



**Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon)
For the Year Ending 31st December 2020
Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1181739**

This is the second Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon) after being awarded charitable status on 24th January 2019.

Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon)'s charitable objects are:

To promote for the public benefit the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment in Stratford upon Avon and the surrounding area, in particular by:

- (a) the promotion of practical measures and encouragement of partnerships to reduce litter and improve the general environment of the local area;
- (b) raising the public awareness and providing information in matters relating to the benefits of litter reduction.

The charity opened 2020 with a well-attended pick in January from The Hive at Thomas Jolyffe School. Unfortunately, subsequent to Covid and national lockdown in March 2020, all community and group picks were cancelled for the remainder of the year. Founder Becky Reynolds was not able to continue in her operational role and the charity had to re-evaluate how it could deliver its charitable objectives once lockdown eased.

In response to feedback from supporters who were keen to continue being a "Rubbish Friend", trustees implemented a community loan scheme in which supporters were stewarded towards membership. This entitled them to borrow equipment on a long term basis in return for a signed waiver. The scheme was launched just before October half term at a socially distanced event outside the Ken Kennett Centre with 18 new households taking up the offer.

RF was one of the few charities able to support Duke of Edinburgh students. In total, 10 bronze volunteers continued litter picking activity under parental supervision. Special mention of our silver volunteer, Sam Bloomfield, who set up and continued to run a bottle top recycling scheme in conjunction with Lush. Equipment was also loaned out to satellite groups for two Cub and Beaver picks.

Despite the restrictions on organised activities in 2020, we have official reported figures of volunteers collecting 70 bags waste and 58 recycling. This does not represent the true figure with many supporters collecting rubbish as they walked and exercised locally.

Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon) and Becky Reynolds were nominated for Orbit's Thriving Communities – Better Days Award and were delighted to receive the runner-up prize of £500 which was spent on additional picking equipment.

As the charity is now more firmly established, with governance and experience in place, trustees have identified the following priorities to action:

- Recruit new trustees to supplement existing and replace those retiring next year
- Identify suitable grant opportunities and apply for funding for additional equipment and a project manager
- Map volunteer structure and recruit nominated pick champions
- Re-establish relationships with corporate sponsors and community groups
- Approach county and district council and their contractors for partnership opportunity.



The trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank those volunteers who have stepped back this year and those who have stepped forward to replace them. Stratford upon Avon still has truly Rubbish Friends.

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Profit and Loss Rubbish Friends - Charity - 1181739 All In Kinds 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Assets Donated	Activity	Total
Income			
Donations - cash	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00
Donations - in Kind	£443.98	£0.00	£443.98
Total Income	£443.98	£5.00	£448.98
Less Cost of Sales			
Direct Expenses	£443.98	£0.00	£443.98
Total Cost of Sales	£443.98	£0.00	£443.98
Gross Profit	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00
Less Operating Expenses			
Depreciation Expense	£786.67	£0.00	£786.67
Insurance	£0.00	£250.30	£250.30
Total Operating Expenses	£786.67	£250.30	£1,036.97
Net Profit	-£786.67	-£245.30	-£1,031.97

Claudine Pearson
On behalf of the Board of Trustees