

Adopt a Street - Health and Safety Information

Thank you for volunteering to pick up litter in your chosen street or other small part of your community. With your help, we can make the borough a more attractive place for everyone to live in. It is entirely up to you when and how often you go out, to achieve a worthwhile result. Remember that you are working entirely at your own risk: the local authority cannot take responsibility for any injuries, so please be careful.

Whilst carrying out litter picking please follow these guidelines.

- Only work during daylight hours and never walk in the road. Always face oncoming traffic when litter picking.
- Do not litter pick on rural roads that do not have footways.
- Stay in contact with someone when litter picking, and preferably within sight of each other.
- Ensure that children are always supervised.
- Always use the litter picker, wear the high visibility jacket provided and wear sturdy boots and trousers.
- Green Adopt a Street bags should be taken home and left kerbside with your household waste on your normal waste collection day.
- Work only on public land, not on private property (e.g., reaching into front gardens) unless you have permission from the owner.
- Do not climb over or through undergrowth or into ditches to retrieve waste.
- Be aware of protruding glass, sharps, kitchen knives etc.
- Do not put your hands into the bags and keep them away from your body.
- Do not overfill bags.
- Never wear headphones when litter picking.
- Glass bottles should be separated and recycled in local recycling facilities which can be found on the recyclenow website at <https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling>
- Do not attempt to remove hazardous waste including drug needles, broken glass, dog excrement and car batteries*
- Always treat fly tipped sacks as if they contain hypodermic needles, never attempt to remove them yourself*

*Report online via: -

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/fly-tipping/>

Or call 01189746000.