



Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteering: Litter Picking

FAQs

Why?

To keep our local environment clean, recycle, and inspire permanent behavioural change.

How?

- Cut litter by changing behaviour.
- Reduce waste by reusing and recycling.
- Improve public spaces for community pride.
- Educate future generations about the environment.
- Combat global plastic waste for a cleaner planet.

Where and when?

- In your neighbourhood/town
- One hour a week for 3-12 months.

What's Provided?

- Litter grabber (on loan)
- Weybridge in Bloom vest (on loan)
- Pocket-sized notebook for recording
- You Need: Weather-appropriate clothes, face mask, gloves, plastic bag, hand gel.

Safety Guidelines:

- Inform parents/guardians of your whereabouts.
- Follow COVID safety measures.
- Use common sense and avoid confrontations.

Action Plan:

- Choose a location (streets, park, etc.).
- Adapt routes as restrictions change.
- Optionally join group picks as restrictions ease.

Recording Efforts:

- Note date, time, area in a notebook.
- Comment on the type of litter.
- Send photos and dispose of collected litter.

What will I need?

Weybridge in Bloom will provide volunteers with:

- A litter grabber (on loan)
- A Weybridge in Bloom vest (on loan) to identify you as part of the group: please always wear it.

And you will need:

- Weather appropriate sensible clothes and footwear
- Face mask/covering.
- Strong/thick gloves
- Plastic bag/sac in which to collect the rubbish.
- Hand gel to clean your hands when you take your gloves off.

The Do's and don'ts of keeping yourself safe.

- Do let your parents/guardians know when and where you are going.
- Do be Covid sensible and remember Hands, Face, Space
- Do cover up any cuts.
- Do wear your face mask, gloves and identifying vest.
- Do only pick during hours of daylight.
- Do pick everything up with your litter picker.
- Do avoid areas where people are not social distancing.
- Do cross busy roads using crossings or in places where you have a good view of the traffic in each direction and don't make a busy road part of your route.
- Do stop before your bag becomes too heavy to carry.
- Do use your common sense and any queries/ concerns/problems just call us and keep our contact details on your phone. We are also on WhatsApp.
- Don't confront anyone you see littering or take of photo of them.
- Don't pick up litter from the gutter of a road without being aware of the traffic.
- Don't pick up anything hazardous. If you see any syringes etc, let us know where, by sending a photo and the location and we will collect them.
- Do not enter any rivers/streams/flooded areas.
- Don't lift any large or heavy objects. Leave them and let us know where they are.
- Don't listen to music with earphones/headphones/ear buds to ensure that you are always aware of your environment, the people and traffic around you.
- Don't bring anything along to eat or drink to help avoid touching your face.

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Resources

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