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- [*Ramsey Walk tackles fly-tipping with guerrilla gardening*](#) (Islington Now, Nov. 2018)

A guerrilla gardening group has succeeded in eradicating fly-tipping in Ramsey Walk thanks to the initiative of one resident.

It all started in February 2017, when Paola, the founder of Ramsey Flowers decided she had to do something about the rubbish in the neighbourhood. She contacted the council to remove the rubbish and started planting flowers.

According to her, the council “was doubtful this would work. They thought people would just come back,” she said.

“But our success rates are 100 per cent. There has been no fly-tipping since we started,” she added.

Paola’s initiative grew into a guerrilla gardening group named Ramsey Flowers N1. With the motto: “From fly-tipping to flower picking”, the group developed and maintained three gardens in areas that suffered from illegal waste dumping.

But this success, Paola said, wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the community.

“I started it, but it wasn’t just me. There were many people helping. Even the neighbours who are less able, they keep an eye” to make sure there is no littering in the area. It also encouraged others to be proactive in tackling fly-tipping.

“It motivated me to clear an area upstairs where I live that has become a dumping ground,” said Christine, who has been living on the Marquess estate for 20 years.

Christine added that she joined Ramsey Flowers after seeing Paola gardening the area.

“I thought this was interesting. I’d like to get involved... The project got me into gardening, which I never thought I’d do... and it allowed me to meet new people,” she said.

The maintained gardens now host events like the most recent pumpkin carving session on 28 October. They also provide a nice open-air spot for lunch breaks and a play area for kids.

Ramsey Flowers received funding from Islington Council, the Southern Housing Group and Greenspaces, yet it continues to rely on personal donations.