

THIS WEEK IN “LITTERLAND”

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Every community should have one of these

Angus Clean Environment (ACE), a strategic Scottish partnership, can rightfully revel in the success of its Litter Prevention Action Plan in improving the littering situation at scenic Arbroath Harbour. Three years in the making, the resulting awareness-building plan has curtailed litter by 51.8%. “Littering was reduced by over half as a result of all our interventions,” said [report](#) author Wendy Murray.

For the love of animals, stop the littering

“Litter is one of the biggest hazards our wildlife faces today.” RSPCA reports that litter has hurt 21,600 animals in England over the past five years. The breakdown of known incidents from 2015 to 2019 includes 6,466 injuries from general litter and 15,183 from anglers’ litter. In addition, netting in water and on land trapped 12,904 animals and birds. The agency is pleading with litterers to stop littering and “take extra care to cleanup” after picnics or hikes.

Paper shortage cuts into the business of ticketing

Officials wanted to issue more tickets for littering and urinating at London Fields, but they ran out of the paper needed to produce citations and had to confine the number of £150 penalty notices they handed out to 70.

American cleanups back on track

Keep America Beautiful volunteers can get back to work! The organization has restarted cleanup efforts temporarily waylaid across the country by COVID-19. As of June 1 events were back on the calendar and will continue until October 18, the national nonprofit announced Monday.

Secure Your Load Day commemorated

June 6 was Secure Your Load Day in the State of Washington and elsewhere. It is an annual day focusing on cartage protocol, the cover-and-tie-down rules of etiquette needed to prevent flyaway rubbish from trucks, the source of 40 per cent of roadside litter, according to a study from AAA Foundation for Safety. The day, now marked in 48 states and Canada, recognizes people whose lives were impacted or taken as a result of an unsecured load. It was founded in 2004 by a woman whose daughter was blinded and nearly killed by an unsecured particle board flying off the back of a truck she was following on the highway.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dejan Lovren, a Premier League footballer for Liverpool and a member of Croatia’s national team, [posted](#) a beach [video](#) on Instagram calling on people who litter to “wake up.” His backdrop was a beach in Sefton, UK. [World Environment Day](#) was June 5.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAY 31 - JUN 7)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Tiny island begins serious brainstorming [\(6/1\)](#)

Forward-thinking Fiji’s environment minister Mahendra Reddy has founded a Litter-Free Fiji Think Tank.

End-of-lockdown littering defies logic [\(6/3\)](#)

In [Yorkshire](#), [Surrey](#), [Burnley](#) and [Hackney](#), the story’s the same. No sooner did the viral lockdown end than UK beauty spots were sullied by strewn litter. Post-lockdown it seems some people were just bursting to get outside and throw garbage on the ground again.

Mobile CCTV out to nab litterer wannabes [\(6/4\)](#)

The ‘eyes’ are open around parks in Milton Keynes. Roving mobile CCTV units are watching for acts of littering and dog fouling. Both carry fines of £80.

Call made for takeaway packaging tracking [\(6/5\)](#)

Plaid Cymru, a socialist party in Wales, wants fast food wrappers stamped with the purchaser’s vehicle plate number as a way to match roadside fast food packaging litter to the vehicle owner and hold him/her accountable.

Protest rally here generates zero litter [\(6/5\)](#)

Hail, Burlington, Ontario for hosting a Black Lives Matter protest Friday where not a lick of litter was left behind!

Island advice: Take your garbage home [\(6/5\)](#)

‘Take it home’, says Isle of Wight after noting egregious littering as people emerge from COVID-19 lockdowns.

HAPPY [WORLD OCEANS DAY](#), JUNE 8