

Clean up your act!

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Students and members of the Stoke High community are up to their knees in litter, however they admit that they have littered themselves.

Now a days far too many people drop their litter wherever they want, even if they are right next to a rubbish bin.

One of the shop assistants at Martins on Maidenhall Approach said “We have a lot of problems with the bins outside of our shops. It makes the appearance of our shop way too messy and uninviting. The problem is our bins our cheap and made of plastic so are easily a target to be vandalised and on several occasions set on fire”.

We also had a statement from the Co-op saying that there should be more bins around the area so people would notice them. Also they get a lot of people walk past the bin and just drop litter on the floor. The bins out side of the Co-op are sturdy and big therefore they won't blow over in the wind and aren't as likely to be set on fire. Yet still people drop litter.



In the school itself littering is a big issue. Mr Tankard, Head of PE admitted that littering is

a big issue for the PE department because it affects the lessons and puts people's safety at risk. He told us that “The bins should be much bigger and brighter”.

The bins in schools aren't always the most secure type of bin, even though they have bricks in the bottom to weigh them down, when the grass is n't level they still tip over.

The Caretaker said that “There are enough bins in school, it's just a fact that there aren't enough people using them. We spend about two hours a day picking up other people's litter”.

This litter is affecting the environment; A solution is needed.

There are many ways of tackling this situation.

This is an appalling situation and it should be solved as soon as possible. In school, students should be informed of the consequences more often. If you drop litter you will do 10 minutes of litter picking at the end of the school day.

Maybe that will help to solve the problem and save our caretakers a lot of valuable time.

