

CLEANING FOR THE QUEEN

VOLUNTEERS from Sumba (Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters) are taking up a national challenge with a canal litter pick-athon on Saturday, March 6.

This will take place along the 10 miles of the Middlewich Branch Canal from Barbridge Junction to Wardle Lock in Middlewich, four teams each tackling a length of the canal supported by 'Clean for the Queen'-themed decorated boats.

The campaign has been launched by *Country Life*

magazine alongside Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain's litter in time for the Queen's 90th birthday on April 21.

It aims to attract one million people to get involved in their neighbourhood during a special clean-up weekend between Friday and Sunday, March 4-6.

Sumba volunteers will meet at 10am at Aqueduct Marina for a briefing and a warming pre-departure drink.

The four teams will leave the marina by car to be taken to their starting points

supported by 'Clean For The Queen'-themed decorated boats and will return to the marina between 1pm and 2pm.

SUMBA has completed 64 work parties, involving 554 volunteer days and 2431 hours, making a major visual difference to the Middlewich Branch for all the canal's many users.

For further details and how to become involved please contact Graham Russell on 07853 275222, sumbacanal@gmail.com