

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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[Boat made out of recycled plastic trolls for plastic](#)

UK environmental charity [Hubbub](#) may have outdone itself with its latest clever litter reducing project. Billed as the first-ever punt made from found plastic, the boat (at left) sails the Thames with students on missions to fish littered plastic out of the water. Plastics are refashioned using a process that turns them into durable wood-like planks suitable for boat building. Royal barge builder Mark Edwards designed the 12-seater craft. It makes regular trips with students aboard. They retrieve remnant plastics, which will be used to build more plastic-trolling vessels.

[Pope calls for urgent action](#)

Pope Francis has given "emergency" status to the problem of plastic in the oceans. On Saturday the pontiff urged faith groups to clean and protect the world's waterways "as if everything depended on us." Francis made history as the first pope to identify littering and degradation of the environment in his encyclical on climate and justice, a papal letter covering issues he views as central to Catholic doctrine.

[Stadium tries vandal-proofing](#)

Night-time vandals littered the soccer pitch at Makarion Stadium in Cyprus with nails and broken glass apparently in reaction to new rules introduced to thwart hooliganism. Fans are now required to register their identities to obtain a sports card that gains them admission to the stadium. [Online registration](#) ended August 31. Cards are still available at designated outlets.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Marine Conservation Society project known as [SCRAPbook](#) - Scottish Coastal Rubbish Aerial Photography - found a coastline litter problem around Fife that was far greater than imagined. Sky Watch Civil Air Patrol pilots photographed significant pollution at 20 sites including Tayport, Newport, Crail, Leuchars, Buckhaven and East Wemyss. All are revealed on a [new aerial map](#).

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (AUG 26 - SEP 2)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Malaysians looking for a medal [\(8/26\)](#)

Malaysian pilgrims were praised by the Hajj Delegation Mission of Saudi Arabia for picking up litter during their trek. A spokesman said the 30,200 members made a voluntary pledge to keep cleaning as part of their faith. He'd like their work to go viral the way images did when Japanese soccer fans tidied up litter at the World Cup.

Opinionated puppet scolds people who litter [\(8/27\)](#)

A mouthy puppet who sounds off about littering will star on television, radio, online and billboards for Northern Ireland's [Live Here Love Here](#) campaign.

Sensors may be the answer in San Francisco [\(8/29\)](#)

One thousand of San Francisco's 3,800 bins are being retrofitted with a special sensor that monitors for overflow and vandalism and relays status reports to the works department every 15 minutes. An earlier trial on 48 bins using the technology developed by Nordsense showed an 80 percent decrease in overflowing cans, a 64 percent decrease in illegal dumping and a 66 percent decrease in street cleaning service requests.

Bath instituting patrols to keep litter down [\(8/29\)](#)

On Wednesday Bath Council will consider a proposal from two councillors for private litter enforcement in parks, streets and public places for 12 months, seven days a week, to back up Bath's ongoing info campaign.