

## Being environmentally conscious and socially aware

With our lives returning to normal, I attended a conference recently which I tend to annually. The main thread of the conference focused on how the world of fund management was becoming more environmentally conscious and socially aware. As many of us are also.

There were many interesting threads discussed. Whether it be in respect of the wider use of renewable energy, reducing the use of single use plastics or companies treating their employees fairly and with humility.

Of course, this is something that we all aspire to. We're all making the changes to our everyday lives in ways that allow us to make our contribution to sustainability, both physically and psychologically.

That said, my view is that community must form a central part of this as well. Particularly locally. But it's evident that this may not be the case in so many walks of day to day life.

An example is that the same weekend following my conference, I found myself clearing the litter in the main road near to the Close where I live.



is to why people aren't looking after their local areas and doing the same as me.

The bag I collected comprised of disposable coffee cups, beer bottles, fizzy drink cans and fast food packaging. Oh and the odd dog waste bag also. All collected in no more than a quarter of a mile stretch.

It was utterly disgusting and very annoying and I suspect I'll be doing the same again this weekend too.

So much for people being environmentally conscious, community minded and pulling together.

Yes, it happens everywhere. But what I can't understand

Thanks for reading.

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