



## **Litter Picks - Covid Guidance**

The aim of Sustainable Merton's #WasteWarriors Weekends is for our followers, supporters, and Community Champions to come together, clean up their local environment and have fun, which of course means staying safe at all times.

Keep Britain Tidy have prepared the following guidance to support all our volunteers to litter-pick in the safest way possible.

Litter-picking can be carried out alone, or small groups of up to a maximum of **6**, including yourself, based on the current government guidance for meeting with people outside of your household.

Please ensure that you are following the local rules in your area and are aware of any local lockdowns that may affect you.

**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.**

For a full guide on hosting a clean-up please click [here](#).

## **Guidelines to Follow for Litter Picks**

- If alone, tell someone where you are going and stay in mobile contact.
- Use your own gloves and it is recommended that you purchase your own litter picker
- Clean the litter picker before and after use, and before storing.
- Wash hands before and after at home or nearby w/c facilities.
- Carry hand sanitiser.
- Unless you have made an arrangement with your local council to collect your full rubbish bags, don't pick any more than you can put in your own bin at home.
- Don't pick up sharps/syringes.
- Litter should be tied up in strong waste sacks.
- If in a small group, be aware of any 'pinchpoints' with lots of people congregating. Keep social distancing and wash hands after touching shared surfaces.
- Stay at least two meters from fellow volunteers and members of the public.
- 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/>
- If you borrowed equipment it should be sanitised at the end of each event.