

My name is Jean Barbour, Secretary of TABS. We hold meetings approximately every three months plus the Annual General Meeting in May for which I prepare all the necessary documents.

I liaise with the Parish Clerk regarding matters in the village which the Committee considers need attention or I often report such matters direct to Harborough District Council or Leicestershire County Council as appropriate. It is increasingly difficult to communicate with people personally at HDC and LCC with everything having to go through the channels of Customer Services although there are some very helpful staff at both Councils who do arrange to get things done although it can take some time to achieve the end result.

Litter and fly-tipping are my two main grouses so, as a way of promoting TABS' aim to protect the environment, I go out litter-picking, usually twice a week, which is a small effort compared to some other very industrious "Wombles" in the village.

Regrettably, not many weeks go by without my reporting fly-tipping and, from the reference number given by HDC to each individual report, I can see how many reports they receive and it is evident just what a huge problem this is in the district.

Also, in connection with the environment, from time to time, Judith (our Chair), and I meet up with a very hard-working resident at Manor Field Pond where we cut back vegetation and plant bulbs and plants.

To sum up, my role is very varied and I enjoy it.