

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Royal treatment for Aussie BeachPatrol

It's not every day you run into royalty on the beach. For members of BeachPatrol in Victoria, Australia, such a rare occasion presented itself last week when Prince Harry and Meghan came calling. They discussed plastic litter on beaches from the ocean. "He was very passionate about it too," the group's spokesman Ross Headifen told *Litterland*. The Prince's Trust headed by Harry's dad, Prince Charles, financially supports numerous environmental causes worldwide.

Homeless to be hired for \$15 an hour

Goodwill and the Downtown Streets Team in San Jose, California will oversee a city program that will pay homeless people \$15 an hour to pick up litter at 40 "hot spots". The goal is to transform their lives. City Council has kicked in an initial \$200,000 to start it up.

Butts are up, Western Australia set to act

The state government in Western Australia vows to make moves to counter the rise in litter caused by tobacco users there. Cigarette butts and packaging litter increased by 21.9 per cent this year over last, according to figures contained in the National Litter Index report from Keep Australia Beautiful. Environment minister Stephen Dawson has promised a targeted campaign for early in 2019.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (OCT 21 - 28)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Jamaican police have an eye out (10/23)

Jamaica would like to say farewell to public peeing and littering, among other annoying, not to mention unlawful, acts. Senior police official Supt. Calvin Allen said a crackdown is in the works, adding that breaches to the Anti-Litter Law are a public safety issue on the island.

Anti-Trump litter bins reported in New York (10/27)

"It wasn't us". That's what NYC's sanitation department is saying about rhetoric-bearing litter bin signs against President Donald Trump that showed up on New York street corners, as reported on Twitter. The department is investigating the incident as an act of vandalism.

Pot users complain about over-packaging (10/22)

In the newly legalized marijuana nation of Canada, cannabis users in Nova Scotia quickly questioned the amount of packaging under federal government tamper proofing guidelines. One four-gram purchase came in two plastic containers, two cardboard boxes and clear plastic casing, all enclosed in a brown paper bag.

Up they go! Fines rising in part of Somerset (10/23)

"Little old ladies" won't have to worry when fines soon go up to £150 for littering in Mendip, UK. Officials there assure the local press that penalties won't apply to seemingly innocent or accidental cases of littering.

L-R: Dr. Ross Headifen and Terry Lobert, of BeachPatrol, met the Duchess and Duke of Sussex, Meghan and Harry, on royal tour in Victoria, AU. The visit was a real boost for volunteers in one of the frontrunners in plastic litter fighting. (See story). www.plasticwastesolutions.com

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Councillor trashes litter survey results

Carlow deserves a higher ranking than 35th out of 40, which it received in the recent judging of Ireland's tidiest towns. Councillor Fergal Browne blasted the Irish Business Against Litter organization for the town's "moderately littered" rating. The annual competition is judged independent of the business group, but Browne alleged the town had been "unfairly treated". "I'm sick of IBAL," he told Carlow Live news.

DID YOU KNOW?

Arts4Hearts, four teens from Hamilton, Arizona area, won a \$2,500 prize from [Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs](#) for their [Arts4Oceans](#) idea. They visited after-school programs, using art creations they had fashioned from litter to interest at-risk youth in being change agents in dealing with marine debris and teaching them how.