

## Duke of Edinburgh Litter Picking

All individuals carrying out litter picking on Solihull MBC land should follow these guidelines. Activities that do not follow these guidelines are carried out at your own risk.

- Only pick up litter using the litter pickers, **please do not use your hands**.
- Before going out on activity please refer to the Community Litter Picking Risk Assessment.
- Always wear the Hi-Vis issued to you so that you are visible to traffic. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- Children under 16 years of age should notify their responsible adult when and where they are going out litter picking and what time they will be back. This information should also be sent to their Litter Picking Assessor at the same time
- At the end of the hour please text or WhatsApp your Litter Picking Assessor to state you have finished, how many bags you have collected and send a photograph.
- Take care when litter picking near roads and highways, and refrain from litter picking in the highway and on verges next to roads over 30mph.
- For your safety do not enter any water body or water channel during your litter pick.
- Please use the green 'Love Solihull' bags provided as this differentiates litter waste from fly tipping or side waste. Please do not use the Love Solihull bags for green waste (i.e. shrubbery cuttings) before contacting your Litter Picking Assessor. The odd leaf is fine mixed in with litter.
- Please place all bags of litter to the side of the nearest public bin. If there are more than 3 bags, please inform your Litter Picking Assessor as they will need to arrange a separate collection.
- Please do not leave bags next to any buildings in case the bags are ignited prior to collection
- Tip at low level bottles or cans to remove any fluid to avoid being splashed by the contents.
- Please report equipment defects or any issues or concerns to your Litter Picking Assessor.
- Once you have completed the litter pick wash your hands as soon as possible.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND:

**Fly tipping** - Suspected cases of fly tipping should not be moved. Report to SMBC Connect for further investigation and collection.

**Needles** - Please report to SMBC's Contact Centre for safe collection and disposal

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## **Knives / Weapons** – Instruction provided by West Midlands Police:

- Weapons to be photographed in situ and shared with the Police.
- Location to be recorded and noted so it can be shared with the Police.
- Weapons/knives to be brought to the front office at Solihull Police Station although only if you are out with a responsible adult. If you are out with a fellow child then please ring it in to the Connect office as you would a needle. (Confirm with the Police desk where the photos and noted location information needs to be sent).
- Fire arms should not be touched and left in situ. Please call the Police for further advice.

## **INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO DOFE:**

- DofE requirements for the Volunteering section state that you need to do that activity for one hour a week for the required amount of time for the level that you are working towards.
- If you are unable to do a particular week that is fine but you will need to either add an hour onto the previous or following week OR add a week onto the finish date. Please can you keep your Litter Picking Assessor informed of your intentions if you are on holiday or missing a week.

## **USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

### **Litter Picking Assessor**

Chris Dunster

Talking Rubbish in Solihull

Tel: 07703 757332

Email: [talkingrubbish@outlook.com](mailto:talkingrubbish@outlook.com)

### **Solihull MBC Connect**

Tel: 0121 704 8000

Website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/> - report a problem online by completing a web form

### **Love Solihull**

Tel: 0121 704 8000

Email: [lovesolihull@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:lovesolihull@solihull.gov.uk)

Website: [www.lovesolihull.org](http://www.lovesolihull.org)

Newsletter: Sign up to the 'Love Solihull' Stay Connected newsletter via [www.solihull.gov.uk](http://www.solihull.gov.uk)

### **West Midlands Police**

Emergency Tel: 999

Non-emergency Tel: 101

Website: <https://west-midlands.police.uk/>

Neighbourhood Updates: Sign up to WM Now <https://www.wmnow.co.uk/>

If you require further clarification or have any questions or feedback relating to these Guidelines and the Community Litter Picking Risk Assessment then please get in touch.

If you are involved in an incident or accident that has resulted in ill health or injury, or if you are involved in an event where no harm has been caused, but had the potential to cause injury or ill health then please report this to the Love Solihull team immediately:

**Thank you for your support in helping to clean up Solihull!**