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In support of the nationwide Tidy Towns project, volunteers got their hands dirty as they set about restoring a local beauty spot.

The volunteers spent last Friday removing litter from the Marros beach. Among some of the discarded items found were car parts, tyres and children's play equipment. Like many beaches though, the main type of litter encountered was plastic. Over 100 bags of litter was removed during the day.

The cleanup was a joint effort between Keep Wales Tidy, Carmarthenshire County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Ysgol Dyffyn Taf.

Keep Wales Tidy's project officer for Carmarthenshire, Daniel Snaith commented, "The effort made by those attending was phenomenal when you consider that there were about 20 people there during the day. Marros beach is very secluded and has access issues, so when we had the chance to clean it up, we took it. It would seem that the majority of the litter we found on the beach was brought in with the tides, and once again the issue of sea borne plastic was evident. People may not realize that when they drop a drinks bottle on the floor inland, it can end up out at sea, where it poses a threat to wildlife that dwell there."

The Welsh Assembly Government funded Tidy Towns project supports the people of Wales to improve the quality of their local environment, and by working in partnership with the local authorities, it is hoped that the project will lead to a cleaner, safer and tidier Wales.

Keep Wales Tidy project officers are based in communities across Wales and provide expert advice and support. They encourage communities to adopt their local area and assist volunteers to undertake a range of environmental improvement projects, including; litter picks, path maintenance, improving disabled access, developing community gardens and habitat management.

Small grants are available to cover project costs.

For further information on the Tidy Towns project, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Daniel Snaith on 07824 504805 or e-mail daniel.snaith@keepwalestidy.org.

PHOTO CAPTION – The Clean Up Group at Marros.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. For more information please contact Keep Wales Tidy Head Office, Tel 029 2025 1670
2. Keep Wales Tidy is a registered environmental charity working for the improvement of Wales's local environments. Visit our website for more information; www.keepwalestidy.org
3. Tidy Towns is a partnership between Keep Wales Tidy and local authorities, funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.