

## Removal of Riverside Litter Bin

The waste bin situated by the exit from the riverside footpath, on the East side of the B1029, was removed in June.

This action was taken due to the excess numbers of visitors to the river and the fact that this was constantly overflowed with varying forms of waste, loosely referred to as litter. It's presence was effectively a sign that said "dump anything here".

Research identified trials within some London Parks in association with Keep Britain Tidy (Wrap) and National Park policy aimed at the removal of litter bins. Results indicated degrees of success but some National Parks did remove all litter bins.

The bin, together with a dog bin, was removed and the result monitored over the summer period. CBC agreed to this trial and monitored the outcome. This did of course cause a lot of press interest together with a short interview on Radio Essex, various comments of support and objection also featured on Dedham Voice. Signage was put in place shortly after removal to encourage people to take their litter home. The results at the very start were not good, but as days went by things improved considerably until the main offenders were evening visitors holding drinking parties and dumping their bottles and barbecues as they left.

With the very high numbers of visitors this bin would undoubtedly have resulted in a very large pile of overflowing rubbish that even a large trolley bin would have had problems keeping up with. Bearing in mind that the bins in the car parks were left in place the removal of this one bin was effectively taking away the "dump your rubbish here" sign. Further more this bin is in Suffolk and should be their responsibility, overall the result was effective in management of the constantly overflowing and unsightly rubbish in that area.

Comments from CBC are.....

*I can confirm that once people got used to the bin being removed it did eliminate the fly tipping in this particular area.*

*With the amount of people visiting the area this year it was inevitable that all of the bins would be used to their full capacity, we doubled the amount of visits to empty bins over the summer period which proved a success although access was an issue on busy days. Due to the covid situation this year many people were looking for areas to visit and Dedham was a very popular choice. I hope that the local economy benefited from the surge of visitors.*

*Caroline Law*

On this basis the bin removal is judged to have been successful and it is not planned to replace this single bin.

Kevin Taylor  
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