

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Ballot bin cuts litter by half



San Francisco shopping for sexy bin

We've heard of a boondoggle, but a bindoggle? San Francisco may have one on its hands over escalating costs to finding a new-style, unique-to-SF bin that was both intelligent and "sexy". A competition to get the ideal prototype built for \$1,000 apiece in 2018 is still ongoing and \$427,500 has been spent without a single bin yet in service. The top three contenders are shown above. Far too complex a story to tell in this small space, but [read the full account here](#).

Ballot bins can cut cigarette butt littering by 46 percent. Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful supplies them and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon are the latest takers. Smokers vote with their butts on questions like: best sauce for a fry, brown sauce or red sauce?

Scotland advertises for help

The Scottish government is searching for a private firm to tell it how much litter is dropped and how much cleaning up illegally dumped waste is costing the country. A £60,000 contract has been advertised as the first step to formulating a new national anti-littering/anti-dumping strategy. This study will update figures cited in the 2013 report, Scotland's Litter Problem, which estimated the cost at £53 million a year and a scale of 15,000 tonnes of litter and 26,000 tonnes of fly-tipped waste per annum. The move comes ahead of November's [COP26 summit](#) in Glasgow where world leaders will meet to discuss climate change.

DID YOU KNOW?

A court has ordered two men to pay total fines of £3,400 for throwing refuse out of the passenger window of a BMW in Plymouth, UK. A citizen's report and CCTV camera images led to the identification of the duo seen tossing empty nitrous oxide canisters and fast food litter from the car. [Read story](#).

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (SEP 19 - 26)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

How to make ghost hunters invisible [\(9/20\)](#)

Pluckley in Kent, billed as a haunted English village, scared away ghost-hunting campers leaving a littered mess at Dering Woods this summer by closing the camping area entirely to visitors.

Less litter here for the fourth straight year [\(9/20\)](#)

Encouraging news from the Cromwell Clean Team: a reduction in litter evidenced for the fourth year in a row on their adopted beach strip in Filey, Yorkshire, 600+ items found in 2017 compared to 195 in 2021.

Namibians receive a dressing down [\(9/21\)](#)

According to Namibia's minister of environment, forestry and tourism, Pohamba Shifeta, "Pollution through littering remains the biggest challenge" in the country. He called on citizens to care and authorities to do more.

Fiji revives campaign asking for clean forest [\(9/23\)](#)

Colo-i-Suva Forest Reserve in Fiji has become a setting for dumped household garbage, prompting a renewal of the Forest Litter Prevention Campaign there. The underlying message is that "small things add up to big things. Please do the right thing, and do not litter."

Gibraltar's takeaway from Clean Up Day [\(9/23\)](#)

Volunteer cleanup crews in Gibraltar made a statement on World Cleanup Day. They want to see more direct enforcement backing up their pick-up efforts.