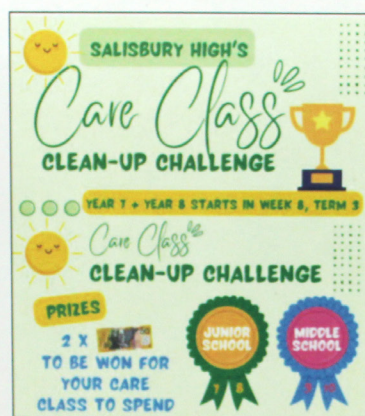


I decided to do a project around cleaning up rubbish as I see how much there is in my local community, I know that it is extremely bad for the environment and the native fauna. This year I have worked with my school to get the students involved in cleaning up rubbish. Also, later this year I am hoping to do a community clean up at my local river.



## LITTLE PARA RIVER CATCHMENT CLEAN-UP



CLASS CLEAN-UP POSTER

LITTLE PARR

In early December I along with some friends decided to be cleaning rubbish from the Little Para River in Salisbury. I decided to choose the Little Para River to collect rubbish as I walk past quite often and I can see how polluted it is. To be able to do the clean-up I got in contact with an environmental officer from Salisbury Council and asked for resources like tongs, bags and rubbish disposal as well as access to have a trailer on the clean-up site. I choose to do the clean-up in December as the temperature will be warmer it will mean that there will be less water in the river, making it safer than if there was water as well as possibly uncovering rubbish that would otherwise be unseen.



## Cara - Little Para River Catchment Clean-Up

### What was your goal?

I wanted to achieve a school and community cleanup.

### What did you achieve?

At School, me and my school's student action team created a care class clean-up throughout this term and hopefully it will lead into next year.

### Who did you work with?

The school Student Action Team and a few teachers including Maria Blackmore.

### What did you find challenging?

Getting it started there were quite a few challenges along the way. We faced quite a bit of conflict trying to work out how we would get students involved and just get everyone on the same page. I learnt that people have different views but from each of those views you can get really good information and solutions. We mainly worked around the challenges by a lot of compromise.

### How have you shared your work?

We've done a lot of flyers and posters around the school and up on the school website and then sharing today at the YEC Celebration Forum.

### What did you enjoy most?

Definitely coming to YEC, meeting a lot of new people with similar interests and just making and finding a new community.

### Next steps?

I'm hoping to do a community cleanup later this year involving friends & family and the school cleanup will hopefully lead into next year.

### Your advice to other students?

I would probably say to go and find people you can rely on and ask their advice. You could talk to your local Council too.

*This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Cara's words and opinions.*