

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Grabbing the bull by the horns in Ohio, Keep Columbus Beautiful owns this litter-filled buffalo sculpture created by [environmentalsculptures.com](http://environmentalsculptures.com) as a constant reminder.

## [No more confetti cannons for rock star](#)

British rocker Gary Barlow says he'll not use confetti cannons at his concerts anymore. He made the pledge following his Cornwall show at the Eden Project, an environmental charity, where the grounds and fans were bombed with a sea of plastic streamers, leaving the park a mess - a black eye for an organization known for its stand against single use plastics. Barlow, former lead singer for *Take That*, issued an apology on Twitter. "We've cancelled all ticker tape at outdoor shows because the reality is, beyond the effect, it just turns into litter." He punctuated the comment with a thumbs down emoji.

## [Canadian plastic makers promise reductions](#)

On June 4, Canada's plastic and chemistry industries committed to the goal of 100 per cent of plastics packaging being recyclable and reusable by 2030 and then fully recovered by 2040.

## [Zilch UK invention betters itself](#)

Anti-litter advocacy group Zilch UK launched its new, improved micro-bin as the cheap way for cities to fight the most commonly littered items - butts and chewing gum. The group says its simple, inexpensive invention, placed at convenient locations, will most assuredly be used. For institutional, civic and individual use.

## [Wind proofing's on city's to-do list](#)

One month after Oshawa council asked city staff what to do about windblown household recycling bin litter, a fierce, mid-May windstorm punctuated the problem by scattering people's bin contents far and wide. A June 6 staff report called for a \$20,000 Blue Box-related litter reduction campaign pilot in 2019. The report argues for education and providing additional bins to residents as needed rather than investing in blue box lids or mesh covers, which pose problems for sanitation workers. To help fund the pilot, the city will ask packaging manufacturers to pay a share of the cost.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Bulgaria is ready to introduce a 'green ship' concept that offers lower shipping fees for environmentally responsible rigs. A reduced waste fee will be available to ships that can demonstrate sustainable on-board waste management.

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUNE 10 - 17)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### **No laughing matter at the end of this UK pick [\(6/11\)](#)**

Used canisters of laughing gas were among the finds that children made during a litter pick in the Merseyside area of Wirral. A mother was shocked to find the N2O cans in her 11-year-old son's bedroom among his toys.

### **Robocalling used to fight illegal signs [\(6/12\)](#)**

Baton Rouge, LA has added robocalling to its arsenal of enforcement tools for spurring the removal of illegal signs that litter the landscape. Using its 311 service and phone numbers from signs rounded up by city crews, calls target identified owners and give them time to remove illicit signs before a fine (\$200-\$1,000) is levied.

### **Banana peel causes flap in Taiwan [\(6/12\)](#)**

Tom, a British visitor to Taiwan apologized on Facebook for throwing a banana peel from a moving car after his behaviour was witnessed and challenged by resident, Aswey Wu. In his [video apology](#) Tom said it's okay to toss "organic" and "natural" items in the UK. (Not.)

### **Kingdom at Zip World causes a flap [\(6/14\)](#)**

There's a conflict brewing at tourist attraction Zip World Fforest, an adventure park in Betws-y-Coed, North Wales, over Conwy's private litter enforcement company, Kingdom, issuing tickets on private property. The park's owner says litter control is well managed on his land and that ticketing Zip World visitors is bad for business. Conwy Council asserts that its duty is to keep all locations "as free from litter as possible."