

Report to Debenham Parish Council AGM May 2026
Debenham Green team litter pickers DGTLP

Since May 2015, 21 Spring and Autumn community call out pick up days have been held. There are 80+ members of the litter pick team. Well over 2000kg of litter has been removed from the Parish, in particular from ditches and hedgerows leading in and out of the village. Members also pick up all year round. Termly pick ups are held with Debenham high school, around the school and the Debenham sports and leisure centre. DSLC appreciate DGTLP cleaning up their site after the 5th November firework display.

Equipment is available all the time, for anyone in the community to use, to pick up anywhere, stored in the shed in the Primary school garden.

The problem of dog faeces not picked up or left lying around in bags continues, despite the plentiful supply of bins - this problem should be referred to Debenham Parish Council. For information, and maybe of interest to Councillors, with the support of Parish Councillor Martin Loveridge, DGTLP communicated with village dog walkers, 8 years ago, please see posters attached. Also, attached a letter, which could be delivered door to door, placed on village Facebook page and in Parish magazine. This was drafted after seeing a similar attempt by the Parish Council in Whatfield village, to raise awareness of the problem with the community and request a change in behaviour.

Fly tipping should be photographed, left in situ, and photos and location sent to Mid Suffolk Public Realm, to investigate.

Visits to both the incinerator and recycling centres at Great Blakenham can be booked, by contacting each centre.

All ideas for future approaches and initiatives to keeping our wildlife safe, reducing plastic pollution of our rivers and water systems, and blockage of drains and flooding, are welcomed by the Debenham Green Team litter pickers.

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