

Agenda Item Clavering PC Meeting November 2020

Litter Picks in Clavering, including Covid-19 Risk Assessments.

For noting and to determine if Villagers should be invited to Litter Pick.

The Litter Picks scheduled for 28th March and 4th April 2020 were cancelled, following H&S advice received.

Litter Picks may now take place and must be subject to any prevailing Covid-19 Government guidance, rules or regulations for the locality and adhere to the following:

Litter-picking can be carried out alone, in pairs (Method 1 below) or small groups of up to a maximum of six, including yourself (Method 2 below), and based on the current government guidance for meeting with people outside of your household.

Method 1 - Litter-picking alone or in pairs

Before going out alone or in pairs, please remember:

Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups, displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter-pick.

- Volunteers to be supplied with litter-pickers and hi-vis vests. Volunteers to use their own gloves.
- Recommendation that volunteers keep hold of this kit for the foreseeable future, rather than return it after each use so that only they use it.
- For distribution - please leave litter-pickers outside the property of the coordinator with a bottle of household anti-bacterial spray. Keep track of those distributed.
- Volunteers to spray the handle of the litter-picker when they collect it and again if returned.
- *Guidance for volunteers working alone or in pairs* (below) to be shared with volunteers.

Guidance for volunteers working alone or in pairs

- Tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact.
- Use your own gloves and the litter-picker. Clean both after use before storing.
- Wash hands before and after at home.
- Carry hand sanitiser if you have some.
- Stay at least two metres from fellow volunteer and members of the public.
- Unless an arrangement has been made with UDC to collect the full rubbish bags, do not pick any more than you can put in your own bin at home.
- Do **not** pick up sharps/syringes.
- Litter should be tied up in strong waste sacks.
- Advise CPC of any waste that is fly tipping or dangerous waste so CPC can contact UDC.

Method 2 – Small groups

A small group is defined as a maximum of six people (including the Group Leader). Local rules must be checked and also any changes to Government guidance.

Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter-pick.

- CPC **must confirm** that UDC are able to collect the clean up's litter. If UDC do not have capacity to do this, volunteers must not pick any more than can put in their own bin at home.
- Volunteers should pre-advise that they will be attending clean-ups so it is known exactly who will turn up and to keep numbers within limits set by Government guidance.
- Be aware that certain areas could be very busy so the timing of clean ups must be considered.
- Be aware of any 'pinch points' with lots of people congregating. Keep social distancing.
- Observe social distancing, particularly at start and end of event when equipment being handed out/collected and during the safety briefing, which should be held outside.
- Provide hand sanitiser or ask volunteers to bring their own.
- Volunteers to be supplied with litter-pickers and hi-vis vests.
- The group leader should make sure everyone has their own gloves.

- Signing in should be carried out by the group leader – completing a form themselves rather than sharing pen and paper.
- First Aid Treatment – please see current advice from St. John Ambulance <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>
- Any returned equipment should be sanitised at the end of each event.
- Guidance below must be shared with volunteers ahead of the clean-up.

Guidance for Volunteers working in small groups

- Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litter-pick.
- Use your own gloves.
- Wash hands before and after at home.
- Carry hand sanitiser if you have access to some.
- Stay at least two metres from fellow volunteers and members of the public.
- Do not pick up sharps.
- Litter should be tied up in strong waste sacks.
- If taking a litter picker home at the end of a clean-up, please sanitize before storing.
- Advise CPC of any waste that is fly tipping or dangerous waste so CPC can contact UDC.

Source: [keepbritaintidy.org](https://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

Cllr SM Gill 20th October 2020

Guidance from Came and Company.

Whilst we are unable to advise whether particular activities are permitted under the new National lockdown, if the Council can guarantee a litter pick meets the latest Government guidelines and restrictions, our policy will provide cover for individuals that carry this out on behalf of the Parish Council. I believe only essential services are permitted to continue with a strong argument that litter picking would NOT be classified as such, however, as happened during the previous lockdown, individuals could potentially carry out the litter picking as part of their exercise irrespective of whether the Council supports this.

To clarify whether this is permitted and whether the Council should support continued litter picking activities, we recommend that you consult the National and/or your local Association for their advices. My understanding is that MPs are to vote on the impending lockdown today with the particulars to be announced thereafter so further information may well be available then.

I trust this clarifies the insurance position but please let me know if you have any further questions.