



*The ESG wish to inform the community that Clean up the World 2006 is just around the corner!!*

Last year the Environmental Safety Group signed Gibraltar up to join over 100 countries and 30 plus million people to clean up, green up and fix up Gibraltar's environment. In what proved to be a hugely successful community project between **30 to 40** tonnes of rubbish was removed from Gibraltar's sea beds and green areas.

In September 2005 with the support from different groups, organisations, schools, individuals and public services a positive difference was made to many sites around the Rock that were not receiving much attention from anyone.

This year, in Clean up the World 2006 we hope to repeat the exercise this time on:-

- Saturday **16<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday **17<sup>th</sup>** September
- Also hosting a "Green Parade" and a "Green Exhibition" on the Saturday morning

This year's theme for Clean up the World is "*Don't desert the dry lands*". Not entirely applicable to Gibraltar there remains many environmental issues in our community that require sustained awareness and change;

- for example our need to recycle
- reduce pollution
- reduce road congestion
- control large scale development which affects sustainability
- the need to use renewable energy systems
- the need to protect and conserve our natural environments

And most of all this type of community project seeks to foster a sense of responsibility and ownership in our community. We all play an important role in making Gibraltar beautiful, clean and healthy and we must persist in sending out strong messages to those who persistently vandalise, damage and litter that these acts are simply not acceptable.

Part of this year's CUTW efforts will also address the vital need for enforcement of litter fines for those who persistently litter as a way of life.