

**Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon)**  
**For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**  
**Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1181739**

This is the fifth Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon) after being awarded charitable status on 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Highlights of 2023**

- ✓ A successful collaboration with the RSC, working within the sustainable production of "The Tempest". This included: sourcing litter for the set, an invitation to view rehearsals, tickets to the opening night, hosting of the Directors Talk, co-creating rubbish sculptures for our younger volunteers with a commissioned artist, name check in the programme and at the installation at the theatre. This has proved a boost in visibility, morale and confidence and re-established many community links as well as creating new ones. The legacy of the Tempest, including Whispers from the Wings, and the Wrecked Installation, is substantial.
- ✓ We held 7 community picks: February (Train Station), March (Crowne Plaza), April (Bishopton), June (Bridgetown), July (Western Road), October (Clopton), November (Crowne Plaza)
- ✓ We supported a further 5 events: June - SOAK's Big Paddle Clean-up; September – "It's All Rubbish" at Bishopton Community Centre with Biffa and Orbit; October - Stratford Town Trust's Fun Palace; December – RSC x Shakespeare Institute's Ophelia Fayre at The Other Place
- ✓ We worked with other climate organisations as part of Stratford's Climate Coalition and took part in June's Great Big Green Week 2023
- ✓ We supported Duke of Edinburgh students, as well as Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Beavers
- ✓ We supplied 6 business and school organisations with equipment and guidance: Warwick Events, Waitrose, NFU Mutual, NFU, Novo Nordisk, and Stratford College
- ✓ We supported 60 Year 8 Stratford Girls Grammar School volunteers, who conducted a three day litter pick in July and analysed results
- ✓ Stratford Football Club's Under 10 players and parents turned out to support the October pick
- ✓ We enjoyed a Santa Sleigh Ride with the Shakespeare Lions in December

Equipment continues to be loaned out to satellite groups upon request in Stratford on Avon District, including Wellesbourne and Snitterfield. We have signposted to SDC's equipment loan facility.

We were delighted to receive financial donations from the RSC's Directors Talk, Warwick Events and Shakespeare Lions.

Our relationship with the Crowne Plaza continues to provide in kind, and a Rubbish Conference date was set for early 2024.

The trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank all the litter-ally brilliant volunteers and supporters.

We are extremely sorry that Sara Hawkins, our remote Treasurer and litter picker, is stepping down to focus on her more local place and people in Scotland, but we thank her for her consistency and kindness through Covid and beyond; we and Stratford will miss her hugely.

We would also like to express our special gratitude to Foundation House and then Venture House, WCAVA, and Shakespeare Lions who have been instrumental in keeping Rubbish Friends growing.

And thank you to Stratford's anchor institutions for sharing their platforms and resources: the RSC, the Crowne Plaza, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, and Biffa for changing bag collection to Sundays.

**Claudine Pearson**

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees**

# Profit and Loss

Rubbish Friends - Charity - 1181739  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024
<b>Turnover</b>	
Donations - cash	281.14
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>281.14</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>281.14</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
Insurance	258.39
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>258.39</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>22.75</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>22.75</b>
<b>Profit after Taxation</b>	<b>22.75</b>