

# Barrow Community Litter Pickers



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

## Navigation Inn

Luckily it wasn't quite as cold as forecast but there was lots of flood water around after a few days of very heavy rain. 6 volunteers all met up for a very muddy walk along the towpath from the Navigation Inn towards Barrow Deep Lock. This event was originally planned for 9 November but had to be postponed due to Lockdown2 restrictions.

It didn't take long before the volunteers were up to their usual tricks of diving deep into the undergrowth to retrieve all sorts of rubbish that has been there for some time. No sofa today, but still plenty to put into the trolley for collection by Charnwood Borough Council later.

There must be a fairly good social scene along the towpath with all the bottles and cans we found today.

I'm glad we now have the trolley with us for these events as its surprising how heavy the bags get once you get your eye in to spot the hidden 'treasure'. This first item into the trolley today, and by far the heaviest, was an old rusty wheel. But there were also lots of polystyrene, old clothes, and plastic waste that was removed to make the area a little cleaner and safer for the animals we share it with as well as our environment.

Once the bags were unloaded we started again – this time around Old Station car park. A few discarded coffee cups as you would expect, but also a vast amount of cans and bottles.

All cans were taken to the Big Red Bin for the Helipads for Hospital appeal and the bottles cleaned for the recycling bin.

Thanks to a great team of volunteers.

### Next Event:

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 10am Start**

**Meeting Point: Humphrey Perkins**

