

WCV Task of the 16th October 2005

9 adult volunteers, two helpful child volunteers and Rosie the spaniel spent two hours clearing rubbish from the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton railway line. The area cleared was about 200 metres at the back of Worthy Down Camp around grid reference 480 349 where a huge amount of rubbish had collected.

We filled dozens of bags with bottles, broken glass, rusty metal and other rubbish. Among the finds were hypodermic syringes and other items relating to drug use; old razor blades, a toothbrush and an umbrella! Some metal items were too large to go in bags and were taken back on wheelbarrows to Martin Bown's van, which it filled. Martin and Ruby had agreed to store most of the rubbish until it can be disposed of gradually. Without this we would have been unable to carry out this task and I should like to express my gratitude to Martin and Ruby on behalf of WCV Thanks also to Michael and Maureen and David who took some rubbish to dispose of.

If anyone with a car and an hour to spare can collect some rubbish to dispose of from Martin and Ruby, please call her on 01962 882185.

My grateful thanks go to all the volunteers who carried out this task. Every one worked so hard and their willingness to do this job was very much appreciated. It was not the most pleasurable of tasks but a very necessary one. Thank you all.

Connie Martyn