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Responses to the request for information on street cleansing

Parish	Grant 2015/16	Consultation response
Aston Rowant	£447.65	Aston Rowant Parish Council use their payment for street cleansing in the following ways:
		Employment of a 'Litter Picker' who is paid a set amount each month
		Weed Control
		Leaf Blowing (path between Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant)
		The total expenditure is £804.72
		In addition to the above, we also employ the services of Biffa on an ad hoc basis for which there is no charge and have two volunteers that quite often litter pick along the main roads
Chalgrove	£881.78	The Chalgrove current street cleaning costs are:
		Seven hours per week, undertaken by our Groundsman
		One major litter pick per week, undertaken by Scout Leaders and members
		The total expenditure is £3,575
Checkendon	£161.12	Checkendon parish Council employs a local village based contractor for the work undertaken regarding street cleansing
		The work he undertakes on behalf of the parish council exceeds the payment of £157.34 (2014/15) paid to the Checkendon
		Work is undertaken as and when required particularly in autumn when leaf clearance in a rural village becomes a major issue. He acts throughout the village and responds with almost immediate effect far quicker than a Biffa request
Chinnor	£5,015.09	The SODC grant towards street cleansing is put towards the cost of employing a full time worker. The worker is provided with the necessary equipment to complete the work and a vehicle is also provided in order to ensure that everywhere within our parish boundary gets covered

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		The council has set a schedule that ensures that every road is serviced at least once every two weeks. Highly accessed areas like the shops, church, recreation fields and play areas receive daily attention. If necessary the public bins on the kerbside are also emptied in between the weekly visit from your team. The employee can also be deployed on a needs basis to deal with matters requiring urgent attention The following is the litter/street cleaning budget for 2014/15 salaries £20,655 fuel £1,500 vehicle costs £500 dog bins £800 skip hire £750
Goring	£5,278.14	In reply to your letter dated 21st August I would advise that Goring employ a contractor to carry out street clearing of the centre of the village and the park areas This is carried out on a weekly basis. Goring has 3 park areas. In addition to this other roads are attended should the need arise
Ipsden	£420.43	The cost last year amounted to £12,023 An Ipsden resident is paid by the parish council to remove litter from Ipsden's roads and verges He is paid £30 per month for clearing set roads on a regular basis. In addition, he clears litter from other areas by request from the parish council for which he is paid
Sonning Common	£3,146.24	The parish council employs a street cleaner. He works for 16 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, less annual leave. He is paid a gross annual salary of £7,488. On top of this the parish council pays employer's national insurance
Stoke Row	£310.74	As you can imagine the small sum of £303.46 (2014/15) does not buy much in the way of street cleaning and it is a sum that Stoke Row subsidises both in financial terms and with volunteers to keep their parish clean. We employ a local person who regularly litter picks along the length of Stoke Row on a weekly basis. This results in a largely litter free parish which as a tourist destination with the Maharajah's Well feel it is essential to keep up the appearance of the area. Twice a year volunteers

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		blitz the area outside the curtilages of the paved areas and this results in a considerable amount of rubbish being collected. Stoke Row Parish Council consider that the litter picker provides a service that Biffa would not undertake on a regular basis for the small cost
		given by SODC and who would not respond to any requests so quickly and efficiently.
Watlington	£5,816.86	Watlington Parish Council employs a Watlington Town caretaker full time and your street cleansing grant pays for the hours to keep the town streets clean and tidy
		The Streets are swept and cleaned daily, the bins emptied and weeds on the kerb lines pulled out. The main town centre is also cleaned and swept etc. on Saturday and Sunday also
		The caretaker spends about 2.5 hours a day on street cleansing and about one hour on weekend days. The annual cost that WPC spend on street cleansing is in the region of £6,200. However if there is any problem on any street in Watlington our caretaker will go and sort out any issues
TOTAL	£21,478.05	