

Press release from ***Save Gillies Hill***

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## **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Trying to *Save Gillies Hill***

*SGH* supporters last week experienced the Good, the Bad and the Ugly in their continuing attempt to preserve the beautiful hillside from destruction through an extension to quarrying.

The good was last Friday's Prize Bingo in the Social Club: a staggering array of prizes, donated by well-wishers, was testimony to the feeling against re-activation, and a good turn-out of locals meant that, between both bingo and a raffle, the sum of £389 was raised.

The bad is certainly the continued ignoring of *SGH*'s efforts to keep the Hill as beautiful as nature intended. Every weekend, a dedicated band of supporters remove large amounts of cans, broken bottles, crisp packets and the like from particularly attractive areas of the Hill – only to find the mess reappears the following week. Polite notices, explaining the importance of the campaign, and the need to preserve the Hill's remaining beauty, are either ignored or torn down.

What's left, is, of course, very ugly, and might send the wrong message to those out of sympathy with the campaign: that an environment so disregarded might as well be quarried away.

Another 'bad' – the *badger* family seen last week crossing the Murrayshall road towards their sett on the Gillies Hill, and who leave almost no trace of their presence – should be an example to the litter-louts.