

# Litter and the Environment

The Messy Magpie

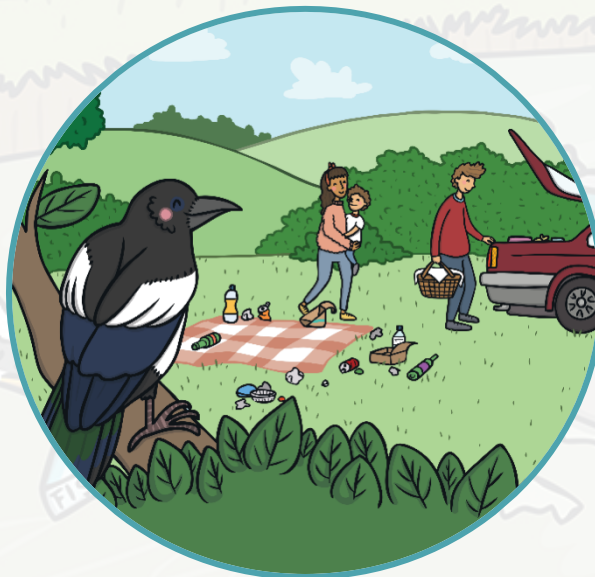


# What Is Litter?

Litter is rubbish that has not been put in a bin.



Litter might have been dropped by accident or left by someone who didn't think carefully about putting it in the bin.





# Why Is Litter Bad?

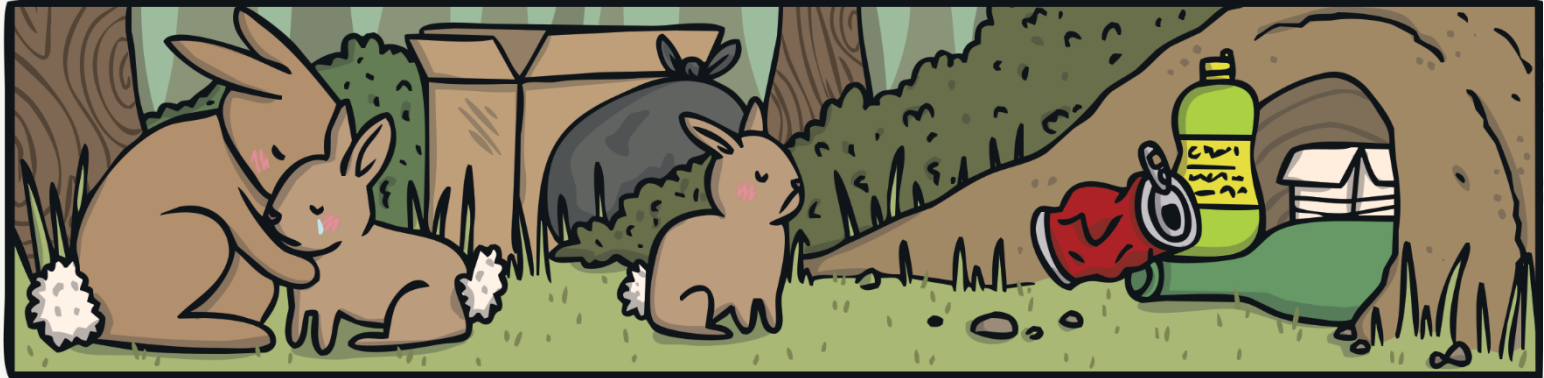
Litter is bad for  
our world.



It doesn't look very  
nice and it can be  
very harmful to  
humans, animals and  
the environment.

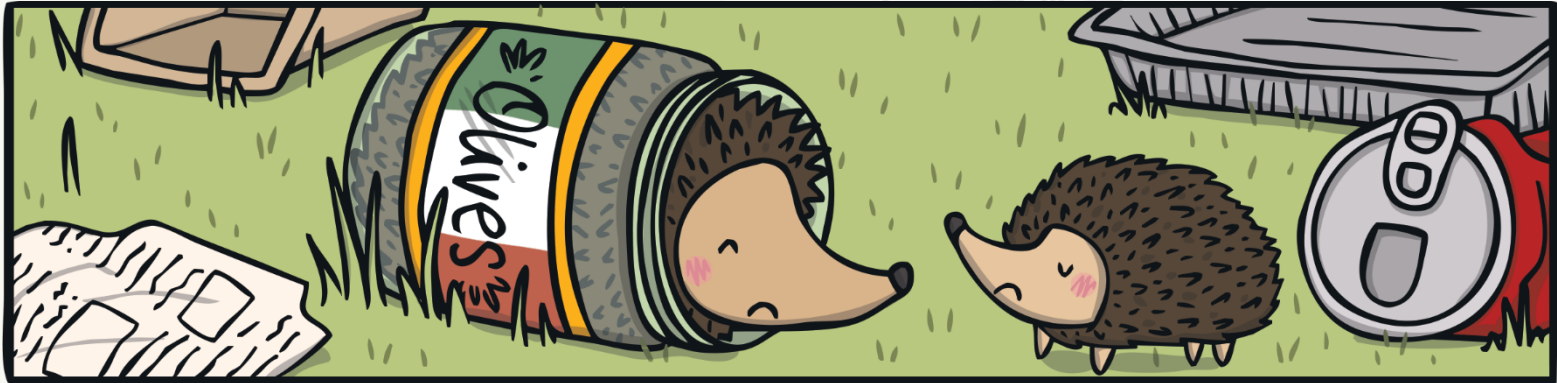


# How Is Litter Affecting the Rabbits?



The litter has blocked the rabbits' burrow. They have nowhere to live!

# How Is Litter Affecting the Hedgehogs?

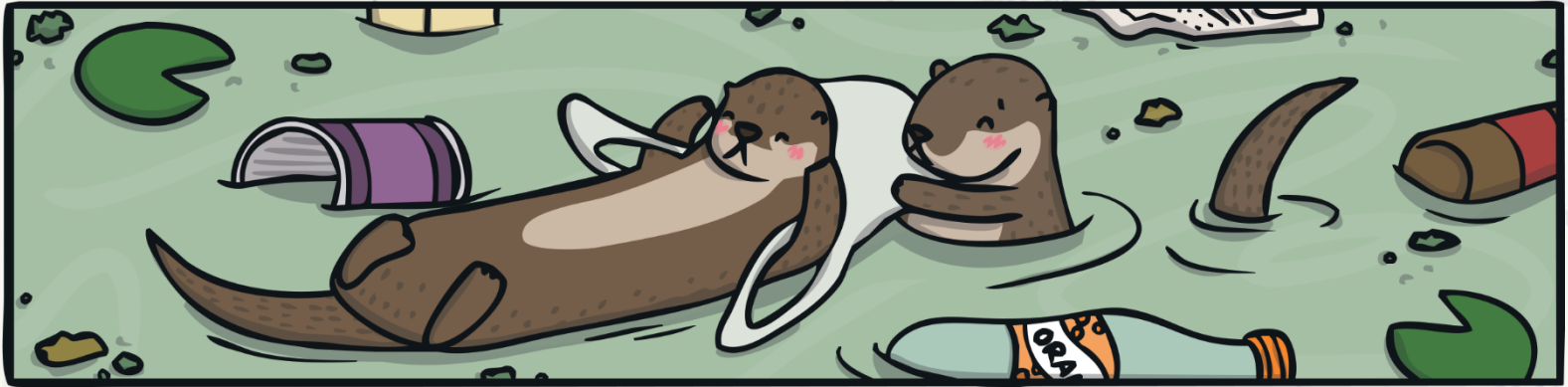


The hedgehog has got stuck in the glass jar. He won't be able to move and find food!



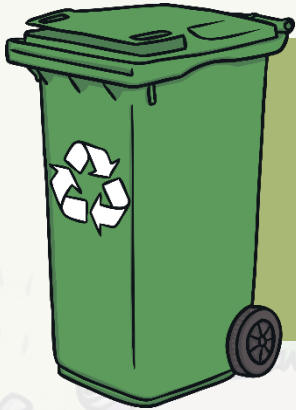


# How Is Litter Affecting the Otters?



The otter is caught in the plastic bag. The litter is also blocking up the river.

# How Can You Help?



Make sure you recycle as much rubbish as you can.

If rubbish cannot be recycled, make sure you put it carefully into a rubbish bin.

Try to follow these steps to stop animals getting hurt from different types of rubbish:

- Cut up rubbish like balloons and plastic drinks holders before throwing them away.
- Crush cans and tins before recycling them.
- Tie up the handles of plastic bags before recycling them.



# How Can You Help?

You could also help to make other people aware of the dangers of dropping litter.

- Make posters to put up in your window or at school.
- Talk to people at home about how important it is to recycle and throw rubbish away carefully.
- You could even start a litter-picking club to keep your street, community and school environment free from litter. (Only when it is safe to do so after COVID-19 or with plastic gloves and litter pickers!)







