

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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VICTIMS OF ANTI-SOCIAL CRIMES WILL DECIDE OFFENDERS' PUNISHMENTS

Restorative justice, not criminal prosecutions, may be the order of the day when it comes to dealing with litter and other anti-social conduct in Sussex, UK. A "Community Remedy Document" listing potential penalties for low-level crimes is in the throes of being drafted by Chiefs of Police.

Residents have been polled for suggestions prior to the doc's publication in November. Victims of anti-social torments would help decide an offender's penalty, choosing from the final list. Payback could come as an apology, in the form of hours of litter picking, mandatory counseling or repair of damage. Billing this approach as simpler and more effective than court is Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Byrne. She wants to whittle down the list and put it in play to tackle littering, drug misuse, inconsiderate driving and parking.

Going Bananas in Ben Nevis *An entire campaign was built around the problem of littered banana peels*



Britain has a thin skin about banana peel litter atop its highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Thousands of skins are tossed. Slow to decompose they blight the area and draw scavenger pests to the habitat.

DID YOU KNOW?

September 13 is a UK clean-up day in the *Let's Do It! World's* global calendar. A movement with a huge tide of followers, be part of it. www.letsdoitworld.org

Singing Singapore's Praises

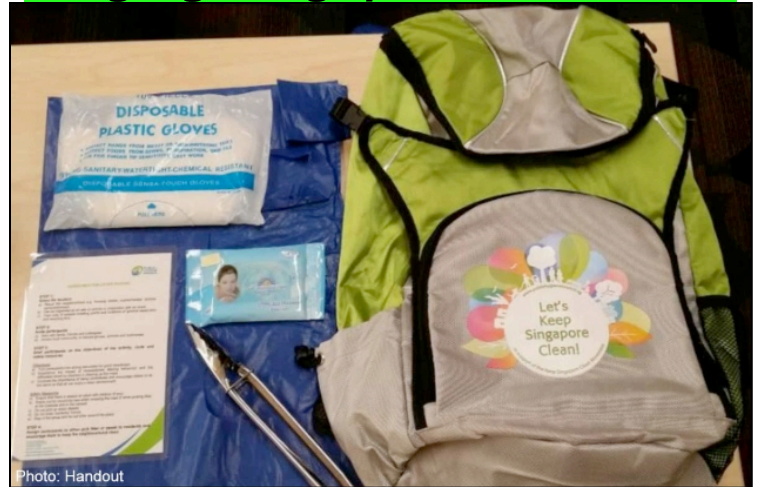


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Singapore works hand-in-glove with partners on a clearly expressed value mission that deems littering unacceptable. Last Tuesday Education Minister Heng Swee Keat launched Keep Singapore Clean Movement in Schools, a student-driven, school-backed effort with the Public Hygiene Council. Pictured above, cool kits for litter fighters.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUL 27 - AUG 3)

Some of what made our News Reel this week litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html

Booze back at the fair, first time since 1946 (7/30)

Alcohol makes a return to Indiana State Fair Aug. 1 to 17 after a 68-year dry spell. Booze sales were banned in 1946 due to littering. This year there's a beer and wine festival.

No joke, Hackney targets use of laughing gas (7/28)

A trend of littered empty canisters of nitrous oxide and strewn balloons used as inhalers has Hackney Council ushering in a litter crackdown targeting laughing gas abusers.

Littering tops driver peeves in Britain (7/29)

A UK survey of 23,000 motorists by auto group, AA, identifies littering as their top annoyance, followed by slow-moving caravans and groups of cyclists impeding traffic flow.

Bins concentrated to eliminate littering (7/28)

In Shenzhen, China, 150 litterbins beside benches along a 200-meter walkway make it unthinkable for people to litter.

New York subway crime drops in first half year

The Big Apple is having a great year underground. Crime in New York's subway system was down 11% overall during the first six months of 2014. As well as removing trash bins at certain stations, the recording of 268 tickets and 94 arrests for littering was part of a concerted move to squash litterbugs. After-school crime involving youth dropped 23%.