

Good Neighbours  
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Local fishing club, Cressbrook & Litton Flyfishers, which controls the fishing on the River Wye from Blackwell to Ashford, has been lending a hand to its neighbours in Millers Dale and Litton Mill in their attempt to keep the river and its banks free from litter.

The problem of rubbish finding its way into one of the country's finest trout streams has become an increasing problem in recent years. Head Keeper, Steve Moores, together with his colleagues Dave Percival and Chris Dore, identified the stretch of river alongside the A6 below Buxton as the source of much of the litter that was making its way downstream after recent high water.

Over the past few weeks, members of the Cressbrook & Litton and Buxton Flyfishers Clubs have joined local residents in the back – breaking work of removing traffic cones, supermarket trolleys, tyres and literally thousands of plastic items, including hypodermic syringes.

Head Keeper Steve Moores said “ It's a great shame that people are so thoughtless when throwing away their rubbish. Not only does litter blight this beautiful stretch of river, it also endangers wildlife and the general public. None of the local authorities seem inclined to help, so we've had no option but to deal with the problem ourselves”.

Readers wishing to do something about litter in their own locality should visit the newly formed website [www.peopleclearinglitter.co.uk](http://www.peopleclearinglitter.co.uk) to see what other communities are doing about this problem.

*\* Cressbrook & Litton Flyfishers Club is offering day ticket fly fishing on part of their water in Monsal Dale. If you would like to find out more, contact Steve Moores on 01298 871676.*