Streets & Open Spaces
Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups or would like more information, please contact the Streets and Open Spaces Community Engagement Team:

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telephone: 01223 458084

Litter Pickers

Can you spare some time to litter pick your local neighbourhood? Or would you like to organise your own litter pick with friends, family or colleagues?

We organise regular group litter picks across the city which anyone can join. Or if you would prefer to do in your own time and pick your own location. There are no minimum or maximum hours and so it can fit into your lifestyle.

Would you like to organise a litter pick? It's a great way to get family, friends and colleagues together whilst making a difference! We will provide you with support and guidance on how to organise a successful event and we can either recommend a location or you may have identified an area.

We provide volunteers with all PPE, tools and bags as well as health & safety advice and guidance for your safety.

Nature Conservation Volunteer

An opportunity to contribute to the protection and enhancement of our local reserves. Tasks include: scrub clearance, woodland, grassland, pond and reed bed management, hedge laying, species monitoring and surveying.

Groups meet every week on a Thursday and on the last Sunday of the month. Ensure that you wear suitable clothes and footwear, and bring waterproofs. All tools and necessary training will be provided.

Graffiti Removal Volunteers

Due to the volume of graffiti we are experiencing in the city, we are looking for volunteers to help us remove some of the low level graffiti.

We will provide you with a full kit with all the necessary tools and materials as well as full training.

Community Clean-Up Day Volunteer

Community Clean-Up days are held across the city and allow local residents to dispose of their unwanted household waste with the use of skips as well as giving residents an opportunity to engage with local organisations and groups. We're looking for volunteers to help with clearance of household waste (by lifting and carrying), helping and directing members of the public, assisting on various stalls, providing refreshments and speaking to people about volunteer opportunities. If you would like to get involved with the events, which run on weekdays and weekends get in touch.

Green Projects Volunteer

If you have identified an area which has been neglected and needs some attention, we can assess whether it is somewhere that our volunteers can help improve. We will assess the location, get permissions where required, cut back and tidy and plant (where possible)

If you would like to improve your gardening skills and help with community gardens and cemeteries in the city, please get in touch.

Bench & Railing Renovation Volunteer

Would you like to get involved in the renovation of benches and railings across the city parks and open spaces? We're looking for volunteers to get involved in the preparation, sanding and painting / staining of benches and railings across the city. All PPE, tools and materials will be provided.

Open Spaces Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to visit the green open spaces during warm weather to help encourage people to dispose of their rubbish etc.

- Provide litter bags to picnickers
- Provide pocket ashtrays to smokers
- Direct barbecues' to the designated areas
- Being a visible volunteer presence

Full training will be provided

All volunteers who sign up to the SOS Volunteer Scheme will be covered by our liability insurance and will receive full training and all necessary tools and equipment, as well as being eligible to earn Time Credits.

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