

Litter picking kits: Information sheet

Westbourne Parish Council has joined up with Greening Westbourne and the Final Straw Foundation to provide litter picking kits for members of the public to use. The kits are stored at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne and be collected at any time.

Access code

A code to access the kits, which are in the shed near the side entrance to The Meeting Place, can be obtained by emailing clerk@westbourne-pc.gov.uk or calling 07775 654483 / 01243 389096.

Signing out the kits

Please sign the book which is with the kits so we know who has taken them out. You will also need to sign them back in on your return. Signing the book will confirm that you have read and understood this information sheet and the risk assessment.

Covid-19 restrictions

From 8 March, you can only pick litter with other members of your household or with one other friend. From 29 March, you can litter pick in small groups of up to six volunteers or two households. This information sheet will be updated as new government guidance is announced.

STEP 1: 8 March

- Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.
- Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place. Household only indoors.
- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children, to enable parents to work.
- Stay at home. No domestic or international holidays.
- Funerals (30 people). Weddings and Wakes (6 people).

29 March

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.
- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults).
- Minimise travel. No domestic or international holidays.
- Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s).

Equipment in the kits

There are 10 kits available to use and each contains one high vis vest, one pair of gloves, one litter pick stick, and plastic bags. Please check the kit before leaving.

Cleaning the kits

The high vis vest is washed after each use to ensure it is safe for each person to use. Disposable gloves are provided or you can bring your own gardening gloves.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided before using the kit. Please clean the litter picking tool on your return using the cleaning materials provided.

Wear a face mask where appropriate.

Staying safe

Please sign in using the test and trace information which is next to the litter picking kits.

Working with two or as a family group means that you can watch out for each other, especially at the road side. Parents and carers must take responsibility for children.

Wear sensible footwear and weather appropriate clothing.

Do not attempt to pick up or handle anything you do not feel competent or safe to handle. Consider all the risks and hazards in the work area, e.g. hazardous waste (asbestos), broken glass, dog waste, vomit, needles, condoms, thorny bushes, low branches, uneven ground, hidden banks, and roads and cycle ways. Do not pick up any needles. Report them and their location (a photo may be helpful) by emailing clerk@westbourne-pc.gov.uk or calling 07775 654483 / 01243 389096.

Do not overfill collection bags. It is always difficult to estimate the amount of effort or rubbish you will actually find as you go around. This is a voluntary effort on your part and you must not feel under any pressure to complete a particular area.

A first aid kit is available with the kits in the shed at The Meeting Place. Seek medical attention where appropriate.

Collection of waste

When full to a safe level, tie the bags and leave them in a safe but visible place next to the public bins in the village for collection later by Chichester District Council.

Thank you for your help and support.

