Volunteer Litter Picking Scheme

Volunteers Do’s & Don’ts

Before you begin as a volunteer litter picker please make sure you have a copy of the Risk Assessment and you have read and signed the Do’s & Don’ts below to ensure your safety. The Parish Council’s Insurance covers volunteers working for this Council, but requires a risk assessment to be carried out.

Volunteers please do √

- Do follow the Highway Code if driving to and from litter picking location including safely parking vehicle to enable easy access and egress in case of emergency
- Do wear your high visibility waistcoat provided by the Parish Council at all times when collecting litter
- Do wear appropriate/suitable clothing for weather conditions
- Do use the litter picker gloves provided by the Parish Council and follow good hygiene practises and only handle litter when wearing gloves; replacement gloves may be obtained from the Parish Council on request
- Do use litter pickers to pick up sharp litter
- Do report any issues including accidents, slip, trips or falls as soon as possible to the Parish Office
- Do take great care if picking up broken glass, report to the Parish Council Office if too dangerous to handle
- Do let the Parish Council know if items are too heavy or awkward to handle, report fly tipping or dangerous substances
- Do consider carrying some basic first aid provision including cleansing gel
- Do work only from footways or verges wide enough to provide sufficient distance from traffic
- Do face oncoming traffic and passing traffic when litter picking
- Do take extreme care when crossing roads. Only litter pick on one side of the road so crossing is kept to a minimum
- Do withdraw rather than face conflict and report to the Parish Council
- Do avoid contact with animals
- Do be aware of low lying branches and exposed tree and shrub roots. Beware of dangerous plants and adverse reactions
- Do stay in your nominated area and contact the Parish Clerk if a change of area in being considered
- Do report any injury no matter how slight to the Parish Office for recording purposes
Volunteers please don’t

- Don’t use a mobile telephone
- Don’t wear open toe shoes, wear suitable footwear for uneven/unstable ground and appropriate for weather conditions
- Don’t do anything that is likely to endanger yourself or others, including litter picking close to a busy road or in bad weather when visibility is poor or icy underfoot
- Don’t touch anything that may be dangerous, including needles or syringes, human waste, animal waste, blood, batteries, miscellaneous substances or anything that is suspected to contain asbestos. Contact the Parish Council office for removal
- Don’t litter pick in rivers canals or ponds
- Don’t sort through waste material inside bags or bins and be aware of protruding objects
- Don’t deal with animal faeces, let the Parish Council know
- Don’t overfill bags so they become too heavy to comfortably handle. Sufficient bags will be provided by the Parish Council
- Don’t litter pick in weather conditions that may threaten your health and welfare
- Don’t forget to cover and cuts or sores with a waterproof plaster before carrying out a litter pick
- Don’t work on the roadside if the speed limit is 40mph of over
- Don’t litter pick on the Highway or in the road
- Don’t attempt to deal with aggressive or difficult people. Do not confront anyone littering, please report this to the Parish Council
- Don’t litter pick where loose dogs may be present
- Don’t touch wire fences. Always assume they are electric fences that are live. Do not climb any type of fence
- Don’t litter pick at height that involves climbing
- Don’t collect litter from privately owned land, if in doubt check with the Parish Clerk

I confirm that I will act responsibly and safely at all times and observe the safety brief given by the Parish Clerk.

Full name: _________________________

Signature: _________________________

Date: _________________________