The blight on our lanes and countryside

There can't anything more offensive than 'casual litter' - plastic bottles and cans just thrown out of the car window for example which finishes up on the verge or in a hedge. But there is - fly tipping, where somebody just opens a car boot, trailer, van or even a lorry skip and deliberately picks a place, usually in beautiful countryside and tips the malign contents out, often in a difficult place to access and leaves it for somebody else to clean it up. Well that last statement in a nutshell is why people do this – but what kind of person is it that thinks that it is acceptable to despoil the landscape and environment in this way?

Sadly they do and of course eventually it is cleaned up by volunteers, private landowners or Wiltshire Council. We all pay for these misdemeanours in the long run.

Ansty, in common with all other parishes is no stranger to this kind of behaviour. Since the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, litter on our lanes and in the countryside seems to have got worse. There is no excuse for any of it and while some culprits are undoubtedly 'locals', other perpetrators come from much further away.

Recently our byway section on top of the Downs and the foot of the road hill from Ansty to Alvediston has been visited by this litter menace. Again!

Nearby where the by-way crosses the Alvediston road a whole load of corrugated fibre cement roofing had been dumped on private land just inside the Alvediston parish boundary. Or it could be asbestos. Who knows? Only the person doing their renovations knows and now it will be someone else's problem.

Remnants of a TV bracket and other rubbish spotted on the by-way above Ansty Down

A large plastic can full of liquid. It could be water but equally it could be toxic glyphosate. Who knows? Found on verge of the byway above Ansty Down

Four or five plastic bags of rubbish just tossed over a hedge and down on to slopes off the hill side road on the way from Ansty to Alvediston

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