


# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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**SHANNON WANTS YOU TO STOP LITTERING**

Richard Lynch as Tidy Towns volunteer Shannon Banks showing top tourist sights of Ireland in six weekly YouTube vignettes from I Love Limerick.

## [Switzerland admits to littering problem](#)

Amid mounting litter difficulties in Switzerland a parliamentary committee has approved a penalty for littering equal to \$329 and wants to know what the political parties, institutions and organizations think about this before the proposal is voted on in the new year.

## [Bins tilted for cyclists](#)

A simple idea as sensible as wheels on a bicycle, bins along bike lanes in Copenhagen are tilted toward the street for easy waste disposal by cyclists as they pass. (Photo right)



## [Post-pumpkin etiquette](#)

Don't feed your post-Halloween pumpkin to animals. A jack-o'-lantern is not a snack-o-lantern. It's not a natural food and can hurt wildlife, experts say. Compost it instead. Pumpkins [can be reused](#), says the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program.

## [Litterbugs sully climate summit](#)

Littering is being reported as an unwanted hallmark of the UN climate conference in Glasgow. Residents allege that COP26 attendees litter the ground with packaging and swabs related to COVID-19 lateral flow tests. To attend, proof of a negative test is required. *GlasgowLive* news outlet ran photos of messy scenes on streets and window ledges where litter was left to languish. A strike by cleaners and bin collectors which began Tuesday has compounded the problem.

## [Eco-activists glue selves to pavement](#)

Climate change protesters from the group Insulate Britain snarled traffic and impeded access to the parliament building on Thursday by gluing themselves to the ground. Police were filmed picking up pipettes associated with the use of superglue, with one officer quipping to the eco-activists: "You're littering, not me." To date 475 court injunctions have been served.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A magistrate's recently imposed fine of £326 against a man who dropped a cigarette butt and didn't pay the first fine should serve as an example of the muscle behind Cheltenham Council's *Don't Be A Tosser* campaign "to stop this careless behaviour," cabinet member for safety and communities Flo Clucas said.

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (OCT 31 - NOV 7)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### **Township bars newspapers from ditches** [\(11/2\)](#)

Michigan's Fenton Township trustees voted 6-1 for an ordinance to prevent people from throwing unwanted papers into driveways

### **A priceless quote from the mayor of Biloxi** [\(11/2\)](#)

"It takes five people to pick up the litter every time we cut the grass," Mayor "FoFo" Gilich said. "We're trying to get people to think."

### **Baton Rouge battles homelessness and litter** [\(11/2\)](#)

Littering connected to homelessness is a complicated problem, officials in Baton Rouge admit. Keep Tiger Town Beautiful just finished "the most disgusting cleanup I'd ever seen," a volunteer told WBRZ2. A mayoral spokesman said housing and empathy are needed for homeless people. "You have to have authentic relationships with them. You have to build trust with them. You have to do continuous outreach."

### **Zim Kingston Cargo spill taints beaches** [\(11/2\)](#)

Western Vancouver Island beaches look like junkyards after a storm overturned a cargo ship a week ago.

### **Love your park; leave no mark** [\(11/4\)](#)

Vaughan, just north of Toronto, has a rhyme for the times. "Love your park; leave no mark" is the theme of its latest drive to turn people away from littering.