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LSRA AGM MARCH 2024 Chair's Report

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It was another busy and successful year for LSRA.

We've got a great team of people working together to get things done. Thanks to all. Our efforts were recognised by Manchester CC and we were invited to meet the Mayor in the Lord Mayor's Suite, to thank us for all our work. Our Vice-chair, Ruby, and one of our Innovations Officers, Alisha, represented us.

We held 17 litter picks last year, adding some more at the end of the summer. We have a core of devoted attendees, but attendance remains low. Unfortunately, rubbish continues to be a dominant topic in our area, especially in the entries at the Stockport Road end of Mayford Rd, Balleratt St and Portville Road. The communal bins have been removed, and people were given individual bins, but this has not solved the problem of people dumping their rubbish. A camera was put up at the Stockport Road end of Mayford Rd, and local residents have been seen dumping rubbish in the entry, which has been addressed. We continue to work with the Councillors and the Council to look at what can be done to stop this.

Our highlight was Lev Square Fest 2023, held in Cuthbert Ave again. This involves lots of hard work behind the scenes and on the day by volunteers to ensure it runs smoothly. We were lucky that the predicted rain held off until half an hour before we were due to finish. Thanks to all the volunteers, as well as those who supported us with equipment and donations/grants. It was attended by about 250 people, and we were able to continue to provide everything for free thanks to a NIF grant from Manchester Council and a generous donation from Great Places Housing.

For the future, we're planning for Lev Square Fest 2024, we've registered for the Great British Spring Clean where we have pledged to collect 12 bags of rubbish on our litter pick on 23rd March.

We'd love more people to be involved - we're a friendly group and work as a

team, everyone is welcome.

Debbie Burton

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