

Boxley Parish Council Community Chest Scheme

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Boxley Parish Council is pleased to announce that Mary McAllister received the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award from Cllr Bob Hinder at the Annual Parish Meeting of Boxley Parish Council on the 2nd May 2023.



Mary received the award for making a significant impact in becoming a community leader, empowering local residents to improve the local environment by running the Lordswood and Walderslade Community Litter Group.

The Lordswood and Walderslade Litter group was started by Mary McAllister and Sharon Broomfield in March 2021, after Mary had been out during Lockdown litter picking and had found interest from people to do the same. Since they commenced they have collected 5049 black sacks of rubbish plus extra items that can't fit into the bags. It is a huge amount and consists of every item you could ever think of! Mary has been extremely organised in collating all the group's information and has spent an enormous amount of her own time.

The group aim to organise an event every week or so and try to pick a different location each time to include all areas and also because they have three different Councils to consider. These events have proved extremely popular.

Their future aim is to encourage people to collect litter on their own roads and surrounding areas and also hope that by keeping it clean, it educates others to use the bins provided. The North of Boxley Parish looks so much cleaner and tidier than it was two years ago and the addition of so many planted flowers by the councils on our now litter free land means people can enjoy their beauty without the mess.