

Report received from THE PICK UP ARTISTS – 17/03/2021

Local community group, The Pickup Artists have done their best to stay active during the last 12 months. Volunteers have litter picked individually and stayed in contact with WFDC who have collected bags of litter collected from the streets. The number of volunteers has been quite low in Bewdley but this is due to people shielding and of course, staying indoors to stay safe.

The Pickup Artists have loaned out lots of equipment during lockdown in good faith to local residents and hope this will be returned when the lockdown ends. We have supported and help set up a group another group in Far Forest, helping with safety guidelines, purchasing equipment and planning events.

With no funding in the last 12 months The Pickup Artists are keen to raise their profile in [2021](#) and take part in the Great British Spring Clean in association with Keep Britain Tidy. The Pickup Artists are supported by Merchants in town and it would be great to get support from other local businesses and people. The only income The Pickup Artists have had has been from collecting drinks cans, plastic bottles and textiles and taking it to recycle plants in exchange for money. This has allowed the group to buy equipment and pay for the costs such as insurance, public liability and the costs for running the van.

Thank you to the WFDC for working so closely with us and of course to everyone who gives up their time to litter pick and make a difference to where they live.

Michelle Medler (founder of The Pickup Artists and Junior Pickup Artists)