SusWoT Litter Pick/River Clean Guidelines

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Thank you for volunteering to help SusWoT clean up Westbury-on-Trym and the River Trym. Before you undertake one of our activities, please email us (suswot2050@gmail.com) to confirm that you have read and understood the guidelines below.

Covid-19

Abide by current government guidelines on Safety regarding Covid-19 virus regulations.

Do not attend the session if you or anyone in your house has any symptoms relating to Coronavirus or if you are required to self-isolate.

Wash hands before and after handling equipment. We will make sure that hand sanitiser is available.

Please follow the leader's instructions about returning equipment at the end of the session.

If you wish to wear gloves, please provide your own.

If you come down with symptoms after taking part in a session please book a Covid19 test and let your group leader know the outcome.

General

Avoid direct contact with litter at all times – use the litter picking sticks provided and do not touch anything with your hands

Be aware of your environment and do not put yourself at risk whilst picking litter – this is especially important near roads

Do not pick when visibility is poor and only pick in daylight hours

Rubbish bags should not be compressed using hands or feet as this can accidently puncture the skin

Do not pick up any items that cannot easily be identified or where they are clearly hazardous such as asbestos. Report to Bristol City Council on 0117 922 2100 or via https://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue

Do not attempt to remove animals or their faeces. If the animal is dead report it to Bristol City Council on 0117 922 2100 or https://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue. If the animal is alive report to the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999

Any needles or drug paraphernalia needs to be left alone and reported to Bristol City Council on 0117 922 2100 or https://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue

Avoid contact with the body when carrying plastic bin bags

Do not attempt to pick up any large or potentially heavy items such as gas bottles or canisters

Ensure any cuts or abrasions are clean and covered with a waterproof plaster

Clean hands thoroughly before eating food or drinking

Wear sturdy shoes or boots and weather appropriate clothing

Consider wearing a high visibility vest (which you can borrow from SusWoT), be aware of traffic at all times and stop picking to allow any vehicle to pass

Stay clear of cliff edges, water, rocks and large areas of mud

Do not overfill bags and avoid lifting heavy objects or sacks alone

Follow local rules as well as our guidelines, including safe and lawful parking

Do not confront anyone you see littering.

Where possible, leave the filled bags next to a public litter bin so that it is easier to arrange collection. Do not leave collected litter on private land unless you have the landowner's permission.

Useful Contacts

suswot2050@gmail.com

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Report abandoned shopping trolleys via the trolleywise app or email trolleywise@wanzl.co.uk.