

Cllr. Eric Davey

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Report on activities of Hythe and Dibden Woodland and Waterside Group

Special activities such as footbridge maintenance and ditch clearance have been held in abeyance due to the inclement weather causing treacherous conditions underfoot. The group has constructed bird boxes on a DIY basis and continued with litter picking and shrubbery control. They also paid for an Owl box to be constructed and sited by an expert in this field. Of note was a session they carried out in the woodland beyond Deerleap Way coinciding with, but not part of the "Clean for the Queen" project. In this area alone they collected 4 full recycling bags of general rubbish, 2 bags of cans (221 cans in all (mainly Fosters!!) and about 20 glass bottles.

During the Clean for the Queen project, Cllr. Alex Wade was approached by a Mr Martin Bradley who was interested in the bird boxes sited in the Navy Field. Alex kindly referred him to me and I in turn referred him to the Woodland group. Mr Bradley is a local children's author and illustrator of children's conservation books. He has lived locally in the Langdown area and is interested in a project concerning the Navy Field. This could be a fillip for the Woodland Group and anything to involve children in their efforts must be a welcome and productive move.

Report on Friends of Forest Front

As the newly appointed Council Rep to this group I have made contact with the committee and will attend their meeting scheduled for 24 March 2016.