

**Annual Litter pick. 10am Saturday 28th April
Want a clean, tidy village?**

Then please join in the BIG LITTER PICK to help prepare for the DORSET'S BEST VILLAGE competition. We could use a few more pairs of hands this year. Meet at the Church Room.

All kit provided but please bring a hi-vis jacket if you have one. Drinks and snacks too when we've finished.



VANDALISM/POLICE Continued low level vandalism in the Playing Field and Play Area has now been reported to the police, who will be making visits. This is a shame, but damaging fences and signs and removing equipment is not acceptable. Parents please take note.

AWARD for CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was awarded a Star Award Certificate for Councillor Development by Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils at their Annual Meeting on Friday March 9th. We were congratulated by Dr Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED The Parish website is being transformed. We expect the new version to go live early in April; same address www.charltonmarshall.org

Do you use an inhaler for asthma?
What do you do with it when it's empty?
Did you know you can recycle it?

This website explains the scheme but is misleading when it tells you where to recycle; Boots in East Street is the **only** place in Blandford that operates the scheme.

www.dontwasteabreath.com/view/recycling_your_inhaler

See front page for other recycling issues.



DORSET ROAD SAFE brings together the police, fire service, health and local authorities to work in partnership, through education, enforcement and engineering, to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads. There is a new website where members of the public can share information on dangerous drivers, highlight areas where they are concerned about excess speed, find out more information on educational courses they can take part in, road safety operations that Dorset Police is running etc. etc. www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk

FASTER BROADBAND

District Cllr Andrew Kerby has been working hard to upgrade the speed of the Broadband in Spetisbury. This has a couple of positive outcomes for Charlton Marshall in that the school attended by most of the children from the village now has access to faster Broadband and those residents at the end of the village nearest Spetisbury (Meadow Road and May Grove) should also be able to access the faster Broadband. Residents should contact their internet provider to upgrade.



The Christmas Party

Christmas Party Many thanks to the prodigious amount of organising by Moira and to all of the helpers, who made it a special day.