

Let's Clean up Europe Event – May 2018
Helping Hands Litter Pick

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Location: Elm Field Park, Doncaster

Participants: Eco Committee Stone Hill School, Eco Committee Heatherwood School, Katie Hurst (Energy Team DMBC)

Objectives:

- To clear waste from our community.
- To understand the dangers of litter to wildlife and human life.
- To understand the importance of disposing of waste correctly.
- To work together to achieve a common goal.

The Eco-Committee really enjoyed taking part in the Helping Hands Litter Pick at Elm Field Park, Doncaster. We worked with another local school, who are also working towards their Green Flag Award. We were supported by our local council who provided us with litter pickers, gloves and high visibility vests.

The children were shocked at how much waste was littered around the park and the hedgerows even though bins were provided. The children all shared the same concerns that the litter was making the environment look dirty and were worried about the safety of animals and wildlife because of human activity. They also reflected on the impact on human life of having so much litter in the environment (risk of infection, potential trip hazard).

Children were surprised that people were not aware of their responsibility to put their waste into the bin or to take it home. They collected lots of rubbish (10 bin bags full and an old bike frame) and are keen to start a litter picking club in school to keep our environment clean and safe.