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New £2.5 Million Children's Nursery Opens in Swanley Against All Odds

This autumn and against all odds, a new state-of-the-art children's nursery has opened its doors in Swanley, providing a lifeline for 125 children and their families. The nursery, situated in the picturesque Swanley Park, stands as a testament to perseverance and community support.

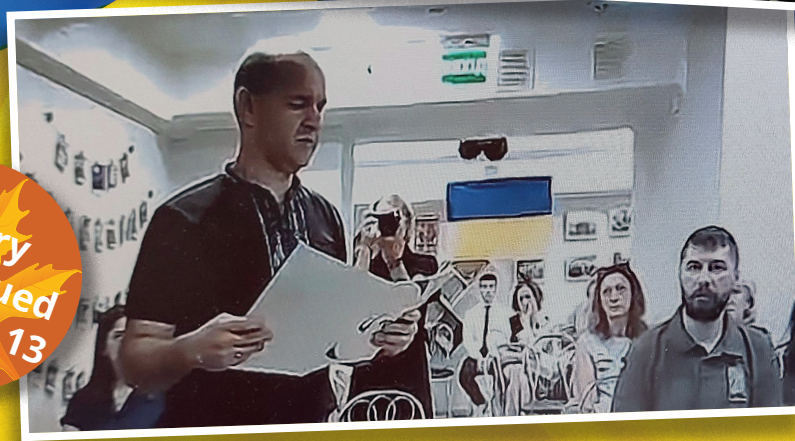
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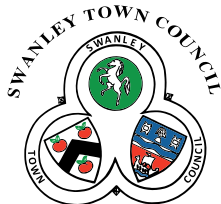


Swanley is first Community to Twin with Ukraine since the war

Swanley has become the first community in the United Kingdom to officially twin with a city in Ukraine since the start of the war, this serves as a mark of solidarity following the Russian invasion of the country.

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A word from the Mayor Cllr Michael Horwood

Dear Residents,

I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Swanley Park 40th Anniversary Fireworks on Friday 25 August. It was a fantastic and enjoyable evening that takes place every year on the Friday before the main August bank holiday, so if you weren't able to attend this year – please put it in your diary for next year! Thank you to those who gave financial donations to the Swanley RAF Cadets collecting for the Mayoral Charity HomeStart North West Kent at the event as well – the buckets raised £362.91, and alongside fundraising in the Mayor's Fundraising Tent, an income of £2564.91 was received that evening, which will make a big difference to the charity that supports Swanley families.

Swanley Town Council is now one of the very few local councils which do not charge residents for such major events, ensuring that all our families are able to enjoy a free evening out. You can bring your own food, drink and chairs or a blanket to sit on as well whilst you enjoy the evening, so you don't have to spend a penny if you don't wish to.

Swanley Park is the jewel in Swanley's town, and we are all proud to continue to invest in it to make sure it remains a facility the whole town can enjoy going to, and that has continued to be reflected in the awards we now win on a yearly basis for the park – the Swanley In Bloom Gold Award for the park, the

Green Flag accreditation, and many more. However, we know things don't run perfectly, so we're of course keen for feedback on how to continue improving it, and any issues you experience as a park user.

In the past few months, Swanley has proudly twinned with the Ukrainian city of Fastiv, South West of Kyiv. At the start of the war, many families in Swanley generously opened their doors to Ukrainian families, who consisted mostly women and children, fleeing from the terrors and dangers of rocket attacks, drone attacks, and of course direct violence from soldiers and tanks. I want to express my thanks to everyone who has helped, whether that be Swanley host families, Swanley Rugby Club and Callisto Homes for their aid run at the start of the conflict, all those who were able to give very generous donations, and anyone who has supported in any way.

There is a further aid trip happening soon, taking specialist hospital beds to Fastiv for the children's hospital there which specialises in supporting children amputees who have been severely injured as a result of the horrors of this war. I want to say a huge thank you to the Plymouth Brethren (based on Leydenhatch Lane) and their Rapid Relief Team, a private individual in Swanley Village for their donations, and Callisto Homes, who will again be providing the vehicle to transport them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my update and I look forward to representing Swanley as Mayor for the remainder of my term.

Cllr Michael Horwood

Mayor of Swanley
Town Council

Our CEO

Firstly, I give thanks to our new Councillors who have settled in quickly since the local elections of 2023. They will serve a four-year term and I wish them every success in supporting the towns residents. This is our second edition since the elections, with normal quarterly updates now resuming.

As you will have already seen, Swanley has made history by twinning with the Ukrainian city of Fastiv. Swanley Twinning Association will look after the twinning partnership alongside the towns other twinned community, the French town of Verrières-le-Buisson. I obviously offer my heartfelt sympathies with the on-going situation in Ukraine and hope that this is resolved peacefully soon.

In Swanley Park, Dawn to Dusk nursery has opened their doors to 125 children who now have a

state-of-the-art facility to enjoy. Ofsted have approved of the facility, and it has already proven to be a complementary addition to Swanley Park. Work will now be able to begin at Orchards Academy to re-build the secondary school.

It is estimated the new school we be completed in 2025. Meanwhile, our town college Supajam is set to open in the former Natwest Bank facility from the beginning of 2024, having also been displaced due to the building works at the Academy.

As if opening a new nursery at Swanley Park was not enough, the park also celebrated 40 years since its humble first opening. The park grew over the years under the management of Mike and Ann Weston who retired in 2017 and handed management back to the Council. In recent years, the park has improved even further with a new Water Park area, Soft Play Centre, extended Café, new Leisure Boats, extended and renewed public toilets and various new activities and events.

Our CEO - continued

The anniversary was celebrated on August Bank Holiday with live music and fireworks for all residents to enjoy for free.

Across town our Venues have had a busy period with an incredible 1,676 of bookings between the Alexandra Suite, Pavilion and Olympic! All of which are Town Council managed facilities, with staff working diligently day-to-day to ensure the best possible customer experience. Work to improve our venues continues all the time and each time a visit is made to these buildings something new appears to have been enhanced.

At Swanley Link it has also been very busy, work continues in lobbying for a Bank Hub to support the Post Office but for now a new cash deposit system has been installed in the building. Over the past three months 46,900 have used Swanley Link, in what is the busiest facility of its like in the County.

Ryan M Hayman

CEO

ULEZ charges £12.50 charge to drive into London

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At all times

The London Mayor's ULEZ (Ultra Low Emissions Zone) has now sadly come into effect, meaning anyone who drives a car, motorcycle, specialist vehicle or minibus may be required to pay £12.50 per day to drive anywhere in London, including in Greater London such as Bromley, Bexley, Sidcup, Orpington and Crayford.

The charge depends on your vehicle emissions, so please check whether you are required to pay on the website at the end of this article.

You may be surprised that many petrol cars built after 2005 do not have to pay the charge, and some relatively newer diesel vehicles also don't have to pay, so please do check your own vehicle's status.

HGVs and larger vans do not need to pay ULEZ, but do need to pay the LEZ (Low Emissions Zone).

Swanley is in Kent, so the town is outside the scope of the ULEZ zone, and driving around Swanley is unaffected.

Following the local elections this year, Swanley Town Council voted to reaffirm its position to refuse any ULEZ cameras or advanced signage on Swanley council land.

Due to the lack of advanced signage, this now means the boundary of ULEZ has been pushed back over a mile away from the Swanley border to the main roundabout past Ruxley Garden Centre.

You can find more information, including maps of the ULEZ area, as well as paying the charge, here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>



Scan Me!

Pinks Hill Pond Upgraded: Enhanced Flood Defense and 3,771 Trees Planted



National Highways, together with its contractors and Swanley Town Council, have carried out improvements at the Pinks Hill balancing pond beside Junction 3 of the M25.

The pond has been vastly expanded to allow for greater flooding capacity helping protect local housing, roads, and open spaces.

This project included the building of a bund for further flood prevention and the planting of 3771 trees in parks around Swanley.

This project is separate to the works being undertaken on Junction 3, which involves strengthening the bridge.

The latest update on this project can be found here <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m25-junction-3/>



Scan Me!

New £2.5 Million Children's Nursery Opens in Swanley Against All Odds



Having faced closure due to the new Orchards Academy rebuild. Dawn To Dusk, the beloved local nursery, embarked on a seemingly impossible journey to secure a new location, obtain planning permission, and construct a custom-built facility, all within a remarkably tight timeframe.

Swanley Town Council played a pivotal role in making this ambitious endeavour a reality, recognising the potential impact on hundreds of residents in the area.

Mayor of Swanley, Cllr Michael Horwood, stated "The Council was determined to prevent losing a major supplier of nursery provision in Swanley and we are delighted, through closely working with the nursery owners, children in Swanley will now benefit from a completely new building and facility.

A lack of local nursery provision and travel to out-of-town nurseries would have made it harder for Swanley parents to be able to further juggle the requirements of childcare and their careers, so we are delighted our close partnership has retained that amazing provision yet another fantastic new facility within our town."

Swanley Town Council's CEO, Ryan Hayman, expressed his immense relief and delight at the project's successful completion. "This custom-built facility will enhance the lives of the children and families we serve for years to come," Hayman stated, emphasising the importance of the new nursery to the community.

Dawn To Dusk added, "On behalf of the entire team. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone that has helped us get this amazing facility open in such a short space of time.

It's thanks to the vision of both Swanley and Sevenoaks Council that we have been able to save this nursery from disappearing. We are very proud of the result we have all achieved, and hope this facility serves Swanley and its children for many years to come!

Our staff are extremely excited to work in this amazing new facility, creating a warm and welcoming environment for the children to thrive in!

We would also like to thank our team of staff for making the transition into the new building so smooth! Our management team have been instrumental in making this happen, we cannot thank them enough!"

The journey to secure the new site was fraught with challenges. Dawn To Dusk tirelessly explored nearly twenty alternative locations before finally finding a suitable home in the tarmacked Birches Car Park, located within the idyllic Swanley Park. The location not only ensures accessibility for families but also offers a beautiful and natural environment for children to thrive.

The project was made possible through the efforts of Swanley based Callisto, a construction company that delivered the nursery on time and within the allocated budget.

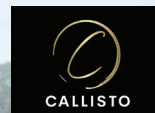
The total cost of the construction was privately financed, underscoring the commitment of Dawn To Dusk to the local community in preserving this vital service. Another Swanley based business Haskins Design managed the architectural and planning processes which helped allow building works to start in record time and has led to a beautiful and functional space.

The new Dawn To Dusk nursery is poised to provide a nurturing and educational environment for children in Swanley for many years to come.

With its strategic location in Swanley Park and the support of many members of the community, it stands as a symbol of resilience and dedication, ensuring that the youngest members of Swanley have access to quality childcare and early education. Local parents and residents are expressing their gratitude for the successful rescue of this essential facility.

The nursery's reopening not only relieves immediate concerns but also strengthens the sense of community and solidarity in Swanley, a town that rallied together to ensure its youngest members have a bright future.

As the children settle into their new nursery, it's clear that this story of determination, cooperation, and community spirit will remain a cherished part of Swanley's history for years to come.



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FROM 3RD NOVEMBER

THE MARVELS

FROM 10TH NOVEMBER

NAPOLEON

FROM 22ND NOVEMBER

ANDRÉ RIEU'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

2ND DECEMBER

WONKA

15TH DECEMBER

WHAT'S ON STAGE

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

3RD NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

8TH NOVEMBER

THE FREDDIE & QUEEN EXPERIENCE

11TH NOVEMBER

VOODOO ROOM

16TH NOVEMBER

ABBA GOLD

17TH NOVEMBER

THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY

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In addition to the monthly meeting, we produce a monthly newsletter and have around 30 interest groups which range from Walking to Wine Tasting, Bird Watching to Board Games, Table Tennis to Theatre Trips, Play Reading to Photography, the choice is endless - and the decision about

what to do is made by the members for the members.

u3a is different from other organisations – our informal activity groups take place throughout the month and are held in members' homes. There are no teachers as each member contributes to the group activity.

The images below show just two of the many opportunities available to all. The photography group out and about and a trip to Ashdown Forest.



Please visit our website to find out more about us, our activities and groups:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/swanley>

Do come and join us at one of our monthly meetings.





On Friday 25th August we held our annual fireworks at Swanley Park.

This year was a celebration of 40 years and a celebration it was.

The event was very well received by thousands of local residents and those that had travelled to enjoy the night. We would like to thank Jayne Snow, New Wave choir and Eynsford Orchestra for their amazing performances on the night.

The highlight of the evening for many was the fantastic fireworks display from Phoenix fireworks which brought the event to a close, with fireworks going off in time with the orchestra performing.

Our Family Funfest took place on 27th August and was a family orientated event with performances and workshops to be enjoyed by all the family.

The day kicked off with an African drumming workshop in which children could participate in story telling through music.

We also saw entertainment from Michelle Sidwell's academy of dance, performing a range of styles including ballet and musical theatre.

Children enjoyed learning and holding a range of reptiles including snakes, lizards, tortoises and insects thanks to Petaholics close encounters.

We hosted our first ever food festival on the Sunday with foods from around the world including Greek, German, Indian, fudge and crepes.

We hope to grow this over the next few years.

Swanley Park *Celebrates 40 Years* **with a bang!**



Swanley celebrates success for 2023 with three Green Flag Awards!

On Sunday, 23rd July 2023, Swanley Town Council were celebrating after receiving three Green Flag Awards for Swanley Park, Swanley Recreation Ground and Elephant Park.

This year Swanley Park has received its sixth consecutive Green Flag Award with Swanley Recreation Ground and Elephant Park both receiving their fourth consecutive Green Flag Awards.

Parks & Open Spaces Manager George Brooker said "The staff and volunteers do so much to ensure that our parks are maintained to such high standards, it's an amazing accomplishment and for this to be recognised with three Green Flag Awards should make everyone involved feel extremely proud of their achievement."

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager Paul Todd MBE said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in achieving these Green Flag Awards."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.



Autumn at Swanley Park

The following activities will be open in Autumn dependent on weather:

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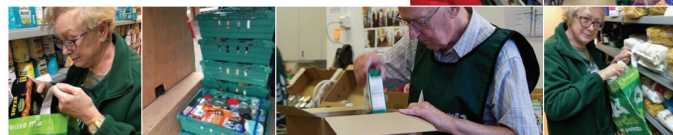


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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We rely on the support of our local community for food donations, volunteering and finances. Can you help us stop UK hunger?

The local Swanley & District Foodbank, which is presently situated at 11 Lynden Way Swanley, has been given notice to leave these premises by the end of this year.

We have contacted everyone we can think of from the MP for Sevenoaks Laura Trott to County, District and Town Councils, and Churches with no successful alternative buildings being found to date.

We have looked at leasing other properties, but either the rents are too high, or the property is for purchase only; either a house or a business property in central Swanley would be suitable.

We are now desperate and need help or the alternative is that Swanley and the surrounding area will lose a much used, invaluable asset for those families of Swanley who need our kind of help.

If you can help us in any way please contact us on 07798 872 573 and ask to speak to our Chair Mr John Kahan or email him at: info@swanleydistrictfoodbank.org.uk and the message will be passed to him.

Thank You.



Scan Me!

Swanley is first Community to Twin with Ukraine since the war



Callisto, Rapid Relief Team UK, and Swanley is supporting Fastiv in Ukraine with aid as part of the ongoing Twinning agreement between the communities. Vital supplies such as medical beds, educational equipment and care kits will reach the city.

Swanley has become the first community in the United Kingdom to officially twin with a city in Ukraine since the start of the war, this serves as a mark of solidarity following the Russian invasion of the country.

The official ceremony on 22nd August, held at the Swanley Civic Centre and broadcast online, marked a significant step in fostering cooperation between the two communities and both the UK and Ukraine. Distinguished delegates from Fastiv, including the Mayor, were present virtually, holding the ceremony from a secure underground facility, signifying the shared commitment to unity and mutual support. Swanley Town Councillors voted in the meeting unanimously to support the Twinning declaration.

This historical Twinning stands as a poignant symbol of Swanley's unwavering support for Fastiv and Ukraine during these challenging times. As the world witnesses the ongoing barbaric behaviours from the illegal Russian war on Ukraine, this twinning reaffirms the importance of global collaboration and stands as a testament to the power of community connections.

The joint meeting showcased a blend of culture, virtual presentation tours, and heartfelt speeches, showcasing the

brilliance of both communities. The presence of Fastiv representatives further solidified the commitment to this new alliance, highlighting the potential for collaboration in various spheres such as arts, sports, education, commerce, and more.

A significant number of Swanley residents have hosted Ukrainian refugees in their homes since the start of the war, building a strong local community with over 126 people now on a WhatsApp Group for the local area. The suggestion of Twinning came from a Ukrainian living locally who has strong ties with Fastiv, approached both the Swanley and Fastiv Mayors to promote a Twinning friendship agreement.

Swanley Mayor Cllr Michael Horwood, who has also hosted ten refugees at his home since the start of the war, expressed enthusiasm about the historic twinning: "It has been a year and a half since a significant number of Swanley families, equally outraged against the barbarity of the Russian invasion, opened their doors to host Ukrainian refugees, nearly all women and children, fleeing for safety. Almost all are working locally, and have become part of our Swanley community, joining us on our Swanley community litter picks, whilst others have supported in a variety of ways.

This Twinning agreement marks an important part of not just Swanley's history, but also creates an important milestone in the development of relations between the UK and Ukraine.

We hope other communities across the UK may equally be considering to show a sign of solidarity and thus increase the number of UK communities twinned with Ukrainian cities."

Mr. Netyazhuk, Mayor of Fastiv City, expressed his gratitude for Swanley's support, saying, "The Twinning of our cities is a beacon of hope that shines through the darkness of challenge. We are deeply touched by Swanley's willingness to stand with us and create a bridge of understanding and cooperation. Together, we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead and build a better future."

Swanley Town Council's Chief Executive Officer Ryan Hayman added "This historic Twinning is more than a mere ceremony; it is a pledge of solidarity, resilience, and a shared commitment to fostering a peaceful world. Swanley Town Council looks forward to a future of cultural exchange, collaborative projects, and mutual growth that will benefit both communities and send a strong message against conflict and division."



A **BIG** thank you to our Swanley In Bloom sponsors for 2023 *Below is a little bit about them ...*

Swanley Village Residents Association, Formerly Swanley Village Conservation

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Established in 1892, has been manufacturing paper Catering supplies in Swanley for over seventy years. The group has grown substantially over the years and now employs over 230 people across its four UK sites. As well as being a major UK catering supplier, we make four billion napkins per year, Swan Mill annually manufactures forty million metres of gift wrap, fifty million greeting cards and twenty five million crackers in the UK and overseas, supplying these to all major UK retailers and exporting to over 30 countries.

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Evolve Estates

We acquired the Swanley Square shopping centre at the start of this year. In conjunction with the reopening of businesses following lockdown, the new owner has taken the opportunity to apply some much needed TLC to the day-to-day management regime through cleaning, drainage, canopies, decoration & lighting. The retail units are all fully occupied including a new optician & men's barber and planning consent has also been obtained for new residential to complement the existing provision. Plans are also being explored to expand the market from one to two days a week.

South & South East In Bloom competition 2023



Swanley Town Council entered four categories in the South & South East In Bloom competition in 2023.

The results were announced on the 29th September and we are pleased to receive the following awards.

- Small Nature Reserve – Swanley Nature Reserve (SWAN) – Silver Gilt
- Large Town – Swanley – Silver Gilt
- Large Park of the Year – Swanley Park – Gold
- Commons and Open Spaces – Swanley Recreation Ground – Silver Gilt

Toni Roast, Assistant Town Clerk said:

"I am so pleased that we have once again received these awards which recognises all the hard work we do in Swanley on a daily basis.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Swanley Town Council staff and the many volunteers who give up their time to help to keep Swanley clean, tidy and litter free."

If you are interested in taking part in litter picks, please email lhendry@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Deputy Mayor of Swanley Cllr Rita Wood Said:

"The Assistant Town Clerk and I attended the 2023 South & South East in Bloom Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to all those who worked hard to get everything looking so amazing – Well Done everyone."



Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 12th November

Parade leaves Town Centre at 2.30pm

Wreath laying at 2.45pm
at the War Memorial

Followed by the
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Swanley Bowls Club and Town Council go head-to-head in charity match, raising £333.50 for Home-Start NW Kent

On Monday 28th August Swanley Town Council staff and Councillors battled it out against Swanley Bowls Club in a charity match raising money for the Mayor's charity Home-Start NW Kent.

Along with varied games those who attended also enjoyed refreshments, bacon rolls and cake. There was also some fantastic prizes up for grabs at the raffle.

Mayor Michael Horwood said "I'd like to say a huge thank you to Swanley Bowls Club for organising the event and all those who attended yesterday to raise money for Home Start NW Kent.

The various bowls mini-games were incredibly enjoyable and it was great to meet the club members!"

Club Captain and Cllr Keith Mitchell said "We at Swanley

Bowls Club were happy to be able to support the Mayor's charity Home Start and organise a fun day for players and spectators alike.

A big thank you to all who helped put it all together"

£333.50 was raised in total on the day.

Although we may have been defeated a great afternoon was had and we will certainly be booking in a rematch!



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**LIGHT UP
THE TOWN**

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023
SWANLEY TOWN CENTRE
LIGHT SWITCH ON 6:00PM
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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
01322665855 / TROAST@SWANLEYTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Swanley Community Litterpick

Swanley Councillors, staff and residents continue to tackle litter in the town with another community clean up event that took place in the Whiteoak area on Saturday 29th July!

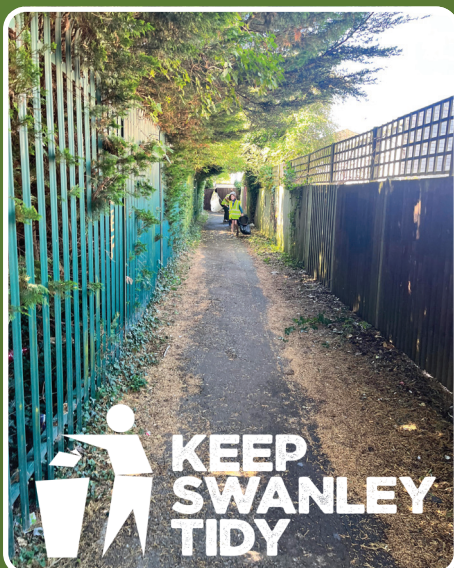
With over 15 volunteers we managed to collect over 50 bags of rubbish along with other large items that had been fly tipped.

A massive thankyou to Paul Brown and his team at Rapid Relief UK for helping and supplying us with hot and cold drinks as well as delicious burgers and treats,

Whiteoak Councillor Jasmine Ferrari (pictured opposite) who organised the event said "My thanks go to all the volunteers, Rapid Relief team UK, Councillors, Lilly Hendry and George Brooker who gave up their time to make a difference.

The town is a better place because of the effort you put into looking after it.

If you would like to take part in future clean up events please contact Lilly via email: Lhendry@swanleytowncouncil or telephone: 01322 613900



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