

HILTON HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN 2013 HILTON HALL PLAYING FIELDS & COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE

The three photos below show a Litter-Free Hilton Hall Playing Fields (situated immediately behind Hilton Hall Community Centre). This is the Condition of the Field EVERY DAY. Yes! Every Day following Litter-picking.



I can confidently make the claim above, because EVERY DAY the HHCA Directors and Management Team do a Litter pick. Yes, EVERY DAY (for the past Four Years, we have done this) as unpaid Volunteers. This demonstrates our commitment to the Community and to this Site in particular, for the benefit of ALL.

And, every Two Weeks, the City Council Parks Department Litter Team visit the site and carry-out an even wider litter pick, taking into account the pathways leading to Taylor Road Open Space and the Brook, and SLINC Nature Reserve. Every Week, the Hilton Hall Litter Bins are emptied by Council Staff.

Literally hundreds of people visit and use these Playing Fields each and every week and enjoy the benefits of this REALLY LOVELY, WELL KEPT AND MAINTAINED PLAYING FIELD and Community Open Space.

People come along; each and every day and enjoy this fabulous park for sport & recreation. People come along and play football, Jog, do fitness training, or just walk or have a Family picnic. The site is ideal for meeting up with friends, people walk their dogs, and generally, members of this community and surrounding Wards enjoy the wonderful clean surroundings. The Fields also provide access to the SLINC (the nature reserve and urban forest) situated at the bottom of the Fields, and are used get to Parkfields & Millfields via the bottom gateway, at the bottom of the field). People even use the Field for Sunbathing (nice weather permitting). But, whatever their reason, people can enjoy this Facility because of the intervention and hard work of the Hilton Hall Community Association Management Team (for the benefit of the Whole Community).

HOWEVER! Not all of our visitors CARE about this Facility like we do. This is obvious from the following photographs, which highlight the problem. THIS IS WHAT WE COLLECTED OVER A PERIOD OF JUST ONE WEEK! EACH BAG REPRESENTS 'ONE DAY'S' LITTER PICK AND IS 'BAGGED-UP NEAT & TIDY', READY FOR THE TIP.



THIS IS WHAT ONE WEEK'S LITTER PICK LOOKS LIKE (below) LAID-OUT AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE PLAYING FIELDS



Clearly, We Need Your Help & Support.

There is NO excuse for this behaviour.

If You want to continue to use these facilities – Think of Others and. . .

Please Take YOUR Litter Home or Bin It.

This situation is not acceptable and certainly not sustainable. In Fact, We've had enough! Without the consideration, help, support and care of ALL USERS of this Facility, this Litter problem is only going to get worse. AND If people decide to continue to leave their LITTER at Hilton Hall Playing Fields, they will have to face the consequences.

We will be monitoring the situation in more detail over the coming months and will be asking Members of our Community, Tenants & Residents, Local Council Officials, Neighbourhood Wardens, the Police, in fact EVERYONE who CARES about this Area be VIGILANT, ACT RESPONSIBLY and PLAY AN ACTIVE PART in the HILTON HALL ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN. We Need YOUR HELP & SUPPORT to Keep Hilton Hall LITTER-FREE

If 'You See' anyone dropping &/or leaving Litter around the area, but especially on the Grounds of Hilton Hall, please pass on their details to us and we can take the necessary action to reduce the effects this has on OUR ENVIRONMENT by contacting them officially (with the support of the Council & Police Department) to help educate, inform and if necessary (if there is no improvement) to Prosecute the Offenders.



LITTER BINS PROVIDED

An even more challenging problem that has recently appeared is that of malicious and deliberate acts of Vandalism to Hilton Hall Property; namely, The Two Benches provided by the HH Community Association.

PLEASE REPORT THIS PROBLEM TO THE HHCA TEAM and/or to Your Local Police Team, or Neighbourhood Wardens. If anyone has any information on those causing such damage, PLEASE REPORT THEM and we can take the necessary action against these Vandals.

We went to great deal of time and trouble to raise the funds necessary to purchase these two Benches and lots of negotiating with the City Council Parks Department and local Builders, who 'Installed the Benches on site. Each Bench cost over a thousand pounds each (£1,000) this included the Digging & Laying the Foundations and Concrete Base (full installation) for each bench. Funding came from Living Streets, the National Charity, who represent Pedestrians & Walking Groups and was installed in July 2010, so for the past two years they have been kept and clean in good condition, and Free from Graffiti. But now unfortunately, and more recently, they have been vandalised with graffiti (see photos below).



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