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Report Number	20250512
Committee	Chalvington with Ripe Annual Parish Meeting
Agenda Item Number	4a
Title	<b>Litter Watch Group Annual Report 2025</b>
Meeting Date	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Completed By	Brian Hill
Purpose Of Report	To provide a summary to the Council of the litter collection 24/25
Action	To consider the report and move on the motion below
Recommendation	To note the contents of the report

This year marks our 21st year of picking litter from our lanes and verges. Some 26 families regularly patrol with litter pickers and plastic bags at the ready. It is interesting that the large majority of this group have been picking regularly since our inception in 2004! Heaven knows how many bags of rubbish have been collected over that period, but a rough estimate suggests we pick up at least 300 bags a year, which translates into around 6000 over the time we've been working.

The staple rubbish is still beer cans, wine bottles (whose quality fluctuates with the seasons), crisp packets, sandwich wrappings, costa coffee cups, Kleenex tissues and cigarette packing). Not infrequently more challenging rubbish appears. Dog poo in black bags embellishing the hawthorn blossom, king-size mattresses, full catheters, flowery underwear and other detritus hinting at lovers' trysts.

Your Litter Watch Group has vowed to carry on as long as we are needed, so, if you notice us on the job, give us a cheery wave or beep your horn. Finally, a word of praise for Wealden council who have helped with the provision of equipment and whose fly-tipping collection team is always prompt and efficient.  
Brian Hill (convenor)