



How to organise a community litter pick

Here's how with help from Falkirk Council

Litter is a growing problem. Last year alone, an estimated 25 million tonnes were dropped in Britain, and the problem affects countryside and urban areas alike. This amount of litter is an eyesore that despoils the environment. If you wish to tackle litter in this community here's how:-

Firstly visit www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/bins-rubbish-recycling/rubbish-litter/docs/Community_Litter_Plan.pdf

- Form an informal project group with like-minded neighbours to share the organisational load. Two or three people is ideal.
- Choose a date for your litter pick.
- Plan your route.
- Carry out a risk assessment and ensure children are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.
- Confirm how many people (adults and children) will be attending.
- Identify a location to temporarily store your rubbish prior to it being collected.
- Avoid danger. Make sure all volunteers, particularly children, are aware of what not to pick up, such as drug related litter or broken glass.
- Notify Falkirk Council waste services WasteServices@falkirk.gov.uk your email will most likely be received by Graham Ritchie or his colleague or tel: 01324 591119. Their services are provided FREE OF CHARGE.
- Waste services require at least 3 weeks notice but are able to provide collection bags, grab sticks, high visibility jackets, gloves and the other necessary equipment you may require. They are also able to provide advice and information if required. This equipment needs to be collected from their offices in advance of the litter pick so you do require transport.
- Notify waste services as to where you will be collating the rubbish and request collection.
- If there are some larger items then it may be necessary to contact Street Cleansing – Chris Jackson chris.jackson@falkirk.gov.uk
Tel: 07739 328366
- Finally, take photos throughout the pick and celebrate your success!

Other useful information is available here:

<https://www.forgerecycling.co.uk/blog/organise-a-litter-pick/>

www.wikihow.com/Pick-Up-Litter