



# The Preston Trust

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## Spring's Sprung

Finally, Spring seems to have sprung with the annual wonderful display of daffodils, soon to be followed by bluebells in this beautiful village which we are privileged to live in. The Preston Trust has been active since organising the Christmas Tree lights switch on, so please read on to find out more...

### Web Sight

No, not a typo, we launched the new Preston village website in January which is truly a stunning sight! The site not only includes wonderful photos, it's easy to navigate and has plenty of useful information such as key organisations, what's on, puzzles, and even what colour bins are due to go out this week (saves you looking at your neighbours' bins to find out!). So please bookmark and regularly visit

<http://www.prestonvillageherts.com>

### Waste Deep

Many thanks to those of you who were able to come along to the litter pick on 17th March. Despite the icy conditions, we had a great turnout to make our village look great again. We established a new link with

NHDC who provided litter pickers, rubbish bags, and crucially agreed to pick up all the large items we found in the woods in Back Lane. The litter pick highlighted the need to do a second intensive clear-up in Church Meadow and Sootfield Green which happened on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Again, we collected such a large amount that Veolia came to collect it – see the “waste/waist deep” picture below.

### Dancing Boots

As you will have seen via the Preston News Service (which The Trust runs), instead of Village Day this year, we are considering putting on a barn dance in the Autumn which will be at a time that all ages can attend, so please do let us know if you would be interested so that we can decide whether to go ahead or not.

### Vicars Grove

As you may know, yet another application has been made to extend and expand the use of Vicars Grove as a waste disposal site, contrary to the original approval to return this Green Belt land to agricultural use by September 2016. The Trust has objected to the plans and is yet again

pressing Herts council to enforce site restoration which will benefit the village by removing the noise, air, light pollution, and HGVs which blight the surrounding area.

### AGM

The Preston Trust's Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30am in the Village Hall. The Trust exists to enhance and preserve Preston for the benefit of all villagers, so there will be space for you to contribute any comments or ideas you may have. The Chairman and Treasurer are stepping down, but new people have been nominated, so please come and vote!

Thanks for reading,  
*Richard Coles (Chairman)*



Haul from Sootfield Green