

Challenge: Great British Spring Clean



You will need:

- gloves, bags, litter pickers (can all be ordered FREE from Sheffield City Council)
- Strong footwear
- hand sanitiser

The Great British Spring Clean is once again taking place between 28th May and 13th June 2021. Now in its sixth year, the Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign! In 2019, more than half a million #LitterHeroes collected nearly a million bags of litter - equating to 4,308 tons - that would have otherwise remained on our streets and beaches and in our parks. Recently, when the weather was nice and warm, we were really saddened to see some of Sheffield's parks being left covered in litter – we know it upset lots of you too. So, here's how we can help.

This spring, join Keep Britain Tidy and join a community of #Litterheroes on their #MillionMileMission to clear litter from our streets, parks and countryside. Because what is good for our environment is good for our mental and physical health too. In the past 12 months our outdoor spaces and places have mattered to us more than ever before. So join in and show some love for those special places that helped us through lockdown.



Step 1: Recruit your team of litter pickers! Remember to observe social distancing and only litter pick with others in your bubble (home or school). You will need an adult to help you. Get prepared – make sure you have everything you need – you can order sets of litter-picking equipment from <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/pollution-nuisance/organise-litter-picks>

Step 2: Decide when and where you'll litter pick. Always choose sites which are safe, away from busy roads, train lines, fast-flowing water or derelict buildings. Never reach onto a road or into water to pick up litter. Sketch a map of the area before your event so your team knows where to work.

Step 3: Get ready! Ask an adult to pledge your litter pick here if you wish: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick> Before your clean-up, make sure everyone understands which items are dangerous and should not be picked up (broken glass, drug-related litter, etc.)

Step 4: Get going! Take a 'before' and 'after' photo. Share it to show the impact of littering! When you've finished, you could look at the litter you have collected and investigate what material it is made from, how it is made and whether you think it could be recycled. Leave your bagged rubbish together in a safe place, then request a collection from here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/form/new-highways/request-litter-collection-after-a-litter-pick>

Which skills will I be developing?

Main



Additional



Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP



REVOLTING REVIEW

The Revolting Review links to step 2 and will help you to identify areas to clean-up.

1

Have you seen litter in our school today? Yes / No

If yes, where? _____

How many pieces of litter did you see?



1-5



11-15



6-10



16+



2

Did you see any litter on your way into school? Yes / No

If yes, where? _____

How many pieces of litter did you see?



1-5



11-15



6-10



16+



3

What is the most common type of litter you see?



Plastic bottles and caps



Crisp packets



Plastic bags



Fast food packaging



Sweet wrappers



Coffee cups



Cigarette butts



Gas canisters



4

Which area of the school grounds do you think has the most litter?

5

Why do you think it's important not to drop litter?



It looks horrible



It ends up in the oceans



It harms wildlife



It is unhygienic



It costs lots of money to clean up



It encourages other people to litter



All of the above



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

This is to certify that



took part in the Great Big School
Clean 2021 and is a #LitterHero

Thank you for helping take care
of our environment

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