



# Tips for a successful clean up event

Want to take action against litter at your local crag or in the hills and mountains? Why not join a litter pick or organise your own to help rid the places we love of plastic and rubbish.

## Check to see if there is already a local group

We want everyone across the country to get out and get involved. There are already a number of worthwhile clean up events happening across the country and you can find more details here:

[JOIN AN EVENT](#)

If you're keen to take the initiative and organise your own event, the BMC can help by providing hand-held litter pickers and reusable, biodegradable bin bags. Please also follow the advice in this leaflet.

## Contact the landowners

Out of politeness you should contact the landowner if you're planning a litter pick on private land or on Council owned land. If you are struggling to find out who owns the land, you could try searching on the [Land Registry Map](#).

Please be aware that some Councils and the Canal & River Trust will charge you to litter pick on their land, for public liability insurance purposes.

If you are keen to clean your local crag, please check the BMC's [Regional Access Database](#) to ensure there are no access issues.

## Do a risk assessment

Risk assessments are important as they help to create awareness of hazards and risk. If you are a group of volunteers litter picking, you don't want anyone to get injured. A template is included here.

[RISK ASSESSMENT](#)

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## Pick a day and rally your volunteers

Invite people to join you at your chosen location, Facebook groups work really well. Perhaps you're already planning a walk and could just take a bin bag with you? Perhaps get support from other groups and individuals to make this a community event. The more the merrier but even two people can make a difference!

## Brief your group

Brief any volunteers before the event. Make sure they know what to wear (waterproof clothing, sturdy shoes etc.) and what to bring with them (appropriate gloves for litter picking) as well as refreshments, and so on. If it's a large area you're covering, allocate sections to individuals or small groups.

## Take appropriate equipment

You will need litter pickers, gloves and strong bin bags at the very least. You may also want to wear hi-vis vests if you're near a busy road and take a first aid kit and anti-bacterial gel.

Please also take lots of photos of your event and join / share on our [Facebook Group](#)

**You may already have the equipment you need but if not, please let the BMC know and we can provide you with the basic equipment.**

## Public liability insurance

As a member of the BMC, either via a club or individually, you are already provided with combined liability insurance protection for your climbing, hill walking and mountaineering activities. If you're doing a litter pick organised by a school or other constituted group, it is also likely you will have public liability insurance cover. Check before you head out, to ensure you are satisfied that you have adequate cover.

## Consider others and the environment

Please consider others visiting the countryside, crag or your local area as well as local wildlife and environment. Do not disturb animals or damage plants and don't remove features such as logs, stones and weeds – these are often valuable habitats for smaller animals.



## AFTER THE EVENT

### Dispose of your waste

Please try to recycle as much as possible at your local recycling centre. Your Council may also agree to collect your litter after your litter pick if you contact them first.

Record where you went, how much you collected and what you collected on our Hills 2 Oceans Facebook Group. Did you find anything interesting or weird? Was there a particular brand or product that made up a lot of your litter?

### Social Media

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