into one of the largest litter-picking groups in the country - a true testament to volunteer power."

"The area behind my office has been neglected for years, but for the first time, I've seen neighbouring businesses roll up their sleeves and take real ownership of it. That's entirely thanks to all the volunteers of the Harrow Litter Pickers."

Wellbeing

Litter-picking has unquantifiable benefits



Partnership working

We are grateful for the support and collaboration from the following:

Action for Silk Stream

Brownies

Clean Up River Brent (CURB)

Friends of Belmont Trail

Harrow Council

Harrow Heritage Trust

Harrow Nature Conservation Forum

McDonald's

Metropolitan Police

Scouts

Tesco

TfL

Thames21

VIA

plus

faith groups

parks groups

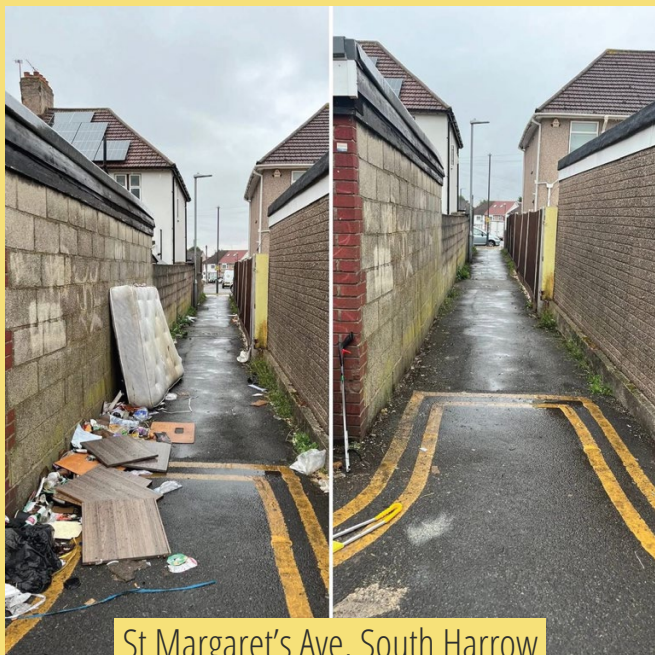
schools

traders' associations and local businesses

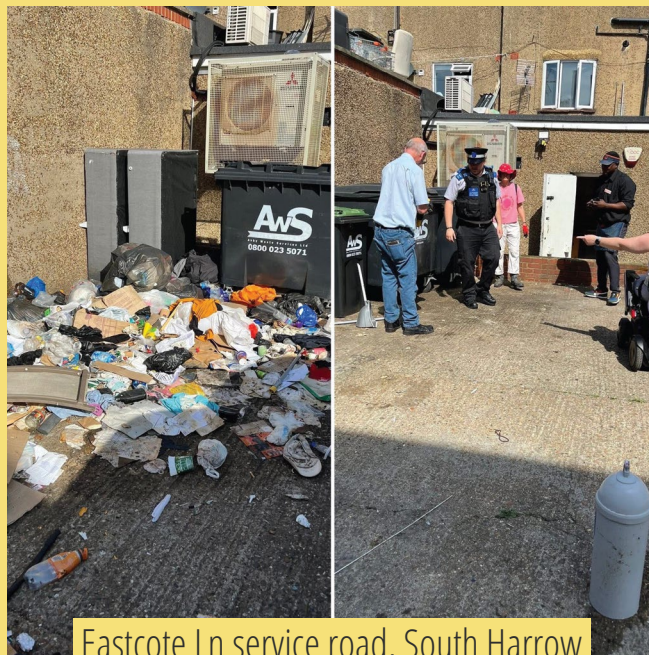
and many others.



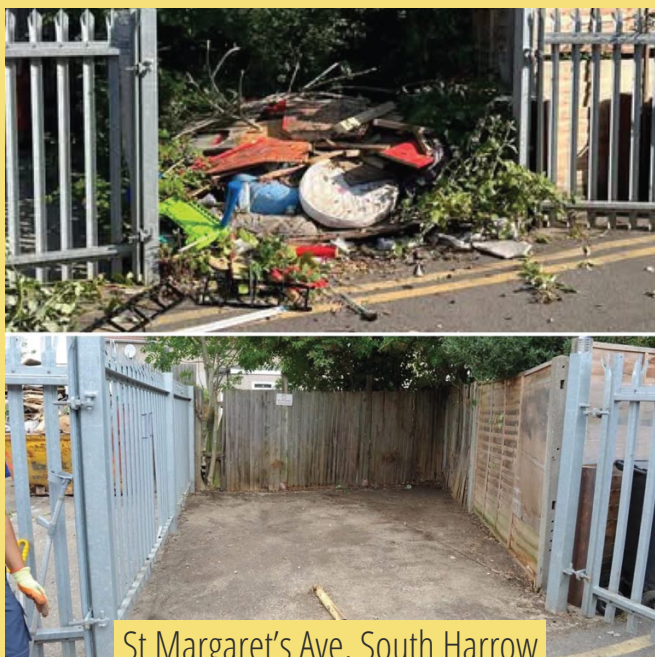
Transformations



St Margaret's Ave, South Harrow



Eastcote Ln service road, South Harrow



St Margaret's Ave, South Harrow

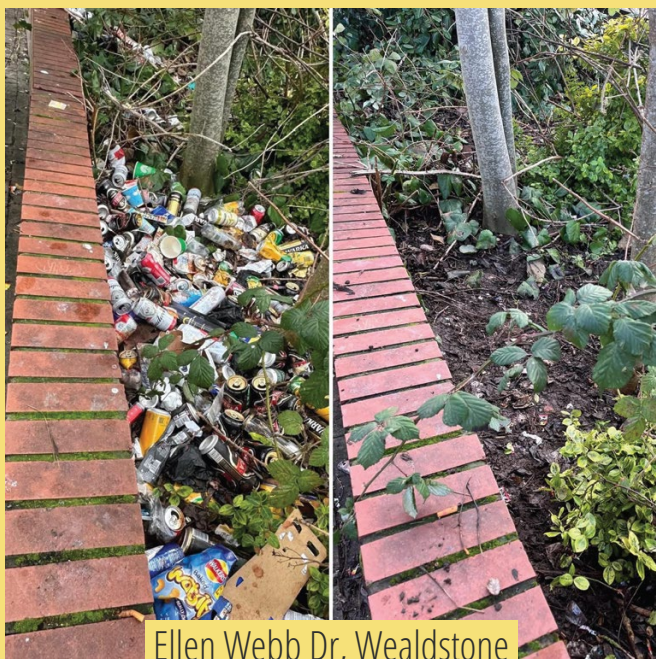
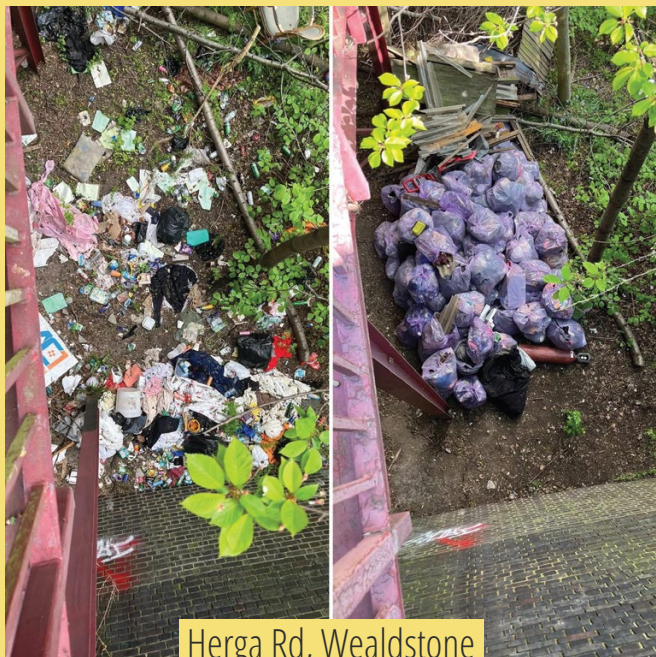


Cross Rd, South Harrow



Queensbury Park

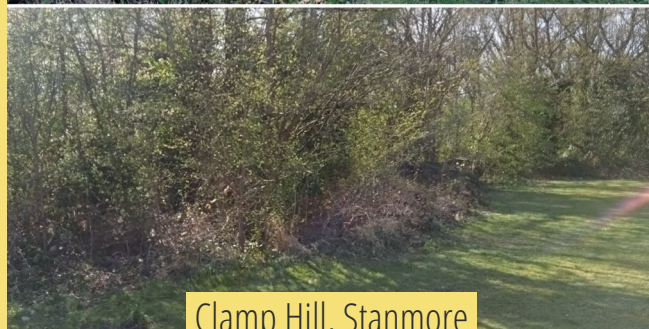
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Alexandra Ave, Rayners Lane



Clamp Hill, Stanmore



Eastcote Rd, Pinner



Whitby Rd service road, South Harrow



Kenton Recreation Ground