



Hamish, Flora and Angus were relaxing after the excitement of discovering a forgotten old treasure chest the day before. They had handed the treasure chest in at the police station which was another new experience for them! What a holiday this was turning out to be! The sun was shining so they had packed up a delicious lunch and headed off to the Westwood. Hamish had egg sandwiches, Flora had ham and Angus, of course had honey sandwiches. They treated themselves to some crisps, fruit and some little chocolate eggs left over from Easter- yum yum!



Seeing all the litter over the beautiful countryside made the 3 friends feel very, very sad. They couldn't understand why anyone could be so selfish and put the wild animals that live in the woods and fields in danger by leaving their litter and not putting it in the bin or taking it home with them. Angus had heard of a programme on TV all about litter, plastic and the effect it has on our world, he sat down and watched the 3 episodes- which was a long time for a little bear (he jumped up and danced around in between them though!). He called for Hamish and Flora to watch it too - it made the 3 friends determined to make a difference.



The three best friends munched their lunch and chatted about what they would like to do next. Flora wanted to play ball, Hamish wanted to go fishing and little Angus wanted to climb trees in the deep dark forest. As they wondered what they were going to do first they all gazed at the pile of empty plastic bottles, wrappers and cans that were strewn over the picnic rug! What a mess! Luckily Flora spotted a bin so they could dispose of all their rubbish properly But as they looked around at the fields, trees and bushes they could see some people hadn't been as thoughtful as them. There were cans, packets, wrappers and plastic bottles everywhere. Oh dear!



The following day Angus told Hamish and Flora what they could do to help, even though they were on holiday they put on some rubber gloves, took a bin bag and went back to the Westwood to pick up the litter others had left behind! Some children and their parents who were out for a walk asked them what they were doing. When Hamish explained they all joined in and soon there were LOTS of people collecting the plastic bottles and litter. Very soon the Westwood looked beautiful again, what a difference everyone helping had made! The Animals thanked the children and everyone decided it was the 3 friends who deserved the thank you for caring so much to begin with. On the way home Hamish, Flora and Angus bought themselves reusable water bottles so they would never have to buy bottled water again- a first small step that will have such a big impact on the world. Just the first of many ideas for the 3 animals. Well done Hamish, Flora and of course little Angus.