

# THIS WEEK IN “LITTERLAND”

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## Fake cemetery deters littering in man's yard

His large, corner lot marred by litter and trespassers, a Houston homeowner found his winning strategy. He purchased three flawed tombstones from a local monument maker, installed a wrought iron fence and created a fake mini-cemetery on his property, complete with earth mounded like graves near the street. His neighbors say the lot stays clean although one local quipped to ABC News that the man “needs counseling.”

### UK surfer rides wave of disgust over rubbish

A holiday at the beach is no picnic for surfer Carl Walsh, of Scarborough, UK, who's pushing for town litter wardens after seeing visitors spoil the seascape by littering the beach during the recent Bank Holiday.

## GUERNSEY ‘GETS IT’, GLOUCESTER TOO!

Plainclothes police will be ticketing smokers in Guernsey (photo, below) and in Gloucester folks are taking to Twitter to report litter.



PHOTO: TOM TARDIF, THISISGUERNSEY.COM

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Canadian Plastic Industry Association issued a news release May 15 noting that 53% of Canadians now have access to recycling all plastic food and beverage containers and 95% of Canadians have access to recycling PET and HDPE plastic bottles. Find the report at [www.plastics.ca](http://www.plastics.ca).

## Plastic litter up, says survey of 12 UK beaches

A report by the UK Marine Conservation Society shows a doubling of cigarette butt litter in 2012, a 90% increase in cigarette lighters and packets, 75 beverage bottles per every thousand yards of beach, and growing litter volumes, almost two-thirds of it plastic. But in northwest UK, litter declined by 60% per km.

**Denmark in denial.** Copenhagen, known for its progressive waste ways, axed its 2012 trial of cup receptacles affixed to waste bins, called “Test Tubes”, below left. The city says it doesn't have a cup litter problem (right), but tube creator, litter activist, Sandra Høj says the devices were effective and popular. “People ‘get it’ right away,” she says.



PHOTOS: SANDRA HØJ

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS MAY 12 – 19)

Some of what made our News Reel this week  
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### Eyes on Amman, Jordan (12/5)

A campaign, “Amman Baituna” (Amman is our home), combining cameras and leak-proof litter bags for motorists, led to 56,000 littering violations from vehicles in 2012 and 14,800 in the first quarter of 2013. Some 100,000 trash bags made of recyclable materials, bearing ‘stop littering’ messages and informing of fines under the law, were handed out at government kiosks, at intersections and congested traffic lights, parks and bus stations. Cameras have been on watch since 2007.

### Filipino plea for litter-free election (13/5)

Ramon Paje, environment boss of the Philippines, asked candidates and voters alike to make the country’s mid-term elections litter-free and clean up the day after. “It is about time we change the face of Philippine politics with clean elections defined not only by an intelligent electorate but a trash-free one as well,” he said.

### Monaghan mayor launches gum litter campaign (13/5)

A 28 per cent reduction in one year has spurred Monaghan, Ireland to stick to it. Ireland’s Gum Litter Task Force campaigns are credited for growing awareness that has 92 per cent of citizens now regarding gum as litter and fines in place to tackle infractions.