Kingsclere Parish Council – Spring Clean 10am – 12.00

Health and Safety Advice for the Event

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our annual Village Spring Clean event. Please read this before starting to Litter Pick

No one is asked or expected to litter pick along main roads.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUNG CHILDREN AND VUNERABLE ADULTS ARE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. We have a first Aider based at the St Mary's Churchyard Base

Please bring or wear:

1) Protective Gloves / hand sanitisers (where possible) we have a supply.
2) Wear Sturdy Shoes
3) Appropriate clothing for the weather (long sleeved shirts and trousers for protection)
4) Sun hat/Sun block
5) Drinking Water
6) Mobile Phone

Hygiene

1) Protect any cuts with waterproof dressings.
2) Avoid rubbing your eyes and mouth while litter picking.
3) Ensure clean hands before eating/ drinking during or afterwards.

Hazardous items if you come across any of these items please report to the Co-ordinators and if in doubt leave it.

1) Needle / Syringes
2) Any Knife Blades
3) Unidentified drums, canisters, and cans
4) Poisons / insecticides
5) Clinical Waste
6) Condoms
7) Broken glass
8) Other hazardous waste (suspected asbestos)
9) Animal Faeces

Do NOT litter pick

1) On main roads (only pavements and lanes when safe and do not wear airpods/headphones near traffic)
2) Near unstable banks, ditches and ponds and take care on steps
3) Near electric animal fences. – Always assume wire is live
4) In streams or stagnant water. (Risk of disease)
5) On private land, building sites and business premises.
6) Near farm or domestic animals -Please do not approach dogs in the confines of owner's properties.
7) Avoid long grass and bracken areas for risk of Ticks and Adders.

8) Near unknown or poisonous plants - Wear long sleeves and trousers to avoid skin irritation

Bending / lifting

1) Do not lift anything large / heavy / awkward. (we are only collection litter not doing a full rubbish collection – report Fly Tipping to relevant authority
2) Only carry a manageable weight in your bin bag.
3) Beware of repetitive injuries while bending and twisting – use you litter wand where possible.

Weather Extremes

1) If lightning occurs, please stop the litter pick immediately and return to base or shelter safely away from tall structures, trees and be aware of your litter wand.
2) Take regular breaks if heat is of concern on the day.
3) Drink plenty of fluids and ensure hands are cleaned first.

Work in pairs or as a small group. <u>If you cannot safely reach the litter, then please leave it.</u>

Please do not approach a member of the public to challenge inappropriate behaviour such as dog fouling for risk to personal safety.

As a volunteer you have a duty to protect yourself and others if you have any problems, please contact the co-ordinator, or return to the Churchyard Base.

01635 298634 in emergency diverted to a mobile

Thank you once again for your support for our village.

Please remember to return your equipment as we will be charged for unreturned items and let us know you have finished so we can assume your safety.

The Church is open for Coffee