

## **Wombles Report 2025 to 2026**

Generally the Wombles of Barham and Claydon continue to litter pick in areas not covered by paid litter pickers. We have members living on Barham Green and around the Sorrell Horse and Sandy Lane areas. Anne regularly cleans up from Sandy Lane down to Wades Windows. Margaret covers the Crescent and Pesthouse Lane. Lawrence and Anne try to do Sandy Lane whenever possible.

A returning member, Jenny, recently did a mammoth clear up from the Sorrell Horse down to the woodyard collecting 6 bags of rubbish. An unknown person was recently seen litter picking near the Sorrell Horse and when Anne did her area this week it seemed as if someone had done that already. Who was this? However walking back on the non path side Anne collected another half bag of rubbish.

Members living near Claydon pharmacy have recently returned to litter picking wherever they see it, often in the main village which should be covered by paid people. Gill lives on the boundary of the two villages and picks wherever is needed. Several other members are working and pick up litter when they can.

We currently have 12 registered members.  
The council realm provide us with bags and pickers.  
We try to report any fly tipping.

The stretch from the Sorrell Horse to the Woodyard does get quite bad and needs doing more regularly. Between the Woodyard and Beacon Hill there is lots of litter but this area is Coddendam and we cannot manage that. The Suffolk Realm does clear it sometimes.

Many of us are in our seventies now and we cannot get down or up the banks easily so sometimes we have to leave litter there which is frustrating.

Perhaps we might be able to get some new younger volunteers from the new housing.

We recently had a members' catch up at the Friendly Fork down the Old Ipswich Road. It was most enjoyable and we hope to do it more often. This cafe is recommended.  
We will continue as long as we can.

Anne

