

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Tobacco clean up cash flows

Unsmoke Canada's fall cleanup cash has filtered into 17 Canadian communities in a drive funded by Rothmans, Benson & Hedges to get butts and other litter up off the ground. The initiative is also intended to encourage smokers to switch to smokeless forms of nicotine consumption. A spokesperson for RBH said funding went to groups in all locations that applied for it. They are: Vancouver, BC; Winnipeg, MN; Niagara-on-the-Lake, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Aylmer, Sharbot Lake and Ottawa, ON; Mont Louis, QC; Gorge Brook, NB; Sydney, Saint Andrews and Port Hawkesbury, NS; Summerside, PEI and Avalon Peninsula, Newfoundland & Labrador. Check our [website](#) for details.

[Airport puts staff on litter detail](#)

A proliferation of litter at an Indian Air Force (IAF) Station in Ambala prompted a call for municipal action from the IAF due to the potential danger to five Rafale jets that fly in and out of there with birds swooping in for a meal. An IAF appeal to the municipal authority asked for pigeon control measures and immediate removal of trash accumulations at the air base to ensure the avoidance of "bird hits".

[United Kingdom cleans up](#)

For the next while, God Save the Clean could be the anthem in Great Britain, where the delayed annual national cleanup effort is underway until September 27. Not daunted by the pesky pandemic, pickers are taking extra care while volunteering to do their important, forestalled work. Scotland published ten rules for litter picking while COVID-19 reigns as its push kicked off.

[Fire risk sparks higher fines](#)

The raging horror fires on the American west coast haven't escaped anyone's attention, least of all officials on Vancouver Island who want to prevent wildfires there. Coquitlam, BC fire and rescue issued a special caution and reminder that outdoor burning, smoking in parks and littering cigarette butts are prohibited. "Anyone caught smoking will face a \$500 fine. Littering of cigarette butts can also result in a fine of \$150," said a September 9 news release.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the past two years Hamad Al Jaafari, 12, of Oman, has made friends and influenced people at Al Ashkara Beach not to litter. He hands them a wrapped rose and a litter awareness message. He [won an award](#) from the Environment Authority for his efforts.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (SEPT 8 - 15)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Distressed elephant a symbol of a sad state [\(9/8\)](#)

Heartbreaking images of an elephant standing in a pile of garbage in West Bengal with plastic waste on its back and head and eating plastic while foraging for food were posted by photographer Pranab Das to try to change ways by showing how littering harms wildlife.

Sports star kicks ball to Scottish leadership [\(9/10\)](#)

Kenny Logan, a popular former international rugby player, is using his voice to press the Scottish government for a new maximum £1,000 fine for littering in support of Clean Up Britain's advocacy campaign.

This year Israeli beaches are better [\(9/10\)](#)

Good news for beaches in Israel: 72 percent of them are clean, a 10-point improvement over 2019. This year the government asked beachgoers to pick up litter and not to use disposable dishes, which is attributed to the higher scores on its annual Clean Coast Index.

Love locks attract trash vandals [\(9/10\)](#)

In Ucluelet, BC two residents grappled with a chain link fence adorned with padlocks, symbolic "love locks", that are far from romantic now. Woven into or hanging from the fence, interlaced with the many locks, were 100 face masks, a nappy and other litter. The couple took the time and trouble to remove all of it, fortunately.