



Seth Loynd has got every reason to be proud of himself!

The 9-year-old pupil from Sacred Heart RC Primary School submitted an eye-catching design to our recent poster competition, organised as part of Clean for the Queen. Judges were impressed with his use of vibrant colour and are now using his artwork on a banner warning litter bugs to be on their best Behaviour. Well done Seth - and enjoy spending your vouchers!

Saddle up!

Dig out your bike & get back in the saddle!
Come to our FREE workshop on Saturday.



SATURDAY 23rd April , 10.30am-2.30pm, SACRED HEART RC SCHOOL, WINDERMERE RD
free bike security marking • expert advice • fun activities • refreshments • freebies!

Ladies, are you interested in getting back in the saddle?

Would you like to get fit and make new friends? Find out about guided rides in the area? Learn about basic bike maintenance? Or would you like to learn to ride a bike but don't know where to start? Leigh Neighbours is looking into the idea of starting a ladies cycling project but we need to find out what you think! Has this idea got legs errhhh wheels!? If you're interested in getting involved or you would like to find out more, email us at info@lnpb.org.uk and we'll keep you posted!



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN



Clean for the Queen kicked off in March - and local residents, schools and community groups were quick to sign up and get stuck in to some therapeutic Spring cleaning!

Whilst the official launch date of the national campaign on Friday 4th March heralded some unexpected snowy weather conditions, this wasn't enough to put off the children of Sacred Heart RC Primary School who rolled up their sleeves and got litter picking. In spite of the chill! And pupils from neighbouring Leigh Central were keen to follow suit the following week (albeit when the sun came out!)

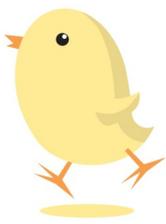
Volunteers from True Colours showed the community how it's done when they embarked on a marathon litter pick outside their Bengal Street premises - joined by a delighted Leigh Neighbours board member, Jan Eckersley, who described it as "a truly rewarding morning... I can't wait to do it again!" Meanwhile, local parishioners Peter and Julia Galloway weeded the area outside Sacred Heart RC Church, whilst just around the corner Marc Ward and kids, Adam and Ashley, of Grasmere Street decided to make it a family affair!



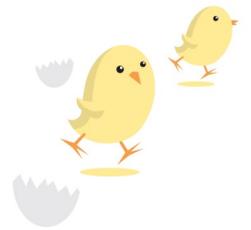
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Pictured clockwise from top: *Teamwork:* staff and service users from True Colours get stuck in around their Bengal Street premises. *Family affair:* the Wards from Grasmere Street take on the litter louts. *Divine inspiration:* parishioners Peter and Julia Galloway clear the weeds from outside Sacred Heart RC Church. *Undaunted:* the clean-up crew from Sacred Heart RC Primary School were not going to let a mere snow shower put them off! *In the bag!* A pupil from Leigh Central CE Primary wasted no time in quickly getting the hang of his litter picker. *True grit:* Volunteers from True Colours scout for litter lurking in the bushes.





Easter Craft Workshop



Cracking good fun for the family!!

Leigh Neighbours recently hosted a free craft workshop where youngsters were invited to make their own Easter-inspired creations.

The event at As in Eden is one of a series of similar free themed craft workshops which we run throughout the year for families to take part in together. Board member, Jan Eckersley, hosted the event. She says: "Wherever possible, we use recycled materials so the children aren't just having fun with sticky back plastic and felt tip pens! They're also learning about the environment and recycling in a fun and engaging way."



Olivia, aged 7, shows off her impressive hand-crafted creations!

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Each of the residents, schools and community groups featured (left) took advantage of our offer of a free litter kit worth £50 provided courtesy of Leigh Neighbours (which included with some additional items from our partners at Wigan Council).

Susan Gredecki, chair of Leigh Neighbours, says: "We're delighted that we were able to help in some small way by providing the necessary tools, but the true heroes are the local school children and community volunteers who gave up their time to help improve our neighbourhood. The challenge of making the area cleaner and greener is close to the hearts of many local people, and it's one of our key priorities, too. So knowing we have the support of these local champions who are prepared to get involved and do their bit is very inspiring!"

For more about Clean for the Queen, visit the website at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

Would you like to be in with a chance of winning...

... £100 worth of ASDA vouchers?



COMPLETE OUR SHORT ONLINE SURVEY & WE'LL ENTER YOU INTO OUR FREE PRIZE DRAW!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LeighNeighbours2016>

Please take 5 minutes to complete it and tell us how you think we're doing!

All submitted responses will be entered into a prize draw to win £100 in ASDA vouchers.

Deadline for completing the survey is midnight Sunday 22nd May.

What else is coming
up this Spring...?
(other than the daisies!)

Well first off, our popular hanging basket workshops return in May!

Appealing to budding gardeners of all ages, these free workshops will demonstrate how to craft beautiful baskets for your garden. All you need to do is come along with a basket and get it filled with plants and compost - for free! (Psssst... and we might even be able to help with fitting the brackets, too... let us know if you need one! Email us at info@lnpb.org.uk)

10am Thursday 19th May, St John's Community Garden

10am Friday 20th May, Sacred Heart Parish Centre

10am Saturday 21st May, Railway Rd opposite the old college

And looking ahead to Summer... why not get together in June over some tasty tucker as part of the **BIG LUNCH**, a national campaign which promotes good, old fashioned neighbourliness! If you'd like to lay on an event, whether it's a tea party, a BBQ or anything else you fancy, we may be able to provide match funding. Follow our Facebook page for ideas and inspiration! Or visit our website at www.lnpb.org.uk



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