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## **Parish Councillors join in litter pick**

Ripponden Parish Councillors Jayne Smith and Peter Hunt were joined by Tracey Armitage, the leader of Ripponden Brownies, in a two hour clear up of the car park, dam wall and paths around Baiting's Reservoir and the A58, Rochdale Road leading down to Ripponden village centre.

Jayne, the Vice Chairman of the Council and a founder member of Ripponden in Bloom, said "We collected over 30 bags of dog poo which some thoughtless dog owners had thrown into the woods at the side of the reservoir and another five bin liners full of miscellaneous litter". "It amazes me that some pet-owning residents or visitors to this beautiful area can be so irresponsible".

Tracey Armitage and Peter Hunt both stated that people who scatter litter in the area should be prepared to risk large fines for this type of anti-social behaviour which polluted West Yorkshire's drinking supplies and added that "anyone who witnesses this type of behaviour has only to take a photograph and send it to the Council for action to be taken".

Added Cllr Smith "Ripponden Parish Council is justifiably proud of this beautiful scenic area and is determined to support local groups and Council Tax payers in maintaining a safe and pleasant environment for everyone".

(Photo caption) Cllrs Jayne Smith and Peter Hunt with Tracey Armitage

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