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Kids clean Milton Keynes' canal for Sewa Day

Nine children and their helpers joined us to take part in a towpath clean-up along a two-mile stretch of the Grand Union Canal yesterday (Sunday 5 October).



Sewa Day, Grand Union Canal

The volunteers, from Hindu Youth Group MK, were taking part in Sewa Day, which is an international movement embedded in Indian tradition that involves acts of kindness performed selflessly and without ulterior motive.

The children met at Giffard Park in Milton Keynes and spent 3½ hours clearing cans, bottles, plastic bags and other litter from the canal towpath. In total they collected 22 bags of rubbish, which we took away for recycling.

Fun for the kids

Vinod Mistry, from Hindi Youth Group MK, comments: "I can speak on behalf of the whole group and convey that a fantastic time was had by all. Thanks to the Canal & River Trust for all the interesting facts about the canal and making the experience fun for the kids. It is great to see such commitment to the Sewa Day project."

John Highmore, volunteer co-ordinator for the Canal & River Trust, said: "We supplied the black bags and litter-picker but the volunteers did all the rest. The canal is a haven for wildlife and a place for people to get away from it all, so it's important to keep it tidy. The kids did a fantastic job and can be really proud of what they achieved. A nicer group you could not hope to meet. It was great spending the day with them and a privilege to be part of the Sewa Day initiative."