

# Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook: Occasional Titbits, No. 5, November 2009

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The Brook at Sainsbury: Autumn colours, October 2009

## **1. Grand Autumn Litter Pick, 8 November 2009.**

Seventeen stalwart Friends derived a great deal of enjoyment clearing litter from the Brook and environs between Burnside and Sainsbury. Indeed, plenty of merriment disturbed the otherwise peaceful Sunday morning. Also, if truth be told, a good deal of smug satisfaction and feeling of well-being were generated by a job extremely well done. The term 'litter' extended to carpets, items of furniture, and a motorcycle. Many thanks to those involved. Oh human frailty! That such a job needs to be done, at all.



Getting organised: Sunday  
8 November 2009

Our piles of rubbish in the Sainsbury car park and at the Tins/Burnside junction were cleared by the City Council by 2pm (on the Sunday!). Grateful thanks are also due to

Andrew Walters of River Care (Keep Britain Tidy) who supplied us with a plentiful supply of gloves, waders, litter-pickers, a grappling iron, and so on. He also gave practical guidance, and help with publicity which attracted five of those who attended. It is interesting that the 170 'leaflets' distributed to houses in Brooks Road, Brookfields, Burnside, Budleigh Close with neighbouring roads, and St. Bedes Crescent and Gardens did not entice anyone to join us, though two residents did poke their noses over their garden fences in a show of genuine interest, moral support, and, even, gratitude. In any case, most residents who back onto the Brook are now aware that we care, and 17 is probably the maximum number we can handle since most of the rubbish tends to be in the Brook and the water is instantly made turbid by waders, thus restricting the number who can work at any one time.

2. **Proposed Snakey Path Litter Pick, 14, 21, 28 November.** In March 2009, a much smaller group of stalwarts cleared litter from the dense prickly bushes along the edge of the playing field of St. Bede's Comprehensive School. The nature and extent of the problem can be seen by walking along Snakey Path and looking through the fence, but access has to be through the school. We have again been given permission to tackle this litter. The school grounds in general are kept litter-free but this narrow strip is out of sight, some distance from the school buildings and, understandably, low down their order of priority. Close scrutiny of the litter can give some clue as to its origin: from Snakey Path? or from St. Bede's children?

If you are interested, meet at **10.30am at the main entrance to the school in Birdwood Road, to ferret around for an hour or so, on the above dates.** If you are late, just walk around the right hand side of the school buildings and strike across the playing field looking out for a bicycle or figures scrambling in the bushes. Gardening gloves and old clothes are more or less essential. Secateurs might be helpful but keep these under your hat.