

Litter!

Litter is becoming an increasing problem not only in the City Centre, but here in St Peter's. Some will say that it is due to a lack of both litter and dog waste bins, but the reality is quite different. We have over four hundred bins around the City and the frequency of servicing is such that around two thousand are emptied each week.

In St Andrew's Gardens rings of litter can often be seen where a group has had a "picnic" on the grass and then just stood and walked away leaving the remains of their alfresco dining on the grass!!

Here in St Peter's we have eleven litter bins around the Multi Use Games Area and in the immediate surround, yet week after week there are enormous quantities of litter, food waste, (often piles of chips), and other sundry items just thrown down and left. One Friday in early August, following a complaint, I picked up enough rubbish from the area in and around both the MUGA and the youth shelter to fill a three foot high black plastic bag, enough rubbish to completely fill a black wheeled dust bin!!

The City Council Safer Worcester Team is looking to install some CCTV in an effort to indentify the culprits and issue Fixed Penalty Notices which carry a fine of around £85.00.

The reason for this article is to raise awareness and hopefully improve the situation, but also to ask parents to advise any young people in their households who may use these facilities, by St Peter's Baptist Church, to use the litter bins or take their rubbish home rather than risking a fine by discarding it unthinkingly.

Your help would be greatly appreciated in keeping our community clean.



Thank you.

Roger Knight.