

The Dirty Dossier

**Road user feedback on highways litter
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Clean Highways
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The following 188 communications were received:

They are listed in reverse date order

The overwhelming majority concerned roads on the Highways Agency's network

A few snippets:

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What idiot sends people to cut back vegetation before picking up rubbish

Could not believe the state of the verges

Revolted amount of rubbish littering all the motorway verges.

Your website has given me some hope

Horrified about the millions of pieces of litter along the A13/M11/M25

Litter on the M1 & A64, this issue is worsening on a daily basis

M3/A3/M27/All roads leading to and from Alton, Hampshire Dear Peter, Really my list could of roads could go on.... We recently hosted a Teacher from Germany and I was embarrassed; equally she was amazed at how dirty our country is. It is rare to see councils or highway agency staff employed to pick it up. I will write to my local councils.

Jeane Doy

A3 / A3M Hampshire Dear Peter, We travelled on the A3/A3M this weekend & were shocked & appalled by the state of the litter along the entire length of this motorway. It has never been as disgusting as it is now, it's simply atrocious. There's so much its attracting fly tippers which is compounding the issue.

Gail Gibbons

M1, M42, A42, part M6/M1/M42 Dear Peter, Travelling down from Nottingham to Knowle in Warwickshire (17/03/15) road verges looked like a trash bin had been emptied out along most of the whole length of these road verges. They looked awful. Plastics, cans, bottles, paper. Hazardous (blowing plastic/paper) and bad for wildlife.

Joy Armstrong

Dear Peter, I've written to the Highways Agency about the absolutely disgraceful state of the **A23 and A27 in East and West Sussex** – covered in litter and detritus. So depressing. They pointed me to the County Councils. Have they all given up?

Iain Dreger

Singapore have plain clothes officers watching who drops what. First offence – a hefty fine, after that or if they can't pay, community service in yellow bibs, 3 hours at a time.

Gary Davis

A27 and A23/M23 in Sussex Dear Peter, The above roads are in an absolutely appalling state. Tens of thousands of bits of rubbish clog the sides of both these roads for miles on end. Of course the morons who discard it in the first place deserve their share of blame, but the lack of highways agency cleaning is also shocking.

Nat Davies

Dear Peter, I wanted to draw your attention to the appalling state of the **A34 in and around Oxford**. Driving down the road yesterday I simply could not believe that it has been allowed to get to this sate. The amount to litter that has built up is staggering. Many thanks for your work.

Giles Dobson

M20 and M2 – around Dover Kent Dear Peter, We have noticed a firm clearing the verges near to Canterbury recently. However the verges as mentioned above either side of Dover are in a much worse state – as mentioned some while ago – more like a third world country – why has Dover been left out?

Jean Glayzer

World heritage route from **Southampton to Stonehenge**. Dear Sir, Please help sort out terrible litter problem on above route. I am a Blue Badge tour guide and yesterday I had to hold my head in shame as I guided a cruise group with the German captain of the AIDAMAR to Salisbury and Stonehenge. Both verges along virtually the entire route were inches deep in rubbish. Just before the New Forest Nat Park there are 3 mountains of rubbish several feet high. All that was missing to complete the picture were scavenging children. The Germans did not miss this and giggled at the absurdity of Posh Gentleman Guide talking of our proud history. I have 40 more of these tours to come.....

Anthony Horsman

I would like to complain about the rubbish on the stretch of **A3 to Guildford from Liphook**. Its disgusting

Chantel Brandon

A57 and A1 between Workshop and Newark Dear Peter, On Saturday March 14 I travelled along the above and was disgusted by the amount of litter at the side of the carriageway. Not so long ago I frequently drove parties of French and German visitors along this stretch and I would be ashamed if I were doing it now.

Alan Lawrence

A27 in Sussex and M23 Brighton to Gatwick Dear Peter, Appalling especially the M23. I've written to Lewes District Council, Brighton & Hove C.C. , the Environmental Officer for the Green Party in Brighton and our local paper to try to encourage them to do a feature. I have various replies if you are interested.
best wishes.

Ros Jones

Dear Peter, Please could something be done on the amount of litter and plastic bottles that is strewn across our beautiful countryside in Shropshire, especially the stretch of **A5 and M54 around Shrewsbury to Oswestry**.Horrible sight.

Kim Bradshaw

Good to see your site, but why is not more being done? This is a national disgrace we are ruining this country through senseless littering. Fines signs technology Something needs to be done

James McNab

Dear Peter, I wish to complain about the state of our roadside verges being full of litter and nothing being done about it, it makes me ashamed to live in this country as its a dirty filthy place. We always take our litter home if we cannot find a bin but it seems a lot of people don't bother.

JACKIE HAYS

Thanet Way from Fav to IOT and A2 Fav to Canterbury Dear Peter, Between Faversham and Thanet (IOT), Canterbury and the Medway towns during the last few years, the motorway /highway roadside litter problem has got a lot lot worse. No large debris left on verges is being removed. In Sussex where I travel frequently to, litter personnel work on sundays.

jo martel

A34 & A303 Hampshire Dear Peter, As I drive from Andover to Oxford it is like driving through a third world country. I have travelled this route for years and this stretch is really really bad.i dread to think what visitors to our country think.

Caroline Ross

A34 Hampshire Dear Peter, We regularly drive along A34 and are shocked at the litter alongside the carriageway. It is always bad. This is a major route from the south coast and port of Southampton to the Midlands .Please can something be done to clear litter more regularly. Thank you

A Steere

A14 in Northamptonshire. Litter on the A14 is absolutely disgusting. I live off Junction 2 and the road in both directions is absolutely thick with rubbish on the grass verges and in between the central reservation. There are plastic bags which have blown into hedging and trees and flapping in the wind all the way along the road. I have never seen anything like it. The slip road coming off at Kelmarsh (which seems easy to access and clear up is revolting). I've lived in London and never seen litter as bad as this, how can our countryside be allowed to get so filthy Once you come off the Kelmarsh slip road there are small very pretty villages near by and the Grade 1 listed Kelmarsh Hall. It is unacceptable to leave the litter levels as they are and allow the wind to blow it all around our beautiful countryside. I'd be hugely grateful if you could advise who I should be contacting as something urgently needs doing. Many thanks

Alexandra Blake

Dear Peter, I drive down the **A404** between **Marlow** and the **M4** junction every day and the litter in both directions has got to unacceptable proportions. It is strewn with general rubbish and dead animals. I know its a difficult task for you but a clean up sometime soon would be appreciated.

Myra Heron

A38 Derby to Mansfield... Most or all of islands leading to M1 around Derbyshire and Notts.. Dear Peter, Looking around my locality I am struggling to see if all of your hard work is making a difference, the councils seem to have no shame, it's as though they have just switched off, given prevention is a better option than cure, why can't there be heavier fines for offenders.. No pride!!

Mark Grogan

A2, M2 Dear Peter, Is it me or is the litter situation getting worse. It makes me so sad to see the amount in the sides of the motorway, tangled in the bushes and trees. I'm sure there used to

be people out cleaning the sides of the roads at night but can't recall seeing this in ages. Has it stopped?

K Stevens

I have moved to the country and can't believe how much plastic and litter all along the roadsides...**A27** etc etc. Being a green party member in Brighton we HAVE to get the greening in place...cleaning teams/activists and flower planting and BIG wonderful signs so that people are really put off from doing this. We are so behind many countries on this...how can we get teams together?

B Murray

Dear Peter, I want to register how appalled I am at the amount of litter on our roads in general and the **A23 and A27** in particular as these are roads I travel regularly, but sadly can see no indication that the state of these roads is the exception rather than the rule.

Anthea Dempsey

The verges and roundabouts along the **A1 in West Yorkshire** are so dirty and create such a poor impression of our county. I wish people wouldn't drop it, but they do and it needs to be picked up. A particular grot spot is the **A1/M62** roundabout at the Ferrybridge services. Thanks.

Chris Creighton

The **A34** is just one major road covered in litter. I believe it is likely the public are only to blame for a small percentage of this rubbish. The majority doesn't seem to consist of the type of waste you would expect to be thrown out of a car. There is a huge amount of high sided lorries carrying recycled waste and general rubbish between collection points and processing depots. My question is who polices this movement of this rubbish? Who checks the trucks suitability to properly contain its carried load. Who trains the drivers to use and maintain the containment nets that are used to cover the waste? I have witnessed one high sided open topped waste truck depositing lots of its carried rubbish in clumps as it went along? Assumed its net was damaged . Cleaning is a problem but is anything being done to stop it being deposited to start with?

Ed Holton

A20/M20 A2070 Dear Peter, we have just got back from Dover we travelled from New Romney, via Newing Green and the Stop 24 roundabout, we just couldn't believe the amount of litter,our once beautiful county now looks more like a slum.in fact the whole of this area of Kent is pretty much the same.

Beatrice Graynoth

M27, especially round Junction11, A3 up to Haslemere Dear Peter, The litter on the Highways along the M27 – particularly Junction 11 around Fareham and stretches of the A3 – are a national disgrace. I travelled on 14th March, the journey blighted by verges filled with rubbish. This problem needs regular teams to act to clear it up.

Marion Kinnear-White

A3 in Surrey/Hampshire. I live in Hinhead and use the A3 regularly either going north thru Guildford toward M25 or south toward Portsmouth. Either direction the amount of litter on the side of the road or piled up against bins is a disgrace. Sometimes feel like we live in a 3rd world country.

Nick Wood

A45 in Northampton (Riverside, Billing Aquadrome) Dear Peter, An area that disgusts me greatly is the A45 in Northampton heading towards Riverside Retail Park and Billing. There must be 3 mattresses at the side of the road and the sheer volume of litter is appalling. It looks like a tip and needs sorting ASAP.

Andrew Ward

M66 slip road both sides Junction 1 Dear Peter, Recently I wrote to Keep Britain Tidy about the state of the slips road on the M66, they replied saying to contact my local council. but after reading comments on your web site I'm not sure if it's worth it, no one appears to be accountable for clearing this mess up.

Denise Robinson

Highway litter Northumberland. Hi .just discovered your website.i have been pressurising Northumberland County Council since November. I thought I was alone Cheers

Norman Brason

Dear Peter, Stretch **A26** between newhaven and Beddingham and the **A27** between Beddingham and **A23**, increasing litter, its a disgrace, Been bad for months, is there a system in place to regularly clean these stretches of road. thanks,

Keith Rice

I am appalled by the litter on the **M23/A23** especially between Brighton and Crawley. Who is responsible? Who can i complain to?

Ann Lorimer

The **A1** is totally disgusting, some of the lay-bys couldn't be worse if you tried, the whole route is an eye sore. When will there've a national campaign about people dropping litter, it's horrendous, and so annoying also as it really draws your eye when your doing a long drive.

Stjohn Groom

You, sir, are a hero. You might like to view the **M53/A55 around Chester**. Is it a verge? Is it a landfill site? It's difficult to tell. Truly disgusting but apparently "cleaned regularly" – although in fact I have never once seen it even remotely clean.

Matthew Jones

A3 Hindhead to M25 and beyond Dear Peter, Well done on getting the verges cut back but please sort out the disgraceful litter problem that is now evident from the cutting back. When will the work begin? It doesn't make the Surrey authorities look too clever does it!! Thank you.

Robert Lear

M 20 junction 11 a to Dover Dear Peter, I have regular commutes along this stretch of the M20 and have noticed that the rubbish has not been cleaned in well over a year, there need to be something done about the lorry drivers throwing there rubbish, including human waist, on the road the smell can be overwhelming.

Aaron Minihane

Litter **A 27 Shoreham to Lewis**. I have made numerous complaints and to say that the litter which abounds the A27 on both sides is an understatement , to say th least.It is appalling ow the agency can get away with this

Charles Newport

Have recently travelled on **A34** to Southampton, on **M4** (Wales and East as far as Chieveley), on **M5**(Exeter to M6 junction), on **A30** in Cornwall – all are appalling examples of filthy littered verges, the A34 especially. It is an absolute disgrace and should be a gross embarrassment for the whole country. What do visitors and tourists think of us? (Note: some litter cleaning in evidenced n one short stretch in Cornwall, well done).

Heather Major

A20 to M20 Ashford to Kings Hill, West Malling Dear Peter, I drive along the A20 from Lenham to Kings Hill on the A20/M20 every day and am disgusted about the amount of litter which never seems to be cleared. I am ashamed that visitors from the continent will enter the UK from Dover, travelling to London and will see this.

Helen Racine

Dear Peter, I am horrified at the state of rubbish on the **A3**. I live in **Hindhead** and commute daily to**Guildford**. Please can you tell me why no one is making any attempt at clearing away this rubbish on the A3. We are starting to look like a third world country!!!

Karen Wood

A14E especially from Fen Drayton all the way to Girton interchange. **A14W** from Barhill to Brampton. Dear Peter, The amount of litter now deposited on the A14 Eastbound from Brampton to Girton is appalling. Where the lorries park is filled with sack loads of rubbish. Plastic caught in the hedgerows etc etc.. Then the **A14W from Barhill to Brampton** is also bad especially prior to the exit slip.

Paul Garnell

A64 Malton to the A1. Dear Peter, the litter by the roadside this year is appalling. Having travelled to India and seen the sorry state of their roadsides i fear this is what we are accepting as normal. Clean ups as in previous years must now be carried out surely.

Sue Kershaw

Litter Disgrace. Travelling north up the **A38** several times in the last few weeks I am appalled by the large amount of litter on the roadside verges and central barrier. It has been like this for several weeks and is totally unacceptable. Some areas are worse than a rubbish tip and for visitors it does not enhance **Derbyshires** natural beauty. Does nobody in highways take any pride in their county?

Patricia Jones

Dear Mr Silverman, I have never written complaining about anything before but to be honest I was shocked today when taking the family on a trip to Salisbury to see the amount of litter on both sides and central reservation of the **A36 dual carriageway between Salisbury and west Grimstead**. I would be grateful if you could tell me who I should complain to. I would be happy to support your campaign.

Neil Munday

A23 & A27 Sussex. Dear Peter, it seems the A23 and A27 throughout Sussex are completely strewn with litter as well as things like mattresses and car parts!

TONY JEWITT

Dear Peter, From **J10 (southbound) on the M40 with the A43 northbound to Brackley** there must be a ton of litter including car body parts. For the next few days there are night closures on this road. Would't it be a good idea to clean it up then? I look forward to receiving your comments

Alan Kebble

A2 and M20, A249 Kent. Dear Peter, Having recently moved back to Kent from London and driving to work, I have been shocked by the amount of litter on the roads above. I frequently drive between Tunbridge Wells and Faversham, and the rubbish on the side of these roads is really bad.

Miss Ogilvie

The **A34 between Abingdon North and Hinksey Hill** which i travel regularly is in a terrible state – well overdue for cleaning. I have asked the relevant District Council when they plan to clean and am waiting for a reply.

Philip Mounstephen

A38 Derby to M1, M1 north of Derby to A1, A1 to Newcastle upon Tyne. Dear Peter, I am irritated by the state of our roads, have just traveled from Derby to my home in Newcastle upon Tyne and realised how much worse the litter is on the sides of the roads. Keep Britain Tidy have campaign running 21/22 march but I have never seen it advertised. Will it include roads?

Julie Hewitt

M1 J35/a slip northbound. Dear Peter, I hope you can help, the litter on mway slip roads appears to be getting worse, especially the M1 J35 and J35a. I am not sure who to contact. Many thanks,

Alan McNulty

M6 – A556 to M5. Drove from J19 to J8 today on the M6. The litter issues clearly extend across the network; the median and verges were full of trash all the way. Soon the vegetation will start to grow, hiding the worst until next winter. Action is needed urgently!

Ford Desmoineaux

A64 York. Dear Peter, Litter plastics large sheets , road traffic cones abandoned years ago shredded tyres taking root. The A64 Leeds to York all along the bypass is a disgrace. Just neglect.

Stephen Pattison

A406, A12 and A127. Dear Peter, the amount of litter on the roads, pavements and verges of the A406, A12 and A127 is appalling. I have written to various local authorities over the years about these roads as well as the **A1** and **M1** but no one is willing to accept responsibility.

Carol Haigh

M6 M69 Bham areas. Dear Peter, Hi, Im really disgusted at the amount of litter on our roads and motorways. It's all very well saying we need a campaign to clear up the litter, that's not solving the problem, bring back corporal punishment and string the litter droppers up, that will make them think twice

David Jeffreys

A41 from M25 to Aylesbury. Dear Peter, Driving up and down the A 41 yesterday I was amazed at the roadside litter and when you consider this is the major route to Chequers the current government is doing a very poor job in keeping the highways clean. One is not impressed whatsoever.

Richard Carmichael

A14 Northamptonshire. I had submitted this enquiry to Northamptonshire County Council – *“Please provide as much detail as possible: Can somebody tell me what the council is doing to satisfy it's statutory responsibility to keep the A14 clear of litter. It is at its worst this year and is a dreadful advertisement for Northamptonshire“*. Here is a response I got from NCC. *“Dear Simon Guise, Thank you for contacting Northamptonshire County Council's Customer Service Centre. Unfortunately this is not under the responsibility of Northamptonshire County Council. This is under the responsibility of Highways Agency. Please contact them on 0300 123 5000. Or e-mail them on ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk Yours sincerely, Caroline Loveder, Customer Service Centre, Northamptonshire County Council”*

Simon Guise

[Responsibility for cleaning the A14 in Northamptonshire lies with the local authorities not with the Highways Agency. Peter Silverman]

Dear Peter, The amount of litter at the side of the **northbound carriageway J21 through to J22** in Leicestershire is Horrendous.Many thanks.

Peter Brown

A40, M5. Dear Peter, having just driven from West Oxfordshire to Devon and back, I am horrified at the amount of litter on these roads,in both directions.Is there anything as an individual I can do to help clean up these roads – I am quite happy to donate my time, or is it up to the council/highway agency?

JAMIE EVANS

A13 from Wennington to Lakeside turnoff. The A13 to Lakeside turnoff is so full of litter & rubbish which has not been cleaned up for years their are rats running in out of the litter , just makes feel so ashamed of this country especially when we had family who live in Australia & America who can not believe how filthy this country has now become when they had a holiday here & stayed with us for a few weeks the appalled & shocked that this once beautiful Country is now looking like a third world country ! I have written to Mr. John Cruddas MP. for Dagenham & Barking about my concerns over the Litter / Rubbish . please help us I have tried to contact the local councils about this matter but was pushed from pillar to post ! telling me that it was not their job it was a Havering , councils Job they then said it was Dagenhams Job , contacted them they said that it was Thurrock councils responsibility ? so I was fighting a losing battle with them all for who was RESPONSIBLE for the Litter which is blighting all our A roads & Motorways .

MARK Godfrey

A41 from junction with M25 to Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire. Driving along the A41 yesterday back from a holiday in Italy (where the road-sides were completely free of litter) – thought I'd landed in a third- world country or some disaster movie. Amount of road-side rubbish unbelievable!

Deirdre King

A2 from Brenley Corner to Bridge. Dear Peter, As far as I know the last litter pick on this stretch of the A2 was in April 2013. Lorry drivers from the ferries at Dover use the laybys for overnight stays – the litter is appalling in all the hedges and the central reservation. Have just seen a transit van entangled in sheet of plastic.

Jill Thomas

A3 between Guildford / M25. The litter on this stretch of road is absolutely appalling and needs to be picked ASAP. Part of the problem is after hedge cutting the flayer cut up and exposes trapped litter.

Cllr Peter Harman

A602 Hitchin to Stevenage. Dear Peter, unfortunately once again the litter has reach a terrible level along this stretch of road. In the long run it could cost more to clear drains that become blocked. I'm not sure of the long term answer but possibly signs saying 'take your litter home' or up to £2,500 fine for litter?

Debbie Murrell

Great site. I have just driven from the **Cathorpe interchange to Rothwell on the A14** and the verges are disgusting. Also, the A34 from Oxford to Winchester is a tip with huge amounts of long term rubbish in the bushes and on the verges. It is depressing to see how bad this road is.

Brian Lambert

Hi Peter. I've just found your website, I to am appalled at the amount of litter that lines our A-roads and motorways. Today I used the **M25 between juncs 3 and 4** and the litter is appalling, it is very evident that the junctions haven't been cleared of litter for a long time. I 100% support your campaign to get our roads cleaned up.

Steve Hickson

A2 (between Canterbury and Dover) A299 Thanet Way. Dear Peter. The litter alongside the aforementioned roads disgraces us all. The A2 around Dover is the entranceway to the country from Europe and it is an embarrassment. Loose sheeting on waste carrying bulk tippers is a main contributor. Litter blows from them in unacceptable quantities.

Lance Kennedy

Dear Peter, i have noticed the littered state of the verge of the **A505 from letchworth GC** through weston hills tunnel to Baldock for some time. I don't know how long litter is supposed to lie before it has to be cleared away, but this road is disgraceful and reflects badly on the area in general.

jean watson

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Dear Peter, I am absolutely disgusted at the amount of litter at the side of the **A34** – particularly the **Hampshire stretch**. It is significant that the volume of rubbish diminishes after the West Berkshire road sign driving northwards – not perfect by any measure but better. Very 3rd world.

John Ellis

Have noticed the appalling litter on **A14**. but glad to see sign over road encouraging people not to drop litter.Perhaps would be a good idea to use community service groups or single people on benefits to clear litter. Also noticed the weed growth on roundabouts etc. These will break up surface and it is a false economy to let this grow out of control.I live in Ely and the situation there is dire.

Lesley Charlton

A14 in Northamptonshire. Dear Peter, Having returned from Birmingham to Market Harborough this weekend along the A14 I was totally amazed and appalled by the amount of litter along the route. Bags and plastic in hedgerows, bottles, cans, bags along the verges and plastic blowing into the fields beyond, a despicable sight.

Amanda Dargie

Dear Peter, I have today driven on the **A14 from The Kettering Junction to Ipswich** and back. I am appalled at the amount off litter on the verges and in the hedge rows. The patch between the **Finedon and Thrapston** interchanges is particularly bad. I am ashamed of our country at times.

Freddie Harris

A34 Hampshire, A3 Guildford to Wisley. Well done on your persistence. The A34 between Winchester and Newbury, and the A3 between Guildford and Wisley are my two main bugbears. However, there are many more. Could this be inserted into the agenda for the General Election? Political parties appear to have no interest.

Les McKenzie

Dear Peter, Travelling from Birmingham to Huntingdon on the **M6, A14** last weekend was like traversing a 70 mile land fill. Rubbish is even piled up in parking stops. Feckless road users and no sign of an organisation equipped to clear the mess.

A national embarrassment

Kevin Brettle

Dear Peter, Whilst I appreciate individuals should not throw litter anywhere surely the council are responsible for clearing the mess up, the **A602 between Stevenage and Hitchin** has a huge amount of litter all the way along this road. It's a disgrace that it gets left like this.

Bruce Goulding

Bramley roundabout, Rotherham (J1 M18). Dear Peter, On getting off Bramley roundabout Rotherham while waiting at the lights there is a vast amount of litter at the sides of the slip roads on both sides, it appears to also be littered at the other sides of this roundabout also, do you do litter picks on this roundabout ?

K Sargent

A27. Dear Peter, Unbelievable mass of litter alongside A27 between exit to Falmer and exit to A23. I saw men cleaning the litter few weeks ago, but very little (if anything) was done and no change since then...

Alexander Marchenko

M1. A1. A 14. Dear Peter, I just moved from Denmark to the UK . I am surprised over all the litter that's left on slip roads, plastic bottles etc in the rivers were i live in Bury St edmunds. It is sad to se that in responsibility .In DK they have on the slip roads placed some big bins. That helps.

Sanne Baden

A64 York to A1. Dear Peter, I traveled along the A64 from York to the A1 yesterday and the level of rubbish in the verges is horrendous. It is especially bad around all the laybys.

Geoff Bogg

A55 and M60. Dear Peter, thank you for the work you are doing. The amount litter on the A55 around Chester is appalling. I have written to my MP Mr Ian Lucas and he has also written to the Highways Agency, and agrees that this is an important issue. I have also written to Louise Ellman.

Paula Plant

A303 – Wiltshire. Dear Peter, I want to put forward my concerns about the absolute filthy, litter strewn state of the A303 through the county of Wiltshire. I drive on the road nearly every day. I have never seen the A303 as bad as it is now. I feel ashamed and embarrassed that this road is in my county.

John Blyth

A30/A303/M3/A3. Dear Peter, Having made this trip recently, I am appalled at the sheer tonnage of litter along the verges. It looks like nobody has collected litter for years. Have the Highways Agency no shame ? Are they happy to allow this level of disgusting mess to grace our roads ?

David Growns

A23 and A27. Dear Peter, Travelling out of Brighton is increasingly more depressing, it is like travelling through landfill! They have just mown the the sides whilst the litter is strewn everywhere leaving a bigger problem! It seems impossible to find contact details of those responsible for clearing it.

Rachel Bell

A3 this week. Well done! The A3 is an absolute disgrace! What idiot sends people to cut back vegetation before picking up rubbish! What starts out as one piece of rubbish ends up as a hundred. It seems that a great deal although not all comes from waste lorries who do not cover their loads properly. I am expecting visitors from abroad over Easter and am considering putting them off as I am so ashamed of the litter. I do pick up litter every day and would surely help at any litter pick if I knew where to go Help!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mary Ann Sutherland

A14 in Suffolk, Cambridge and Northamptonshire. Dear Peter, I travel the A14 from Bury St Edmunds to the M1 /M6 intersection and it is difficult to pinpoint which area is the worst. It really is quite depressing. The authorities should keep it clear but is there nothing that can be done to stop it at source?

Simon Guise

A3 Hampshire. Dear Peter, I am so depressed about the state of the verges along the **A3 between Havant and all the way up to (at least) Godalming**. The vegetation has been cut back and there is a huge amount of rubbish, this has now been present for weeks.

Sarah Bull

A14. Dear Peter, Disgusting to see the extent of litter along the dual carriage and in rest stops. It's a national disgrace, the laws are there why are they not applied. I have visited many countries in my 67 years but the UK has the biggest issue. Why not change the mentality starting with kids in school.

Neil SHARP

Litter on motorways and slip roads. Can something be done about the **motorways and slip ways around Newcastle**. In particular I have to drive to and from work down a corridor of litter and fly tipped debris on the Western Bypass (near the junctions for Scotland, Westerhope and Hexham). It's disgusting and some of it is of historic interest... A Texan I work with saw the litter recently and simply asked "How is this?". Thanks

Jeff Stephenson

A34 A30 A303. Dear Peter, I travel along the **A34 in Oxfordshire** in particular but everywhere seems to have this litter problem and it looks disgusting. Is there any plans that you know of to get this litter removed? It's obviously a nationwide problem, what can be done?

Pam Scanlan

Hi, I wish to send a message to the HA re litter on: **M1 between A406 to Jct 19 , M6 between Calthorpe to Jct 3.**

Paul Bartlett

Dear Peter, The **A34** west and south of Oxford is in a disgusting state re litter and so is the **A436** from Cheltenham to Oxford. Please can they be cleaned. Thank you.

Carole Thin

I don't know if you can do anything about this issue (I am not sure where to make a complaint), but the amount of Litter Roadside on: ***A322** (Starting From Bracknell to M3), ***Slip-roads between A322 and M3** (All Directions), **M3** (Between M25 and A322) & slip-roads Between **A3** and **M25** is shocking! Thanks

Eryk Pretkowski

Your campaign is really gaining momentum! I noticed that the **A303** and **M3** eastbound from the Salisbury roundabout (A36) verges were strewn with litter right up to the **M25** junction. \Keep up the good work.

Jonathan Burns

Litter on highway verges. It has been my misfortune recently to travel on the **A3/ M25/ M3** and the **Blackwater Valley Road Surrey** and various smaller roads around my area, I am appalled by the amount of litter that is visible on all of these verges is there no plan of action to clean

these verges up, I realise that on major roads there are a health safety issues to be considered , but surely these can be overcome to make some impact on street cleanliness?

Lynne Broome

Update. I've now contacted 3 MP's regarding roadside litter in **Dagenham, Thurrock and Guildford (A3)** and asked for this to be raised in the Commons. Here's hoping for some progress – the roundabout in Thurrock where the **M25 joins the A13 is now a landfill**. Beyond disgusting and a disgrace to the Highways Agency and the Government.

Adrian Brown

A322 Start from Bracknell to **M3**, Slip-roads between A322 and M3 (all directions) & also Slip roads between **A3** and **M25**. These are filthy, covered with litter!

Eryk Pretkowski

Keep up the good work! thanks. Particularly bad in my area of **Kent M2** before the Medway bridge Northbound, slip road by the Running Horse roundabout. Rubbish seems too big to be thrown from car windows. **Big lorries carrying recyclables, although poorly netted, seem to be a problem!!!**

Peter Hood

A14 Ipswich – Cambridge. Just to point out that the amount of rubbish along the A14 verge is quite disgusting. So much so that the overhead traffic display signs are telling people not to drop rubbish and to take it home. It is sad that this country is becoming such a tip and the government just doesn't seem to care.

June Nathan

Whatever happened to Keep Britain Tidy? Have recently returned from a trip up the **M5, M42, A42, M1** and could not believe the state of the verges and hard shoulders. The amount of rubbish was disgraceful. I have sent an email to Duncan Hames MP and mentioned your name. Am frankly embarrassed at the state the country is turning into. It is nearly as bad as the rubbish found in Egypt and Tunisia.

Sue Whitting

A1 between Peterborough and Doncaster. Dear Peter, We drove from Leeds to Cambridge last weekend and were appalled by the quantity of roadside litter on the non-motorway sections south of Doncaster to just north of Peterborough.

We make this journey every couple of months and feel the litter problem is far worse than previously.

Catherine Cowan

M6, M42, A14. Dear Peter, My journey from Worcestershire to Suffolk was blighted by the revolting amount of rubbish littering all the motorway verges. Is this the result of budget restrictions and cuts? Why can't something be done about it?

Sarah Howell

M1 J28 along **A38**. I could not believe the litter mess along this stretch of road it looks like a rubbish tip. Any idea what action is likely.

Roger Bale

A1 and **A46**. Dear Peter, having to travel regular on above roads stretch Rutland to Scotch Corner the. Litter situation has become extremely bad over last 2-3 years. Slip roads are involved as well . It appears that there has been to clean up at all for at least 2 years if not more.

Agnes Smith

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Dear Peter, The length of the **A40 & A449** between the end of the **M50 at Ross-on-Wye** and the Herefordshire/Monmouthshire boundary a mile north of Monmouth) is heavily & disgustingly littered throughout its length on both verges and the central reservation. It is a national disgrace.

Nick Kingsford

Dear Peter, I live near **Junction 11 of the M20** which is significantly affected litter during Operation Stack. All the roundabouts and roadsides of the M20 are significantly affected by litter. These are often the first areas that visitors see – looks depressing and can't encourage tourism.

Tim Odell

M4 from start in **London to Heathrow** is filthy all over the verges. I complained about this a few weeks ago and it has worsened. Major road welcoming visitors & investors to London – absolute disgrace. Huge build up of rubbish down the side of bridges that cross the motorway.

Louise Rothschild

Hello, I've noticed a ton of litter on the verges of the **A14**, especially near **Bury St Edmunds** and also going into the town, it is atrocious. Now that I have noticed it, I see it everywhere!

Luke Fowler

M50 and **A40** in Herefordshire. I took a trip yesterday from Birmingham to Ross on Wye and then on to Monmouth, through some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK. The litter along the **M50** and then the **A40** was appalling, ruining the tourist experience. Much worse than the M5. Why would this be?

Will Finn

The stretch of the **A10** between **Buntingford and Hertford** and the **A414 between Hertford and Hatfield** is absolutely littered with rubbish and debris, including the laybies. Particularly bad are the areas near the Ware Refuse Dump and the Hatfield Refuse Dump, which is due to the refuse vehicles not being covered by dense enough netting. The gullies on the **A10** between **Puckeridge and Hertford** never get cleared. The **A10** along the viaduct over

the **River Lea** is also in a disgusting state. It would be time to take Ringway to task as all these problems have accumulated since they have been made main Council contractors.

John Farnham

The Stretch of the **A299** from the Minster roundabout towards Ramsgate is a disaster area. Both sides of the road heavily littered.

Richard Davis

A303 between Basingstoke and Andover. Twice a week I travel down the **A303** from **Basingstoke to Andover** . It appals me as to the extreme amount of litter all the way down on both sides of the dual carriageway. I guess it's due to waste lorries with uncovered tops ! It is a bad reflection on our country , let's get it sorted !

Helen Mercer

Roads throughout Kent. I have tried in vain to contact both local authority/highways agency regarding the appalling state of litter/signage, only to receive the usual 'buck-passing'.

Derek Gilman

A47 at Acle, Norfolk. Is it possible to undertake a litter pick/collection along the **A47** verges at **Acle in Norfolk**.? The amount of litter is excessive. Much Appreciated

Richard Starling

Litter on **M/A27** and **A3M**. Good on you. Peter keep up the good work. Is there anything I can do to force/encourage the litter to be collected from the verges of the **A/M27** and **A3M** particularly around **Havant** in Hampshire? They have just cut back the verges and exposed the horrible litter along the roadside. Especially bad at and around the **A3M/A27 junction slip roads**. The non motorway/side roads which are the responsibility of the Local/County councils are in general quite clean and free from litter.

Anthony Penfold

UK is becoming the filthiest country in Western Europe. Peter, after a depressing few days of driving around the road network of Wiltshire after a holiday in France. Your website has given me some hope. The comparison with the relative cleanliness of the highway verges in France with ours is a national disgrace. However it is not just France but also includes Belguim and Holland from my visits there of late. Of particular concern to me are the areas of motorway junctions, as these seem never to be maintained at all. What impression this gives to visitors to the UK can only be negative to tourism and in the long term to the economy. I am a child of the sixties where the dropping of litter was frowned upon but that civic pride seems to not to be there with many people now. I will certainly be complaining to my local MP. All power to you and keep up the good work.

Andy Slade

Been around this junction and lived in the area for the past 72 years. Can you please advise why no agency is cleaning up and around the **Bredbury turn off J25**, the whole area is a disgrace, just wonder why the likes of you and me pay our taxes and have done for years?

Peter Milnes

On Sunday we travelled from North Wales to Manchester. The amount of litter that was present on the motorways, particularly around **Chester** and the **M60** made the journey incredibly depressing.

Paula Plant

Litter along **A404**, **A505** and **A10**. Keep up the good work! My wife and I were appalled at the litter that lines the length of the **A404**, **A505** and **A10** on our way from Berkshire to Cambridge last Sunday 22nd February 2015. It has always been bad, but now it seems worse than ever. It really spoiled what can and should be a beautiful journey.... Many thanks for being there for those who care.

Mike Buckland

M20 Cheriton to Dover. Absolutely vital work ~ well done. After the recent monumental delays on the channel tunnel services and the resulting 'operation stack' the M20 has been left with what can only be described as something resembling a third world rubbish tip in all laybys and all along the above stretch of the motorway.. This has to be the worst I have ever seen ~ anywhere

Yvonne Martin

Roadside litter and the impact on wildlife... **A14 surrounding Cambridge** – please help clear it! Dear Peter,The roadsides are scattered with litter and it saddens me greatly when I drive along the the A14. What is worse than the damage to the reputation of this area of the UK – which is known the world over! – is the harmful impact it has on wildlife....

Jody Deacon

Dear Peter, recently drove the **A14/A1 route from Ipswich to Newark** and was dismayed by amount of roadside litter along much of the way. I believe clearing this is the responsibility of councils rather than Highways Agency. Who would you recommend best to contact at local Who to contact? Thank you for your efforts in this area. I have just travelled on the **A1/M1 from Stamford north towards Newcastle**. There was an almost continuous trail of litter on the roadside and in the median. It was disgusting and embarrassing to see. I would like to know who I should contact in trying to get this improved.

Kay Tipsword

A162/M62 You are a lone voice in a sea of litter. The stretch of dual carriageway between **M62** and **A1** called **A162** is litter strewn all along. **M62** from **J31 to Manchester**, litter strewn on both carriageways.

Christine Ashby

A34. The amount of litter alongside the **A34** between the **M27** and the **M40** is appalling.

Ceri Vines

A27 and **A23** Litter. Dear Peter, thanks for all the effort you are putting in on the scourge of roadside litter. I have made regular journeys up the **A27** from east of **Brighton** and then north up the **A23**. The amount of roadside litter is staggering and seems to be getting worse, much of it I believe is from unsecured lorry loads as well as the usual fast food and plastic bottle debris. What an advert for Britain and what do visitors from abroad think of us when they see it.

Victoria Scott

Dear Peter, I have just returned from a trip to Yorkshire and am totally dismayed by the amount of litter throughout the country. It's not just the roads, it's everywhere. In complete contrast to a holiday in Slovenia last summer where I did not see a spot of litter all week..... Keep up the good work.

John Montgomery.

A3/A325 Chichester All power to your elbow Peter. The state of the verges on these roads is nothing short of a national disgrace. It seems to be far worse now than it has ever been. I am embarrassed about the message it gives out about our country....

Chris Dring

Dear Peter, I travel a lot by car around the country and whether I am in the North east on the **A19** or the **A27** on the south coast, the litter today on the country's A roads and motorways is atrocious. I lived for 14 years in Germany where you would struggle to spot a discarded can or bottle..... (Steve has come up with the idea that motorway litter picking crews could be sponsored. It would be a good way of projecting a company's as caring for the environment)

Steve Dennard

Paul Jeffries has sent this dash cam video of the **A34** (southbound) slip road at Barnes Hospital joining the **M56** at **J1** in **Cheadle** which he describes as strewn with litter.

Paul Jeffries

A38 in **Devon**. Keep up the good work.... but the increasing rubbish strewn the length of the **A38** is a disgrace. It is far too much to be the result of individuals throwing stuff out of car windows, and it is increasing at an alarming rate. I wonder if it is from waste transporters? ... It can't be allowed to deteriorate further ..Your campaigns to clear up other areas are just what we need down here.

Julie Cooper

Litter on roadside. Glad to find your website. I live in Dorchester, **Dorset** but regularly use the **A31** and **A35** eastwards. These roads, and many others in our area are littered so badly that it is a disgrace..... I have just bought a litter picker grabber and will tackle some areas myself but it is clearly too big a problem Whose responsibility is it to keep these roads clean. I have not

seen any litter picking teams for years. Have you got any tips of how to pressure the local authorities.

Joe Greenfield

Litter on Marlow By-Pass A404. How we applaud your time and hard in dealing with this awful problem. Its a depressing journey along the A404 to High Wycombe where the filth and litter is unbelievable. Over the last few months it has steadily got worse and nothing has been done. We have been in touch with the Highways Agency, how long does it take before they get their act together and make a stand???

Howard Baxter

A13/M25/M11. Hi. Recently had a lovely trip to London but am horrified about the millions of pieces of litter along the A13/M11/M25 from Stansted Airport. I was shocked to say the least. Although Dublin is by far from the cleanest City in Europe, the well maintained motorway verges were so much cleaner by a huge comparison. Come on London! You've a great city! I had a great time but that picture of litter strewn roadside vegetation is what I'm left with.

Frank Copeland

Hi Peter just wanted to say thanks for all of your hard work in raising the profile of this very important problem which seems to be getting worse with each passing year. **I didn't realise how filthy the sides of most of our roads are until I spent some time living abroad** where nothing like the same amount of rubbish is allowed to accumulate. I had such a shock on returning – the first thing I noticed on travelling from the airport was the huge drifts of litter along the sides of motorways and trunk roads. I just don't understand how people can litter in the first place and why the government obviously doesn't care to resolve this problem. I try to do my bit picking up litter however we have to rely upon the relevant bodies to clear busy and dangerous stretches which seems to be not very often at all!

Tom Parkinson

A13 and A12. I just wanted to say thanks Peter for all you do.... I have taken photos and videos of the A13 and have been emailing my local MP. I am awaiting feedback from him. Many thanks

Susan Burgess

Hi Peter, I'm so glad I came across your Website, and thanks for your hardwork. It's good to know we're not alone. I've been trying to get **Solihull Council** to address the awful litter situation for 11 years but it has just got worse and they are not remotely interested. We have submitted 100s of photos but they do nothing to address the situation. It now effects most of our streets. Some simply never get litter picked any more. Having found your Website we now have some hope. Can I please ask for advice regarding our next move ? Many thanks,

Paul

Litter on **A3** and **A31**. Please carry on with the hard work that you are doing. You are a great public servant. I have just emailed the Highways Agency about the A3 between Kingston and

Guildford and the **A31** between Guildford and Alton. I have never seen so much litter in my life. It is so ugly, a distraction to road users. Terrible for the environment and nature. I can't stand it any longer! Thank you for all your hard work and your very informative website.

Jo McGrory

Verge Litter -especially **A64**. Congratulations on a proactive campaign. Quite coincidentally, I contacted North Yorkshire Highways today about the state of the **A64** from the intersection of the A1 to the Malton By Pass. They informed me it was the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Your information from the City of York council appears to be at variance with this advice. What else can be done to clarify who is responsible and hold them accountable? What sanctions are available for non compliance? With thanks

G H Bell

[Local councils are responsible for cleaning A64. PS]

A14 litter. Totally agree with messages posted. The **A14** from M1/M6 to Cambridge is in a terrible state with regard to litter. The laybys are quite disgusting with overflowing bins and resemble rubbish tips. If I travelled on our roads from overseas I not sure what I would make of our behaviour – it is embarrassing.

Peter Wright

Roadside litter. The UK road system is rapidly descending into an utter disgrace. I hang my head in shame when I drive now. The **A406, A12, A13** plus dozens of others. The situation is beyond disgraceful and very sad indeed. Our government is a joke.

Robert Pickles

Litter strewn **A130**. Just discovered your Web site looks like you are doing an excellent job keep it up. I travel this stretch of road between the **A127** Fair Glen intersection and Sadlers Farm and as recently as 17th February 2015 the amount of litter on the verges was extremely bad and obviously it had not been cleaned for a long period of time. The lay by going south was filthy and didn't appear to have any litter bins at all. The last time I travelled the section between the **A127** and the **A12** going North this was also extremely bad but that was a few weeks ago.

Brian Fowle

Hi Peter, I am thoroughly intrigued by your site. Even more so of late as I am a recent 'eye-opened' to litter person..... My recent experiences have been with the **M55** to Blackpool and **M65**.

Teresa Newsome

Education. Thank you for all you are doing. Many years ago on the television we had public notices about the countryside, shutting farm gates, and not dropping litter. Could we not do that again? Also are children taught at school not to drop litter, and if not, why not?

Mary Williams

I am writing to express my concern at the considerable build up of litter on the **M1 & A64**, this issue is worsening on a daily basis. It so disgusting I feel compelled to bring it to the attention of someone. I travel on a weekly basis from York to London. Over the last year particularly, I have become increasingly appalled at the amount of litter building up on verges of the **A64**On certain parts of the **M1** in the areas of Sheffield, Midlands and Luton the verges & central reservation have become areas of blatant litter louting.....The litter is not being removedAt what point do local authorities decide to take action. Litter attracts more litter..... If cameras can pick up people speeding could the not pick up the number plate of guilty parties littering, followed by a hefty fine.

Mrs Janet Rudd

A14 litter.Disgusting, litter strewn **A14** – a horror!! Travelled along this eye-sore route from Catthorpe Interchange to Newmarket (and back!) on Sunday 15 Februarywe were shocked to see the enormous quantity of litter along the verges and hedges. Though rubbish bins ARE located in the parking lay-bys, the already filthy verges are obviously the dumping area of choice! It's a well documented fact that a litter covered area attracts even more litter.....action needed urgently!!

L Spicer

Please keep up the pressure ! Hi -I travel every day for work in **Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire** & I am continually amazed & depressed by the sheer volume of litter accumulating at the side of almost every road I drive down. The **A38** must be one of the most dirty roads in England . No one seems to clean anything up . I have taken to litter picking myself in our local area whilst out walking my dog, The rural roads are the most neglected I think – very sad.

Geoff Sargeant

Hi Peter, **A27** I am really pleased to find your site, thanks for doing this work. The **A27 in East Sussex** has become increasingly litter infested over the last few years. I would be interested in getting in touch with any others in the area wishing to take an action.

Kate Bowen

Litter on **A14** – It is 15th February, travelling along the **A14** towards Cambridge from the **M1**, I was appalled, disgraced and embarrassed as a UK resident with the amount of litter covering the lay-bys, the banks and all the wheelie bins, over flowing or blown over, it's disgusting...

Richard Green

Litter on the **A14**. The state of the **A14**, particularly the section in **Northamptonshire**, is terrible. The bins in the lay-bys are over flowing and there is a huge accumulation of rubbish alongside the road. The local authorities are responsible but are clearly not doing the job. This has been going on for years. Surely the Highways Agency should do something, if only to co-ordinate a response by the local authorities.

Pru Allington-Smith

Near J39 M1 Jan 2014

Robert McGeachie, after complaining about litter on the **M1 near Wakefield** received an e-mail from the Highways Agency's Area 12 (Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, York, Hull and Grimsby) contractor A-one+ to say "... we have been carrying out litter picking on a needs basis around the network. During January and February we have been concentrating on the M621 and M606.." This implies that there was no significant cleansing of their sections of the **M1, A1(M), M62, M180, M181 and M18** in the first 2 months of the year. They went on to say that ".. in the first two weeks in March we have programmed litter picking for the M1 from Junctions 33 to 39 and also to the M18 junctions 1 to 5"

Robert McGeachie

Hi Peter, well done for all your hard work and dedication. Regards

Ray Krystofiak

Brilliant work, Peter.

Jeff Yates,

The Litter-Free Guiseley Campaign, Leeds,

Peter, I have complained to Breckland Council about the amount of litter building up on Breckland's roads. The following are particularly bad: : the **A134 from Thetford to Mundford** the verges in both directions. The A1075 from the A11 roundabout to the Brettenham/Tesco road the verges in both directions are thick with litter. The whole length of the **Thetford A11 bypass** from the Sainsburys roundabout to the **A1075** roundabout the verges and central reservation is thick with litter. Also the B1107 up to the Suffolk border.

Stuart Clay

Dear Peter, I emailed a complaint about litter at the bottom end of the M11 between the M25 and the North Circular to the Highways Agency on 19th Jan. I said that there was a very bad build-up of rubbish on both the northbound and southbound verges and the central carriageway and that the problem was particularly bad northbound between the North Circular and M11 junction 5 (Loughton) on the verge and the central reservation, plus on both sides of the northbound slipway leading down to the M11 junction 5 turn off.

I was contacted not by the Agency but by their contractor whose work I had in effect been criticising. As of the 11th February it appears that nothing has been done to clean the locations I had identified.

Iain Ambler

Peter, the **A14 between J3 and the M11** is an absolute disgrace. The central reservations rarely seem to ever get cleared. East Northamptonshire Council have said they need to close the inside lane to carry out cleaning safely and need permission from the Highways Agency to do this. They told me on 11th Feb that the Agency will not give them permission until May. They also claim the Highways Agency are responsible for cleaning the central reservations not themselves.

Peter Martin

Well Done! A lot of litter on the A3 today.

Brian Aitchison

Peter, something has definitely changed in the last few months. It has never been this bad in the 25 years I've spent travelling, daily, around the UK. Today I did a run west along the M4 from Reading to Chieveley then north on the A34 to join the M40 – cross country on the A43 to the M1 – off at the M18 to the A1 and litter is continuous in a way that I have never witnessed before....

John Hunter.

There is a horrific amount of litter on the A13 at the moment at the junction with the M25 around Thurrock. This seems to have come about since the installation of the new average speed cameras. I would appreciate it if it could be reported to the relevant authority as with the prevailing wind it is disseminating over the countryside and looks like some sort of slum in a developing country. Thank you

Neil Hamp

@CleanHighways have you seen the M62 at the Yorkshire Moors and further, junctions are terrible @highwaysagency should be ashamed

Keiron Gordon

Keep up the good work. Hi – you're doing such important work – please keep going as the roadsides are an absolute disgrace. I've just emailed my local council (Guildford) about the A3 and also Thurrock (A13 near M25) and Dagenham (A13 sliproad) where the amount of rubbish is almost laughable and never ever touched. There's the usual bottles of urine with car parts, tyres, bags of God knows what and to top it off outside Asda in Dagenham there are several bin bags stuffed with overflowing rubbish that have sat there for 4 weeks – whilst just a foot away the car park is spotless. Incredible!!

Adrian Brown

Litter on A2 Faversham to Dover Docks. The build up of litter on this major road looks appalling . First impressions into Kent from Dover looks like and is an uncared for area. Since the upturn in UK economy more lorries are using the A2, more lorries parking every where in and around Dover leaving the verges churned up and dumping their rubbish and litter as they go. Who is responsible for cleaning the rubbish on this road , the place is filthy!!

Tim Gray

Hi Peter, Selby District Council's stretch of the A64 between Tadcaster and York. This video shows a typical verge: <http://youtu.be/6cDEf3ZbQrM> . This was taken in one of the lay-bys near Tadcaster. <http://youtu.be/MO5yXf2kmcE>

Sam Beattie

A2 between Faversham and Dover. Depressed by Litter. I had to go down the A2 from Brenley Roundabout to Dover today, and my wife and I were appalled at the vast amount of litter on the sides of the A2 in both directions, in particular the laybys. What a dreadful state our countryside is in, and what a terrible impression to give to visitors, many who drive from the Port of Dover.....why can't the Government.... clean up our countryside, and why cant we fine and more importantly enforce a law against dumping litter from Lorries, Vans etc. etc

John Agate

Dear Peter, Since the beginning of 2015 I have made numerous road trips using the A1 from the east of Leeds down to the M25. It is increasingly apparent that the accumulation of rubbish both by the side of the road and in the central reservation has increased and, in fact, there is hardly a break in such accumulations for mile upon mile.....I have travelled this route many times over a 20 year period and the evidence of neglect (highways funding issues?) seems to be increasing. From my subjective view it appears that no litter is being collected or has been collected since the beginning of 2015 and that this particular road is turning into one vast rubbish tip. [E-mail in full](#)

John Hunter.

Keep up the good work Peter. I was beginning to wonder if I was the only person in the country that is getting upset about the state of our roadsides, so to find your site and realise that other people feel the same as me is a great relief. I am an HGV driver and have noticed a massive increase in the amount of roadside litter in the last few years, I have also noticed that most of this litter comes from the ever increasing number of bulk waste vehicles that are badly loaded and incorrectly secured/sheeted. I have a dash cam fitted to my truck and have evidence of these vehicles spilling rubbish over the roads, is there anywhere on this site where this video and still evidence could be posted?

Dean Grice

[Extracts from e-mail to Highways England's contractor] Yesterday I travelled along the M60 clockwise from junction 2 to junction 15.... There was also a considerable amount of litter on the grass verges the slip road from the roundabout in Cheadle to the M60 (road A5601) also had a considerable amount of litter on the verges.

Michael Pease

M5/A30 I felt sad, angry and ashamed as I travelled along these two roads today. I joined the M5 near Bolham and exited at J31 onto the A30 going towards Whiddon Down. The roadside verges were strewn with litter. Not only the usual plastic drinks bottles, drinks cans and paper, but larger items – car tyres, a metal gate, large black sacks just dumped. Plastic bags were entangled in tree branches, fluttering in the breeze. It looked like a nomansland. What a disgrace.

Kathleen Moon

M40 M4 Hi Peter, As a huge fan (and small-scale litter picker) it gives me no pleasure at all to point out that – following the initial success of your campaign – things seem to be slipping on

the section of the M40 between Junction 3 and London which I travel most days. It has some way to go, though, before it rivals the mind-boggling litter build-up around Junction 6 of the M4 that I passed on a family outing to Windsor recently. Best wishes,

David Michael

As we turned off the M25 at junction 30 we were appalled at the filthy state of all the verges and the central barrier area... There was, what must be tonnes of litter of every description, both on all the verges and blowing in the trees.. I have spoken to someone who has informed me that there is a Veolia landfill site near Pitsea Marshes and he has witnessed lorries coming from London on the A13 not having any netting and all their rubbish flying everywhere...

Lesley Stradwick.

Peter, throughout January 2015 I have observed unacceptable accumulations of litter at the following locations:

M60 – All junction slip roads from J9 to J13 inclusive

M62 – Central reserve (particularly) between J6 and J13

M57 -Slip roads at Junction 2

Terry Dean FICE

Hi Peter, writing again as roadside litter is still a big problem here in Hampshire and getting worse..... councils do less litter picking. Traffic management is costly and disruptive but necessary for litter picking carried out on busy roads. Apparently this now means they will litter pick less often – but have not specified how often.... Fly tipping is also on the increase. Litter attracts litter. How do we stop people throwing stuff out of cars ? – Its crazy. Surely it's time for a serious anti- litter campaign and biodegradable packaging for fast food. I despair.

Mary Stubbs

Keep it up! I watched your video clip. You have restored my faith in humanity.

Elizabeth Haynes

Litter M6... Peter, can you please help me to find out how to make an online COMPLAINT (not enquiry!!!) regarding litter on the M6?

Arthur

M20 Junction 11 at Hythe. Hello – It was great to find this website through our local Transition website. Junction 11 on the M20 is in desperate need of attention due to the amount of rubbish, both on the main roundabout and surrounding roads leading to it. Any initiative that tries to address these blighted areas is most welcome

Tim Odell

A303/ A34 This morning I travelled from Basingstoke to Winchester along the A303 and A34. I was horrified at the amount of litter along the highway. It was endless mile after mile of rubbish.

Mike Stanford

Peter, ... I am horrified by the recent explosion in litter and fly-tipping round Iver, Denham, Farnham common and Beaconsfield. I have just written to the council asking why they are not addressing the littering issue and when they plan to clean these roads.

Bruce Whitmee

Litter on Kent verges. We spent last week up and down the roads to London from Tonbridge and were appalled at the amount of litter at the roadsides. Today we visited Scotney Castle in rural Kent and the problem in that direction was just as bad. There are carrier bags hanging in trees, drink cans and discarded food wrappers in the hedges EVERYWHERE. Kent used to be the Garden of England but has become a mess. Such an abuse of nature. We need a national campaign, adverts on TV, news features, awareness raised. I am so depressed about this. it is a national epidemic.

Pat Guy

Keep up the good work Peter. I have recently travelled the A3 from Portsmouth to London & the A27 from Chichester to Eastbourne .The grass verges on both were absolutely filthy. A great impression for any visitors to this country.

Sue Billingham

Dear Peter, Sad to see so much Litter all over the side hard shoulder of the Motorways.... it frustrates me and saddens me to see so much rubbish everywhere on the M4. It is getting worse and worse. I live in Maidenhead and every time i enter the Motorway i see the same rubbish that was dumped about 4 months ago.... We have a lot of overseas lorry drivers who take a break and throw all their lunch and cans on the hard shoulder or as they stop to join the motorway.....they should be prosecuted..... Thank you for doing this and all the best regards,

Ayesha Rahmani.

Dear Peter, Thank you for the excellent work you are doing on behalf of the many people, including myself, who are sickened by the large amounts of litter that are being left uncollected along the sides of so many of Britain's roads these days. Last weekend, I travelled northbound on the M1 from junctions 1 to 9. This is a route that I take regularly. As usual, I was dismayed by the chronically littered state of the grass verges on approximately 80 per cent of the route.

C M

Excellent work. Thank you for spearheading this Peter. I'm fed up of looking at litter. I'm fed up of the apathetic attitude of government and authorities. I've just tried to report litter on the M4 (critical road that welcomes investors and guests to the UK) and couldn't even find a page/contact info. I ended up emailing a general address. I don't understand why the problem

isn't being taken seriously and no one will take ownership. Like us all my time is limited but I'm happy to help you lobby, email etc.

Louise Rothschild

M4/M25 – Just discovered your web site. What a great campaign! I have just driven along the M4 from Bristol to the M25 junction and cannot believe how uniformly and heavily littered the east bound verge is. The worst roundabout for litter in my recent experience is the entry to South Mimms Services on the M25 north side...The impression our UK road infrastructure gives to visitors is truly appalling and it of course not just litter but poor road surfaces and road signs which are bent, broken, worn out, missing, filthy and unreadable.

Mike Everson

When I drove down the M67 from Denton to Stockport station on Monday it was incredibly filthy

Andrew Gwynne MP

Grand work Peter. Now the winter has revealed the horror further I shall be out with my camera again

Linda McGeachie

Roadside litter – keep up your excellent work. I am currently engaged with my local authority over litter in my village. The obstinate and condescending tactics I am encountering are dispiriting and frustrating but your work and website encourages me to persist. Keep up your excellent work.

John Roche

I am much encouraged by your lead on abatement orders.

Murrough Armstrong-MacDonnell

Brilliant stuff Peter. Keep up the good work. I drive a section of the A406 N Circular from Wanstead to Loughton regularly. This includes the Redbridge roundabout. Litter dreadful esp slip roads from A406 down to Redbridge roundabout.

Iain Ambler

Peter Silverman

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