

## Latest Litter Clean-up Activities Guidance From 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Litter clean-up advice from [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)



According to the [government roadmap out of lockdown](#), from 29th March, outdoor gatherings of up to six people (the rule of six) or two households will be allowed.

In line with this guidance, from the 29th March, we are happy to once again support litter picking activity in small groups of up to six volunteers, or two households.

The existing [hygiene and social distancing measures](#) should continue to be followed.

If you have any coronavirus symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has had symptoms please follow government guidelines, stay at home and don't undertake any volunteering activity.

**Please note: Government guidance on the lockdown may tighten or ease over time so please contact us if you have any questions about what is safe practice. This guidance may be superseded by any subsequent changes in government legislation and/or guidance. Please continue to monitor the guidance and any local restrictions that may come into force subsequent to the issue of this document.**

Litter picking can be carried out alone, in pairs (Method 1 below) or small groups of up to a maximum of six, including yourself (Method 2 below), based on the current government guidance for meeting with people outside of your household.

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## **Method 1 - Litter picking alone or in pairs**

Before encouraging your volunteers to go out, alone or in pairs, please remember:

Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups, displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter pick.

If you wish to handout equipment to volunteers in your group for litter picking, please follow these points:

- Please supply volunteers with litter pickers and Hi-Vis vests. Ask volunteers to use their own gloves.
- We would recommend volunteers keep hold of this kit for the foreseeable future, rather than return it after each use so that only they use it.
- For distribution - please leave litter pickers outside your property with a bottle of household anti-bacterial spray. We suggest giving out a small number so that you can keep track of them.
- Please ask volunteers to spray the handle of the litter picker when they collect it and again if returned.
- Please share the *Guidance for volunteers working alone or in pairs* (below) with volunteers

### **Guidance for volunteers working alone or in pairs**

- Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter pick
- Tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact
- Use your own gloves and a litter picker. Clean both after use before storing
- Wash hands before and after at home or nearby w/c facilities
- Carry hand sanitiser if you have some
- Stay at least 2 metres from fellow volunteer and members of the public
- Don't pick any more than you can put in your own bin at home
- Don't pick up sharps/syringes
- Litter to be tied up in strong waste sack

## Method 2 – Small groups lead by the Litter Hero Ambassador

- You will need to check that your Local Authority are currently able to collect your clean up's litter. If they don't have capacity to do this, please refer back Method 1 above.
- Directly invite volunteers to clean ups so that you know exactly who will turn up and to keep numbers within limits set by Government guidance.
- As summer approaches, be aware that certain areas could be very busy so you may want to consider the timing of clean ups e.g. in the evening and avoiding weekend times.
- Be aware of any 'pinch points' with lots of people congregating. Keep social distancing and wash hands after touching shared surfaces.
- Observe social distancing, particularly at start and end of event when equipment being handed out/collected and during the safety briefing, which should be held outside
- Provide hand sanitising or ask volunteers to bring their own.
- Signing in should be carried out by the Litter Hero Ambassador – completing a form themselves rather than sharing pen and paper.
- First Aid Treatment – please see current advice from St. John Ambulance <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>
- Any returned equipment should be sanitised at the end of each event.
- The Litter Hero Ambassador should bring spare clean gloves which people can take home.
- Share the Guidance below with Volunteers ahead of the clean-up.

### **Guidance for Volunteers working in small groups**

- Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter pick
- Use your own gloves and a litter picker. Clean both after use before storing
- Wash hands before and after at home or nearby w/c facilities
- Carry hand sanitiser if you have access to some
- Stay at least 2 metres from fellow volunteers and members of the public
- Don't pick up sharps/syringes
- Litter to be tied up in strong waste sack