

Email from a Parishioner– 26.03.2021

Dear Sir/Madam, I have been litter picking in my area of lyneham village, Tescos and takeaways to just by the church. Along the road towards the camp and opposite all the way down to Slessor Road. Then inside the hedge row from Slessor back to Preston Lane, down the road both sides of the school and along Pintail to the play area in the officers quarters. Another area I have been picking is Pintail field and the field the other side of the hedge to what I have been told doesn't belong to anybody and have no picked up approx 40 bags of rubbish. I feel that this is unhealthy for our population and especially the children and pets that use these areas, Is there anything that can be put out about the problem to everyone in the village? Also, below is a list of the main items I have been finding amongst this litter: a. Dog poo bags just thrown away anywhere and especially the hedge at the bottom on Pintail as it has been used lately as a pootree . Could we please have some more Dog bins/litter bins placed down Preston Lane, along the top of Pintail field and maybe one by the barriers at the bottom of Pintail that leads through the hedge to the field and onto Preston Lane opposite Victoria Drive. b. There has also been cases of owners letting their dogs poo on the inside of the hedge of the Officers quarters opposite the school and on Pintail field. They just don't seem to care. c. I have informed the Wiltshire Council about the smashed window in the bus shelter opposite the camp and as yet nothing has been done about it. This is also a place where a lot of fag ends and other litter has been placed. A lot of it I found behind the shelter and there is still quite a bit buried. Is there any possibility of a bin being placed there as well please? d. Virtually every day I FOD plod down the road towards the camp and up to the shops and, the main rubbish as always, appears to be smoking orientated. I wouldn't mind but, there are at least five bins from Tesco's to the camp gates. I am not saying all the rubbish is military but, I suggest the majority maybe as the are back and forth from that area. Is there a liaison between the Parish Council and the camp who could look into this please? e. The officers quarters as I am sure you are aware are used as a walk through from Slessor/Melsome and the officers quarters to the school and back and, for a quick route to the other estates. I feel that a lot of the rubbish being thrown might stop if bin was placed by both the crossing on Preston Lane opposite the school. f. I cleaned up the children's play in the middle of the officers quarters as best I could and found many bottles either whole or broken in the bushes. I also discovered a used military pyrotechnic in the hedge row by the fenced off circular children's play

area. I have handed this over to the camp guardroom for proper disposal. a couple of questions I would like to finish with is, do the shops own the land in front of their businesses and if so why are they not cleaning those areas as when I started litter picking there it was disgusting? If they do have responsibility for these areas could they be informed that it is there job please? And my second question is if the married quarters are the MOD's property, why are they not cleaning the mess up themselves? I hope I don't come over in a nasty way as I do not mean to be but, I as a lot of residents, including yourselves have lived in this wonderful village for quite a while now and it frustrates me to see the mess and irresponsibility of some people to bring this village down.

Email Response from the MOD – 26 March 2021

Many thanks for the email.

Last weekend when walking my dog I met Mr Holden whilst he was commendably collecting litter from the hedge rows. I introduced myself and also said thanks for the job he was doing. We have a Facebook page for the military families living in Lyneham (MOD Lyneham Military Families) where our Padre has kindly organised a 'litter picking wobble' from Mon 29 Mar to Fri 2 Apr 21 in an effort to collect the litter on the patch which has been made worse by recent winds. Our Regimental Sergeant Major is also aware of this matter.

The majority of our soldiers have now departed MOD Lyneham on leave for the next two weeks therefore please bear with me and I will endeavour to reply to you with a more formal script soonest.

I will also comment during our next parish council meeting if need be.

Email from a Parishioner 9 April 2021

- 1. Item 15 (replacement of flowerbeds next to the Bradenstoke notice boards) on the agenda: Will this impact the planned works on making the noticeboards accessible and the latest update on this?*
- 2. The Bradenstoke play park entrance – when are you looking at tarmacking the entrance again as the big potholes make this hard for the disabled and very young to enter the playpark (see previous*

pictures I've sent as park of old play park inspections). Also, no parking signs for the entrance to the playpark.

3. *Item 11 (to review and agree the programme for cleaning of the benches and play equipment) – I think this is a great idea to outsource this to maintain the council assets.*

Email from a Parishioner – 9 April 2021

To whom it may concern I am writing about the football pitch on Slessor field Lyneham

The goal areas have suffered from lots of erosion meaning that there is now a large rut in the goal areas this means that's between the goals is very hard to use because of the holes you have to be careful not to fall over meaning playing in a match there is very hard.

Referred to the MOD as they are the owners of the land