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GUIDING US TO A CLEANER TOWN

The world is a big place and the cleaner it is for everyone the better.

That's the message from the 20th Harrogate Christ Church Guides who have organised a litter pick as their contribution to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Big 2004 Walk for the World

“The worldwide fundraising event must be done on your feet whilst contributing to the local community” said Louise Scott, Assistant Guider. “So what better way to achieve the aims than to organise a litter pick around The Stray in Harrogate, which combines a walk in the fresh air with a real positive focus on improving the world around us.”

The Girl Guides, who meet from 7pm – 8.45pm every Tuesday in term time at Christ Church on The Stray, are one of many groups cleaning up the local area. So far this year, Harrogate Borough Council has been involved in organising 40 litter picks throughout the district. But many more informal ones by groups such as the Brownies and Guides are taking place all the time, which can mean only one thing - that this little corner of the world will be a cleaner place to take a walk in the future.

Community litter groups are having an effect on littering and a planned litter pick for Beckwithshaw has been cancelled because there isn't enough litter to warrant the local litter pickers coming out. Beckwithshaw has litter free hedgerows.

Photo opportunity: 7.00 pm Tuesday 11 May at Christchurch, Harrogate, the Girl Guides will set off on their evening's litter pick with Sue Wood, Community Liaison Officer from Harrogate Borough Council.

Further information: Robin Derry, Environmental Technician in the Street Cleansing Dept at Harrogate Borough Council 556649. Louise Scott, Assistant Guider at the 20th Harrogate Christchurch Guides 540472.

Information for Editors: Harrogate Borough Council has been involved in Litter Awareness Week for a number of years but helps organise litter picks around the district all year round. The litter picks are increasing every year from 7 in 2000 to 40 so far in 2004.

The Big 2004 Walk for the World is a worldwide fundraising event that will help the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) reach some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable girls and young women. WAGGGS is the largest organisation for girls and young women in the world with 10 million members in 144 countries working in some of the world's less-developed regions as well as in the UK.