



West Horsley Parish Council

LITTER PICK POLICY & DISCLAIMER FOR VOLUNTEERS

Protective clothing and equipment

- Please wear suitable footwear, clothing and gloves.
- Litter picking equipment will be provided.
- High visibility vests must be worn at all times.

Dangerous materials

Volunteers should not touch or move the items listed below. Instead, please make a note of the location and report it to the Parish Clerk at clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk. If in doubt, report it.

- Broken Glass
- Drug related litter/hypodermic syringes/nitrous oxide cannisters
- Unidentified substance or containers or liquid
- Asbestos
- Large heavy items
- Any other potentially hazardous or unidentified items

Other Safety Considerations

- Volunteers under the age of 18 must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult at all times.
- Be extremely cautious when litter picking at the side of roads.
- Do not litter pick on roads with a speed limit above 30mph.
- Work in pairs or groups for safety where possible.
- Where possible, restrict litter picking to locations with pavements.
- Carry out litter picking facing oncoming traffic.
- If an item cannot be reached with the litter picker, then leave it.
- Do not disturb animals or birds that may be nesting and watch out for bee and wasp nests.
- Avoid private land without permission.
- Please follow your allocated route.

Collection and Disposal of Waste

- Please return your equipment and filled sacks to the bus shelter next to West Horsley Village Hall, unless alternative instructions have been given.
- If you need assistance getting back to the Village Hall please call the Litter Pick Duty Manager (details will be provided on the day).

WHPC Disclaimer

- Volunteers participating in litter picks do so at their own risk.
- West Horsley Parish Council has public liability insurance in place to cover its organised litter picks, however the Council cannot be held responsible for any injury, loss, damage or inconvenience caused to or by volunteers who do not follow this guidance.
- The Parish Council is not responsible for any injuries or damages arising from independent litter-picking activities.
- If you would like to see our litter pick risk assessment please contact the Clerk at clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk.

I have read this note and agree to follow West Horsley Parish Council's guidance. ☐

Name: Date:

Signature:

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