

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## Karen's scholarship fund a global affair

An international scholarship fund in memory of gifted environmental psychologist Karen Curnow, who died suddenly earlier this month, is up and running on [GoFundMe](#). It is raising money for an annual award starting this July to go to a female of any age working in litter prevention and the environment anywhere in the world. Click this [link](#) to donate and learn more.

## [Coastal town casts eye on beach litterers](#)

Malaga Council will dip into its anti-litter fund to purchase cameras to gather evidence of prohibited behaviours that play out on its beaches. Beachgoers at the Mediterranean beauty spot are being forewarned not to mess up the environment. Fines start at €300 and can climb as high as €3,000 for the most serious offences. A campaign cautions sun bathers not to litter, fish, fish, use shampoo in showers, bring their dog, barbecue or use a stereo.



**Sign of the times.** In Malaga, Spain people are reminded that police will enforce beach behaviour rules, which have been in place since 2004. (See story, left).

## [Police say no thanks to enforcement](#)

Don't look for police to back up private security litter enforcement in East Hertfordshire, UK. Chief Police Inspector Gerry McDonald says his department doesn't have the resources to help with the current clampdown on littering that council has underway. The council has hired Kingdom Security to identify people littering and hand out on the spot fines. In May 431 fines were dispensed, but criticism has swirled over the private company's tactics. Three times police assistance was sought to compel offenders to reveal their identities. But the chief says with the demands terrorism has placed on policing, the private company will be on its own during the six-month pilot program.

## LITTERLAND'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

We're moving to a relaxed, breezy publishing schedule this summer. Watch for this newsletter on an occasional basis during July and August.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Cork County's litter law may be receiving an overhaul. A motion to double littering fines to €300 is one of the proposals. The Council will also seek the Irish government's approval for a name and shame campaign that would publicize litter offenders' names four times a year.**

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUNE 18 - 25)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### **Grand Bay-Westfield sweetens the deal (6/22)**

A community in Newfoundland, Canada is offering an incentive to get its roadways spotless. Grand Bay-Westfield announced a new measure that will pay non-profit groups \$200 per kilometer for removing litter.

### **Targeting teens under the age of eighteen (6/21)**

Thurrock Council is looking at a proposal that would raise litter fines to £150 and adjust the law to apply to persons as young as 16 instead of the current 18.

### **Participation mandatory in this village (6/19)**

"Swachh Saturdays" is the latest initiative in the Indian Village of Umthli in Meghalaya. It's a once-a-week litter pick that mandates at least one member per family participates in the Saturday cleanup, one component of a nationwide Clean India, five-year effort.

### **Violence mars Vietnam's good intentions (6/22)**

Despite Vietnam's new anti-litter law, a street cleaner in Hà Nội's Old Quarter was badly beaten after she asked a juice vendor to stop littering. The vendor summoned her husband and then he attacked Trần Thị Thanh.

### **Cutback in recycling banks causes concern (6/19)**

A cutback in the number of recycling depots from 61 to 15 by Isle of Wight Council now that curbside recycling exists may inadvertently grow a bigger litter problem on the beach, some local town councillors fear. Cllr Richard Priest of Shankin Council warns it could lead to them losing their Keep Britain Tidy's Seaside Award.