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A NEWSLETTER FROM WEST OXFORDSHIRE'S NEW MP, ROBERT COURTS,  
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## Cogges Spring Clean Success!



Cogges residents were joined by Witney MP Robert Courts on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March for a Cogges Community Clean Up as part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign.

The event was supported by Town Councillors and local volunteers who collected 20 sacks of litter including a pillow, wheel hub and secateurs. The volunteers used new litter picking equipment, funded by an Environmental Grant from the Greggs Foundation.

Robert said: *'The Great British Spring Clean inspired people to volunteer a few hours to get outdoors and pick up some of the litter that surrounds us and blights the areas where we live. I was delighted to participate alongside so many willing volunteers in Cogges who all played their bit in helping make Witney a cleaner place to live. I removed eight large bottles as well as other litter from the Mud Lane stream and am glad to have made a difference!'*

Town Councillor Suzanne Bartington, who organised the Spring Clean, is particularly concerned about litter in the woodland area around Cogges Manor Farm Car Park. Suzanne said *"The area is very busy with visitors and many are leaving rubbish behind. This is very worrying as children use the area for the Blake CE Primary School Forest School project. Broken glass bottles, cigarettes and beer cans are all causing a problem."*

Suzanne is passionate about protecting the local environment and is campaigning for a recycling bin to be installed in the car park. She raised this issue with Robert and also recently brought Leader of Oxfordshire County Council Cllr Ian Hudspeth to the visit the woodland to discuss the problem.

If you would like to join the campaign for the Cogges bin please contact Suzanne: [cllrbartington@outlook.com](mailto:cllrbartington@outlook.com) or 07960 352243.

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