

## INFORMATION FOR GROUP LITTER PICKS

We are aiming high in 2024 with a target of collecting 200 bags of litter across the Ivers Parish. With so much litter around, we are encouraging lots of people to get involved in the Ivers Community Challenge which is part of Keep Britain Tidy's annual Great British Spring Clean.

From children through to older folks and everyone in between, helping to tackle the problem first-hand will make a huge difference to our villages.

### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Everyone is welcome to join our big event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, or you can organise your own group litter pick during the campaign period - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - to be part of the Ivers initiative: Here's how:

#### BEFORE THE LITTER PICK

Please contact us on whichever email address is most relevant to your group and tell us:

- The name of your group
- Which date you will be doing your litter pick
- Which road(s) or area(s) you plan to tackle
- Do you need rubbish bags or to borrow equipment: hoops and/or litter pickers?

You can use the 'whiteboard' image in the PowerPoint template poster provided to create your own litter pick promotional piece.

#### DURING THE LITTER PICK

- Make sure you are following the health and safety guidelines provided – please stay safe!
- Take photos of your team and all the bags of litter you collected during your 'pick'

#### AFTER YOUR LITTER PICK

- Tell us how many volunteers joined your 'pick' and the number of bags collected
- Send us a few photos as evidence.
- If you have several bags that you want collected by the Council, email us how many and the exact location(s) of where you have left them.
- If you would like participation certificates for volunteers, please send us a list of names as you would like them to appear on the certificates.

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE AND THANK YOU!**

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# THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN.

15-31 March 2024

# THE IVERS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2024

COLLECT **200** BAGS OF  
LITTER ACROSS THE IVERS

Join our litter pick!



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## SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR LITTER PICK GROUP LEADERS

### BEFORE YOU START

Make sure you have a supply of hand sanitiser and a first aid box – just in case!

Take a register of everyone in the group – you don't want to lose anyone on the way or leave anyone behind.

Is everyone on the team:

- ✓ wearing high viz jackets or brightly coloured clothing?
- ✓ sporting wellies or robust footwear?
- ✓ armed with a pair of safety gloves (decent gardening gloves would do)?
- ✓ got a litter picking stick and strong litter bag ... plus a bag hoop in you have them?
- ✓ got some wet wipes or hand sanitiser on them?

Check that:

- ✓ All members of the team are paired-up or in a group of three - it's much safer – and they have at least one phone between them with the 'group leader's' contact number.
- ✓ All children are accompanied by an adult.
- ✓ Everyone knows what time you are finishing and where to meet at the end.
- ✓ Everyone is feeling well – anyone who might be poorly should go home, put their feet up and cheer the team on from their sofa.

### GREAT, YOU'RE NEARLY GOOD TO GO ...

Now brief your team on some essential safety guidelines. Most of these are common sense but tell everyone anyway. Nobody wants to spend the rest of the day at A&E.

### WHAT NOT TO COLLECT

- ✗ If a piece of litter is too heavy to lift, don't lift it. Make a note of where it is or ask for help.
- ✗ Don't pick up sharp objects like needles, broken glass or smashed up bottles.
- ✗ Do not pick up anything toxic, discarded face masks, bombs (just checking you are paying attention!)

### WHERE TO PICK AND WHAT TO AVOID

- ✓ Stick to footpaths, kerbs, public open spaces and safe verges.
- ✗ Stay away from busy roads and stay out of ditches.
- ✗ Don't wade in any water more than a couple of inches deep.
- ✗ Look out for cyclists, skateboarders and give dogs a wide berth ... not all dogs are friendly and know what a good job you are doing.
- ✗ Avoid touching your face. If you need to blow your nose or wipe your eyes, take your gloves off and clean your hands first.

### WHAT TO DO WITH FULL LITTER BAGS

- Once a bag gets heavy, leave it somewhere where it can be collected at the end of the pick or take it back to your meeting point whilst you can still carry it. Don't try to drag it around with you.
- All full litter bags should be left in one safe place at the end of the litter pick.

**OK, YOU ARE READY TO GO. HAVE A GREAT LITTER PICK AND THANK YOU!**

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