



FAQs - Litter picking for group volunteers

How do we organise a litter picking event?

Choose a date, contact us on 01284 763233 to check equipment availability, book that date (if available). Once booked you can advertise your event (if necessary) and check out the guidance on our website for further information on running a litter picking event.

What equipment do we get?

We will loan you litter pickers, hi-visibility waistcoats, sack hoops and sacks. We do not provide gloves and participants should be advised to bring their own.

How do we get the equipment?

When you have booked a date you can arrange to collect the equipment from our Bury St Edmunds or Mildenhall offices before your event and return it afterwards.

If it is easier we can deliver the equipment to a nominated address in time for your event and collect it afterwards.

What happens to the litter we collect?

We will collect the bags of litter from an arranged collection point as soon as possible after your event. This needs to be an accessible location and is normally the starting point of your event such as a village hall or community centre.

What size group can litter pick?

Subject to availability of equipment we can accommodate small or larger groups, it is best to check availability by contacting us on 01284 763233.

Can anyone take part in litter picking?

Younger participants may get involved if they are supervised and have their parents/guardians permission to take part. Further advice can be found within our guidance on our website.

Where can we litter pick?

You can litter pick where the public have a right of entry and where it is safe, you cannot litter pick on any private property unless you have the land owner's permission. Further advice is in our guidance which is available on our website where you can read or download a copy.

Are we insured by the council?

No, you will not be covered by the council's insurance policy but you may be able to arrange your own cover or you even have existing cover as part of your organisation's own insurance policies.

How many hours do we have to litter pick?

You can choose to do an hour, a morning or a day event. Whatever amount of time your group can spare will be making a difference to the area you choose to litter pick.

Can we recycle the litter we collect?

Yes, if the litter that you have collected is clean (bottles and cans have to be empty) and the items are recyclable through our recycling scheme then you can separate them from the other litter for recycling.

Recyclable litter needs to be placed in blue recycling sacks and put with the other sacks of litter for collection.

What do we do if we find syringes?

Do not attempt to remove any syringes, make a note of the location and ring us on 01284 763233.

What do we do if we find broken glass?

Do not attempt to remove any broken glass, make a note of the location and ring us on 01284 763233.

What if we find fly tipping of larger items we cannot move?

Do not attempt to remove any fly tipping or larger items, make a note of the location and what items are there and ring us on 01284 763233.

Do you have any further guidance on litter picking?

Full guidance on litter picking is available on our website where you can read or download a copy.