

## **CLEAN TEAM BANNER**

The Clean Team committee are very proud of their new purchase. Which will be displayed at every single possible opportunity!!

## **Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival**

WOW ... WHAT A WEEKEND

The weather was fantastic & a good time was had by all. As usual the Clean Team worked exceptionally hard to ensure that Middlewich was kept clean & litter free. We worked in partnership with CBC Streetscape team & their very dedicated member of staff 'Gary' worked tirelessly throughout the weekend. 'Brian' our nominated 'Local Hero' was 'hands on' all weekend day & night. So a very big thanks to all who helped.

It was a great success and a big thanks to all involved.

Brian pictured here with Maxine.

The Folk & Boat Committee awarded the Clean Team a very generous donation of £300.

## **Community Planting May 23rd venue St Michael & All Angels**

The turn out for the annual community planting was fantastic.

Over 100 people from all sections of the local community turned out to take part in the planting of 1000 busy-lizzy plants.

The rain held off just long enough to get all the plants into the ground! And the excellent turn out meant that the planting was a very easy task. It did help that the ground had been prepared by the STREETScape team at the Borough Council.

A very huge thanks to all who attended and to the ladies of the Mothers Union who provided the refreshments.

## **Clean Team in action**

Chris & Janet in action in early May  
tidying & weeding the borders in Southway.

### **Below is an extract from a committee member to highlight aspects of a typical week.**

Paula and myself visited the Leap and Bounds nursery on Friday, we had a lovely time. The Guardian came along and took photographs.

Hilary and I attended the 1st AGM of the Sandbach Clean Team on Wednesday evening. They were very pleased to see us and we contributed to their meeting.

Chris, myself and Jean (she is a member of MCT and regularly joins in litter picks) helped with the canal tidy on Thursday morning. We helped to paint the canal bollards, etc. around the lock at Big Lock. I was only able to stay for an hour or so but what we did looked so good. I really felt that we achieved a great deal.

## **High School Poster Competition**

The finished signage from the Middlewich High School

This is the culmination of hard work over the last year.

In December 2004 the Clean Team repeated the previous year's poster competition but took it one step further by successfully applying for a £1500 grant from Congleton Borough Council.

The finished result on coated aluminium will be displayed around the town in various locations. Two of the larger signs will be displayed in bus stops & several A4 on the litter bins.

We are very proud of this achievement and of the High School. Who have nominated the Clean Team as a community partner.

## **Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service Awards**

The Clean Team were proud to accept an award from the Cheshire Fire Service at their annual Award Ceremony on February 3rd, held at the De Vere Hotel Warrington.

The Clean Team was nominated by Mr Joe Allen official title - Community Cohesion & Youth Engagement Manager

He recognised the work in the community & inks to the Middlewich Fire Cadets. This was seconded by Mr Paul Winder from the Middlewich Fire Station.

The fire cadets have assisted with Clean Team activities for example the bulb planting session in November. Committee members Maxine, Hilary Stephen & Richard attended the ceremony & received a certificate of merit on behalf of the Clean Team.

## **Website Hacked by Pro - Muslim Group**

We were left high & dry during February when the website was completely knocked off the internet by a group of Pro-Muslim hackers.

A number of Danish & western sites were also effected due to this protest against cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

After initial panic the site was up & running within 4 days and as you can see thanks to Nic Lee who maintains the site we have also had a revamp.

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### **WELCOME TO 2006**

What a fantastic start to 2006. The Clean Team has claimed a top prize of £2000 in a **Barclay's - Guardian** Community Grant scheme.

As quoted from the Middlewich Guardian grants officer Stephen Dent said ' The whole committee is very suprised & pleased we are still deciding on how to spend this, but we have lots of ideas and would very much like to use it to complete a long term project. As well as keeping some back for general running costs such as insurance'

The Clean Team committee would like to rebuild a walled area in Lewin Street & have a planted area to incorporate a bench. The bench has been kindly donated by Congleton Borough Council. This is in memory of Katy our much loved & very missed committee member who sadly died in a road accident Dec 2005.

We feel this would be a fitting tribute to her and we are very keen to get the project started.

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