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DELVZ YOUTH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Youngsters along with local community hero and crime fighting ambassador, Julie Rafiq from the Delves estate, part of WATMOS Community Homes, helped clean up their streets by organising a community litter pick during half term.

Julie became the community crime ambassador for her estate after completing a Home Office training programme earlier this year which helped her gain skills and knowledge to help create stronger links between the Police and her own community.

A grant for £1000 to help fund a youth project to decrease levels of crime in the area was awarded through the Justice Seen Justice Done programme and with help from Delves youngsters, their Community Police Officers and local councillor, Mohammed Nazir, the money has been used to support their cleaner estate programme.

Julie said; "If residents get involved in keeping their estates clean it helps to build a respect for where they live and in turn helps lower levels of crime in the area. I hope this programme with the youths helps begin this ethos".

The community litter pick also coincides with waste skips being located in various areas in the Delves where residents can dispose of their rubbish free of charge, getting the whole community involved in this programme.

Councillor Nazir commented; "This is excellent work and a good initiative within the local community. Julie and Delves TMO have worked hard in the local community to ensure residents respect their surroundings and live in clean, tidy and vibrant communities. Well done to everyone involved including all of the children involved in this initiative, keep up the good work!"



Pictured are Julie Rafiq (centre) with Cllr Nazir and Estate Director Pat Clayton. The rest of the group are; Annmarie Etchells, Angela Matthews, Sadie Nicholls, Philomena Loveridge, Charlie Etchells, Joshua Buckler, Shakeel Rafiq, Daniel Parsons, Kyle Butler, Katie Webster, Kelsey Matthews, Ewan Nicholls, Jake Nicholls and Nicholas Read.