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CLEAN UP CONTINUES NEAR JUBILEE AVE

Naomi, your Green Team and Sileby locals get to work to make path safe again



In May the Green Team and some local residents got together to tackle an alleyway and discovered **that it had a dangerous amount of litter** behind a broken fence. Not only was this unsightly but it posed a real risk to residents.

Naomi reported the issue to the council and we are **pleased to report that it has since been cleared away**. Naomi said “the amount and type of rubbish that had accumulated was not pleasant for local residents and was a hazard to anyone who walked past it, particularly children and animals.” We will now go and litter pick the last remaining rubbish. We wish to prevent this happening again, so have been in touch with the relevant councils to arrange for the hedge to be replaced and for the fence to be fixed. This will make the walkway pleasant for all to use. Join us on **10th September at 11am** to litter pick.



FLOOD PREVENTION

We need to act now to reduce flooding issues

Flooding is a key issue for Sileby, which experiences **huge disruption in winter** from road closures due to floods. Naomi has contacted Jane Junt MP to ask about plans to clean up the river bed. Water level is currently low, **an ideal time to remove weeds and debris** which contribute to the flooding. Along with local residents we have become increasingly concerned about the pennywort growth in the brook. After contacting the Environment Agency we were informed of their plan to spray the pennywort 3 times between now and next spring. Naomi said “While we were pleased to hear the Environment Agency was aware of the issue, **we do not think that repeated spraying will be an effective** solution. Not only is the use of herbicides damaging to other flora and fauna, evidence from across the UK has shown that **physical removal of the pennywort is much more effective** in the long term. We have also contacted the Canal River Trust, who have supported the effort elsewhere to remove pennywort and have requested their support.

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FLY INVESTATION UNDERWAY

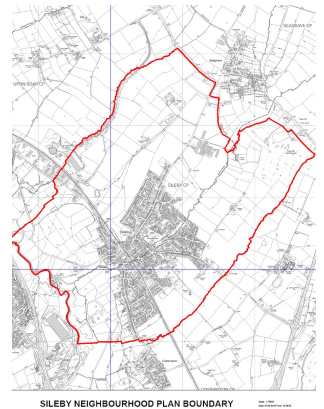
Faye acts on the concerns of residents

Local residents have been in touch with us about an issue with flies in Sileby. Flies are an essential part of our eco system, but they can be unsanitary and unpleasant when they arrive in large quantities in our homes. Faye says “**unwanted flies can be very disruptive** as families try to enjoy their homes and garden. They are also a worry for people with lower immune systems as they can carry bacteria into homes.” We have **written to the Environmental Health Department** to request their help in the first instance. Please get in touch if this issue has been affecting you.

SILEBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Have your say on your local area

The Sileby Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by the Sileby Parish Council in consultation with local residents and businesses. Charnwood Council are **currently consulting with the public** before accepting the plan. If you would like to read about the local plan you can find it here https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/sileby_neighbourhood_plan Email your thoughts to: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk by 9th September.



ENERGY REBATE DUE IN OCTOBER

How you can ensure you're getting help

The Energy Bills Support Scheme announced by the Government entitles every household that pays an energy bill to a **£400 reduction** over the winter. **You do not have to pay this back.** It will be applied in monthly installments from October to March. If you pay by direct debit, your monthly payment will be automatically reduced. You **do not have to apply.** Households on pre-paid meters are also entitled to it and your energy supplier should let you know how they will be applying the discount.

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query Naomi, Faye and the team would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Energy Rebate: Everyone is due £400 which will be given monthly through the energy companies.

Litter picks: Our next litter pick will be on **Saturday 10th September at 11am**, meeting on **Jubilee Ave.** Why not come and join us?

Flies: Large numbers of unwanted flies have been reported in Sileby. We've contacted the Environmental Health Department to investigate.

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