

OxClean

Purpose

OxClean started in 2006. OxClean is our initiative dedicated to keeping Oxford clean and tidy, ensuring that our beautiful city is a welcoming and pleasant place in which to live, work, visit and relax.

The Group's work

The main campaign is an annual **Spring Clean** for Oxford, held on the first weekend in March. This is supported by dozens of community groups and schools and around 1,000 people turn out to support it – one of the biggest community events in the city.

The Anti-Litter Campaign for Oxford schools - OxClean visits twice a year the five secondary schools and keeps an eye on the 31 primary schools. A certificate graded on merit is awarded to the secondary schools. We write to all the schools annually reminding them of the Spring Clean date with suggestions for participating in various ways.

Ring Road Campaign - ongoing campaign to get *Please Don't Drop Litter* notices all round the Ring Road. At the moment these are only on Northern and Eastern by-passes.

We campaigned successfully for new recycling bins all over Oxford.

The Cowley Campaign is ongoing - liaising with Oxford City Council and student wardens from Oxford University and Oxford Brookes and Cowley residents with regard to litter throughout the year and litter problems at the end of the academic year.

SPOTLESS Oxford - our latest campaign, run by new volunteer, Miles Hobart, asking Oxford businesses and citizens to join Jeremy Mogford (of Quod, Brown's and Gee's restaurants), in keeping pavements and gutters in front of premises clean, as is done in many other countries.

Membership

Current members are Rosanne Bostock, Vernon Porter, Liz Grosvenor, Wendy Robinson, Tony Turton, Sir Hugo Brunner, Peter Thompson, Miles Hobart, Philippa Berry. We meet about six times a year, mainly between October and March, to organise the Spring Clean and support other anti-litter initiatives.

We would welcome volunteers either to help with ongoing campaigns or who wish to start a new initiative. Help would be particularly appreciated with the registrations for Spring Clean and visiting the schools.

Contact

 $Contact\ \underline{rosannebostock@btinternet.com}$

