

## **Litter bugged**

I must take Andrew McCulloch to task for his letter (spring, p9) about Bill Bryson's campaign as president of the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) to clean up litter. This 'trivial and twee issue' costs local councils in England alone £780 million annually to clean up. (See our website [www.litteraction.org.uk](http://www.litteraction.org.uk) for further enlightenment about voluntary litter picking action around England.) Even here in our relatively unspoilt rural Shropshire, the detritus of 'winter litter' along the roadsides will be costing taxpayers a great deal to clean up as the tourist season gets under way. We have many voluntary litter-picking groups who keep our town and open spaces clean.

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