



LITTER PICK PACK

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? WHAT CLEAN CORNWALL CAN DO TO HELP

Clean Cornwall is a partnership of local businesses, community groups, voluntary and public sector organisations dedicated to reducing the visible presence and impact of litter.

We do this in a number of ways. One of which is to encourage and support communities who are tackling the problem of litter themselves, by organising tidy up activities that enhance their neighbourhoods for the better. A little local action can go a long way!

If you are an individual, group or business thinking about organising a one off litter pick here is how we can help:

- offer advice on how to plan a pick.
- direct you to locations that may need the help of a litter pick.
- provide you with insurance.
- loan you litter picking equipment.
- take the rubbish away afterwards.
- promote your group and efforts via cleancornwall.org

i Cornwall is a rural county which is 80% coastline. with a resident population of just over 530,000 Cornwall's hugely diverse landscape and heritage attracts over 4 million visitors each year. This makes the impact, cost and scale of litter unique to our county. Because of this, combined with the uncompromising impact of ocean litter (a mission related issue championed by Clean Cornwall partner organisations) it is not enough to expect the local authority to be able to stay on top of the problem alone.

If you are a regular group who litter picks on an as and when basis here is how we can help:

- offer you the same support as groups organising one off events.
- connect you with other local litter picking groups to share ideas.
- feedback your ideas to Cornwall Council's waste management services.

If you are a local organisation who supports and organises your own volunteers to litter pick here is how we can help:

- help coordinate your activities with other groups and organisations.
- offer advice on managing the waste you collect.
- Arrange for the disposal of the rubbish collected as part of your volunteer activities. (Exceptions may be made in some cases where your activities take place on private land).

You can find out more about the other ways in which Clean Cornwall is helping to keep our county clean and tidy by visiting the campaigns section of our website. Prevention is the word. What can we be doing to raise awareness of the problem of litter and how can we get people to think twice before dropping it on the ground in the first place?

Back to the Tidy Up - Here is what you need to know to get started on keeping Cornwall clean.

i YOUR GUIDE TO ORGANISING A LITTER PICK



1. PLAN AHEAD

WHERE, WHEN, DO I
NEED PERMISSION?



2. INVITE FOLK

MAKE IT EASY FOR
PEOPLE TO JOIN IN.



3. TELL US

REGISTER THE PICK
AND ASK FOR HELP.



4. HAZARDS

TAKE 10 MINS TO DO
A RISK ASSESSMENT.



5. CHECKLISTS

PREPARE FOR THE
DAY AND THE PEOPLE.



6. MUST DO's

ON THE DAY COVER
THE ESSENTIALS.



7. COLLECTION

AFTER...CHECK THE
RUBBISH HAS GONE.



8. ADD A STAT

TELL US HOW YOU
DID AND SEND A PIC.



1

PLAN AHEAD

Choose an area you want to clean up. If it is Cornwall Council land then Clean Cornwall grants you the permission to conduct the event. If it's privately owned land, please get permission from the landowner(s). If you need help locating them let us know.

Once you know where you would like to hold your litter pick decide when you want to do it. If it is a one off event then think about who you would like to join in and when they might be available.

If you would like to run regular litter picking activities then perhaps ask us to connect you to other communities doing the same. You can share ideas, learn about what they do, find out how they got funding for their own equipment and how they try to stop litter finding its way into their local spaces in the first place.



2

INVITE FOLK

Tell your friends, family, and neighbours you need their help.

Make it easy for people to join in - can they just drop in for 10 mins?

Use posters, word of mouth, social media, websites, and community notice boards to advertise your event locally. *[completing Step 5 will help you decide what you need to tell people about your event].*

Hit the headlines – Your clean up event is an excellent opportunity for you, your group or organisation to get some publicity. Approach the local press at least one week before the event. If they are unable to cover the event, why not send them a brief story and photograph afterwards.

 If you register your event with us, in Step 3, then we can add it the map on the homepage of cleancornwall.org and spread the word amongst our partners.



3

TELL US

Register your litter pick with us.

Registering means, if you need them, then we can provide you with:

-  Litter pick grabbers
-  Black bin bags
-  Green Vests

We can then offer you insurance, providing you carry out the Risk Assessment in Step 4 and ensure that anyone under the age of 18 is accompanied by a parent or guardian OR you have their signed consent.

It also means that we can arrange to have the rubbish taken away by Cory Environmental, you just tell us where and when.

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE at www.cleancornwall.org/contact

Alternatively email us for a form: info@cleancornwall.org



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HAZARDS

Take 10 mins to complete a Risk Assessment.

This is a simple way to ensure you have considered any safety issues for the group and taken the necessary precautions to prevent them, as far as is practical.

It also helps you prepare for Step's 5 and 6.

To get make sure your event is insured send a copy of your completed Risk Assessment to us.

Clean Cornwall's Risk Assessment Template is available to download at www.cleancornwall.org/joinin



CHECKLISTS

Prepare yourself and your helpers for the day:

- ☑ Decide where you will meet and at what time.
- ☑ Think about if and how to split the group up to cover the area
- ☑ Decide how long you will litter pick, when you will take breaks
- ☑ Think about refreshments and what toilet facilities are available. Is there a local nearby business that might offer all involved a free cuppa?
- ☑ Think about first aid, safety and hygiene – will there be a first aider in the group, do you have a supply of antibacterial wipes or hand gel, take some plasters and antiseptic for any cuts or grazes.
- ☑ Read and print a copy of the litter pick safety checklist.
- ☑ Check back over your completed Risk Assessment, is there anything else you need to prepare for the day?



ON THE DAY DO'S AND DON'TS

On the day please ask people to sign in.

When you are ready please brief the group on:

- the Litter Pick Safety Checklist and run through it with your volunteers.
- meeting points, break and finish times.
- where to place the collected rubbish – consider using a map if the area is large.
- who the first aider is and/or what to do if an injury occurs.
- thank them for joining in.

Also...you may need to:

- Check everyone has appropriate clothing, sunscreen and footwear for the weather and terrain and issued with a vest.
- Ensure there is sufficient supervision for young/vulnerable volunteers.

ALWAYS be considerate to wildlife and people using the area:

- Do not disturb animals or damage plants.
- Do not remove “natural” rubbish like logs, stones and weeds.
- Do not try and release entangled animals. Please see our list of useful contact numbers on who to call for help.

And finally...

If you are covering a large area of feel it would be a good idea then exchange mobile phone numbers to ensure good communication links between the group.

p.s. Do make time for a photo opportunity. It is helpful for us to see pictures that show the scale of the problem and that also show the scale of effort and time people are taking to clean up Cornwall.



COLLECTION

After the event please check the rubbish has been collected. If not, please contact us.



ADD A STAT

Tell us how you got on...

- ▮ how many people joined in?
- ▮ how many bags of rubbish were collected?
- ▮ were there any large objects that needed removing?
- ▮ was there a type of rubbish that you found frequently?

We'd also love to hear your ideas on how you think we can prevent the problem continuing?

If you have a photo and the permissions to us it please send it our way! (via email or social media)

☰ LITTER PICK SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Avoid direct contact with litter at all times.
- ✓ Be aware of your environment and do not put yourself at risk whilst picking litter.
- ✓ Do not pick when visibility is poor and only pick in daylight hours.
- ✓ Do not pick up any items that cannot easily be identified or where they are clearly hazardous. Report to Cornwall Council.
- ✓ Do not attempt to remove dead or live animals. If dead report to the Marine Strandings Network or Cornwall Council. If alive report to the British Divers Marine Life Rescue or the RSPCA. (see opposite)
- ✓ Use a litter picking tool where possible for any glass and metal items.
- ✓ Any needles or drug paraphernalia needs to be left alone and reported to Cornwall Council. (see opposite)
- ✓ Clean hands thoroughly before eating food or drinking.
- ✓ Rubbish should not be compressed using hands or feet as this can accidentally puncture the skin.
- ✓ Avoid contact with the body when carrying plastic bin bags.
- ✓ Ensure any cuts or abrasions are clean and covered with a waterproof plaster.
- ✓ Wear stout shoes and weather appropriate clothing.
- ✓ Do not pick A or B roads. If you pick Parish lanes always wear a Hi Viz vest, be aware of traffic at all times and stop picking to allow any vehicle to pass.
- ✓ Stay clear of cliff edges, water, rocks and large areas of mud.
- ✓ Do not overfill bin bags and avoid lifting heavy objects or sacks alone.
- ✓ Follow local rules as well as our guidelines, including safe and lawful parking.
- ✓ Do not confront anyone you see littering.

📶 USEFUL CONTACTS

999 (24 hours)

Emergency Services inclu Lifeguards.

0300 1234 202

Cornwall Council Environmental Management to report needles, drug paraphernalia, hazardous items or any other questions relating to the land you are on.

0300 1234 212 OR **141**

Cornwall Council Environmental Health to report dog fouling and full dog bins OR **Refuse and Recycling** to report fly tipping and beach cleaning / street cleansing (on public land).

0345 201 2626 (24 hours)

Marine Strandings Network Hotline to report dead marine animals.

01825 765 546 (24 hours)

British Divers Marine Life Rescue to report live marine animals.

0300 123 4999 (24 hours)

RSPCA to report any kind of incident where help is needed with an animal in any location.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
JOINING IN THE EFFORT TO KEEP OUR
COUNTY LITTER FREE AND TIDY.**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TELL US HOW YOU GET ON
AND SEND US PICTURES FROM YOUR PICK.**



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