



## **Litter Picking**

### **1 Weather.**

Please ensure that you have considered the weather and are wearing suitable clothes and shoes. If it is warm, consider sun cream and hats.

### **2 Safety.**

- a) Avoid collecting potentially hazardous objects such as unidentified cans or canisters or sharp objects such as broken glass.
- b) Any clinical waste such as needles or syringes should not be collected and you should inform Harborough District Council (HDC), Waste and Recycling Department (see contact details below) for them to safely dispose, after making a note of the location of same.
- c) Avoid hazardous areas such as deep or fast flowing water, steep, slippery, or unstable banks, sharp rocks, derelict buildings, busy roads, and electric fences.
- d) Wear heavy duty protective gloves at all times.
- e) If you come across large items which have been fly-tipped or hazardous waste, especially if you suspect asbestos or similar, do not collect, but make a note of the location and advise HDC as above.
- f) Do not litter pick on private land unless you have permission of the landowner.
- g) Any under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and the adult must ensure that the young persons are suitably clothed and must supervise the young persons at all times.
- h) Litter picking should be restricted to areas where there are wide verges or pavements suitable for pedestrians and should be carried out facing on-coming traffic. Volunteers should never clear from highways.

### **3 Covid 19.**

- a) From 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, , up to six people or two households can gather outdoors. You must therefore only litter pick alone, with members of your household or support bubble or with a maximum of five other persons from a different household. To enable as many households as possible to borrow the equipment, Houghton Parish Council will loan a maximum of two litter pickers to any one village household. These arrangements may be changed after initial uptake is reviewed or more equipment is purchased.
- b) Covid 19 hygiene and social distancing measures should be followed. If you have any doubts regarding same, details are available at [www.gov.uk/Coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/Coronavirus).

#### **4 Equipment.**

Houghton Parish Council have purchased 10 litter pickers. These are available to be loaned to villagers by prior appointment and to a maximum of two per village household for a maximum period of seven days. Collection and return will be local to Houghton.

Please contact Steve Derry, the Parish Council clerk to book and reserve these items.

Tel 0116 2303347

or

Email [clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk)

Please spray the handle area with anti-bacterial spray when you receive and just before you return each litter picker. The litter pickers will be left for a minimum of 72 hours between each loan and will be sprayed immediately before each loan.

#### **Hi-Viz Waistcoats.**

Houghton Parish Council have also purchased several Hi-Viz waistcoats in three sizes, small, medium, and large, these are also available for loan if residents do not have their own (which is preferred). Similar loan and storage arrangements will be followed.

#### **5 Parish Council Volunteers.**

Litter picker volunteers must sign Houghton Parish Council Volunteer Policy Agreement before they will be allowed to borrow any equipment.

#### **6 Collection and Disposal of Litter.**

a) Where possible, litter collected should be disposed of by volunteers through their own black bin refuse collection.

b) For one-off litter picks, where larger quantities of litter are likely to be collected, Houghton Parish Council can supply red or black bin bags. The full bags must be tied closed and left safely in a public place, such as a village lay-by with public bin, grass verge or other suitable public area for collection by HDC.

Please make a note of the location and number of bags and telephone HDC Waste and Recycling Dept. immediately for them to arrange collection of the rubbish.

**Harborough District Council.  
Telephone 01858 828282  
and ask for.  
Waste and recycling Department.**

Many thanks for your help with litter picking and remember to always stay safe whilst litter picking.