

Starting a local litter picking group

Bringing together a group of local people to hold regular community litter picks can be exciting and very rewarding! Not only will your area be cleaner and more beautiful, but it's very likely that you will make some new friends too.

“Where to start?” we hear you cry!

Don't worry, we have you covered. We've developed a handy Toolkit to help you get going.

[Link to toolkit](#)

Our Toolkit covers everything from; planning, promoting, equipment, health and safety as well as growing and maintaining your group once it's up and running.

To help focus your mind, here are some questions you might like to consider before getting started:

- Where is your community?
- What area will you cover - Your street, estate, village, town, beach or a local park maybe?
- Who might like to join you? – neighbours, friend, or maybe you might have lots of willing helpers on your riad whatsapp group?
- Existing local groups may also be interested in getting involved - you can always reach out to tenants' and residents' associations, local civic amenity groups or faith groups.
- Put the feelers out and start a contact list of people who are interested in hearing more.
- Where are the local 'grot spots' where there is a lot of litter?
- Is the area easy to access?
- Check for permission e.g., from landlords or local councils
- What name will you give your group?
- Are there other local groups? Check on the CleanupUK website www.cleanupuk.org.uk to see if there are any other cleanup groups registered in your local area that might be able to give advice and help.

Once you have a group of people who are willing to get involved in helping to form a group and organise cleanups, it would be a good idea to get together and have a cuppa and a chat about what needs to be done and who is going to do what.

Will you be happy to organise the events and for other people to just turn up on the day? Or would you like more hands on deck? Some people might come forward and be willing to get more involved when they see and understand more clearly what it is all about by taking part in a cleanup. Our advice is to keep your eyes open and recruit willing helpers where you can!

HAPPY LITTERPICKING!

