

Community association makes its neighbourhood spotless



Clean sweep: The Bell Tower Community Association team, (l-r) Catharine Morris (Minister, New Hope Community Church), Pat Short, David Neale (event organiser), Jackie Fountain, Sue Colliass, Teresa Colliass, and PCSOs Chloe Denny and Steve Morgan-Russell.

THE cheers were ringing out for members of the Bell Tower Community Association when they made a clean sweep of their neighbourhood and filled a giant skip full of rubbish.

The Community Tidy Up Day, covering an area off Reading's Caversham Road, even included some uncollected sandbags left over from the flooding.

It was the second annual clean-up day

staged by association, which takes its name from the famous bell tower at EP Collier School in York Road.

Association members helped residents clear junk from their front gardens and, with encouragement from police community support officers Chloe Denny and Steve Morgan-Russell, took only four hours to fill a 40 cubic metre skip with everything from mattresses and old furniture to fence panels.

Event organiser David Neale said: "The day was so successful last year we decided to make it annual. It's a great opportunity for people to clean their area and put unwanted items to use."

Nothing was wasted because the association was logged on to internet service www.freecycle.org/group/uk which operates a market for goods in decent condition. And even those sandbags found a home.