



SHORNE VOLUNTEERS LITTER PATROLS SAFETY GUIDELINES

Litter Patrols are not hard work, in fact most participants find them very enjoyable. Our Litter Patrols generally last about 2 hours, working in small teams of 2 to 4 people, and where possible we try to allocate you to a team in your own neighbourhood.

The Litter Patrols are purely voluntary, and all participants do so at their own risk. However, litter picks are generally very safe and it is unlikely that you will encounter any serious hazards or incidents – the points below are just common sense to ensure the event runs as smoothly and safely as possible.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the litter pick may be postponed or abandoned.

Make sure that you wear suitable clothing and footwear for the event, and bring suitable gloves.

Before starting, participants are issued with hi-viz waistcoats, litter sacks, and litter-picking wands.

Safety Precautions:

- Always work in pairs, keeping in contact with other team members at all times.
- Vehicle traffic is the main hazard, especially when working alongside soft-verge roads. Keep a look out for traffic, and hi-viz vests are to be worn at all times. Use a separate look-out(s) when working on busier roads. **Do not attempt to work on the roadside if traffic is fast moving or if there is inadequate refuge.**
- Take care with kerbs, uneven ground, vegetation, and overhanging branches.
- Wear gloves at all times, and take particular care when handling sharp objects. Use the litter picking wand wherever possible.
- Do not try to lift heavy items on your own. Do not touch potentially hazardous items, such as needles, unidentified liquids, batteries, etc.
- If you can bring the bags back with you, please do so. If not, leave them in a prominent place and inform the organiser, who will arrange for collection.
- At the completion of the litter patrol, report back to the organiser (we want to make sure everyone is okay!) and return the hi-viz vests and litter picking wands.
- Check to ensure that you haven't picked up any cuts or abrasions, and wash your hands thoroughly and as soon as possible, before taking any food or drink.

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