



Litter Pickers' Agreement Form

Barkway Parish Council employs two casual litter pickers to help us keep our village free of rubbish and litter. We require **all** litter pickers to sign this form to ensure that the council's insurance covers both employees and volunteers undertaking this work for the council, and to record that all litter pickers and supervisors have read and understood the associated **Litter Pickers' Risk Assessment**.

Litter pickers' Do's & Don'ts

Before you begin as a litter picker, please make sure you have a copy of our **Litter Pickers' Risk Assessment** and you have read and signed the Do's & Don'ts below to ensure your safety.

Please do ✓

- **Do** follow the Highway Code if driving to and from litter picking location including safely parking your vehicle to enable easy access and egress in case of emergency.
- **Do** wear your high visibility waistcoat provided by the Parish Council at all times when collecting litter.
- **Do** wear appropriate/suitable clothing for weather conditions.
- **Do** use the litter picker gloves provided by the Parish Council and follow good hygiene practises and only handle litter when wearing gloves; replacement gloves may be obtained from the Parish Council on request.
- **Do** use litter picking tools provided by the council to pick up sharp litter.
- **Do** report any issues including accidents, slip, trips or falls as soon as possible to the Parish Clerk.
- **Do** take great care if picking up broken glass; report to the Parish Clerk if you think the items are too dangerous to handle
- **Do** let the Parish Clerk know if items are too heavy or awkward to handle. The Parish Clerk can then report any incidents of fly tipping or dangerous substances that need to be removed by the County Council.
- **Do** consider carrying some basic first aid provision including cleansing gel.
- **Do** work only from footways or verges wide enough to provide sufficient distance from traffic.
- **Do** face oncoming traffic and passing traffic when litter picking.
- **Do** take extreme care when crossing roads. Only litter pick on one side of the road so crossing is kept to a minimum.
- **Do** withdraw rather than face conflict with members of the public and report to the Parish Council.
- **Do** avoid contact with animals
- **Do** be aware of low-lying branches and exposed tree and shrub roots. Beware of dangerous plants and adverse reactions.
- **Do** stay in your nominated area and contact the Parish Clerk if a change of area is being considered.
- **Do** report any injury no matter how slight to the Parish Clerk for recording purposes.

Please don't x

- **Don't** use a mobile telephone.
- **Don't** wear open toe shoes, wear suitable footwear for uneven/unstable ground and appropriate for weather conditions.
- **Don't** do anything that is likely to endanger yourself or others, including litter picking close to a busy road or in bad weather when visibility is poor or icy underfoot.
- **Don't** touch anything that may be dangerous, including needles or syringes, human waste, animal waste, blood, batteries, miscellaneous substances or anything that is suspected to contain asbestos. Contact the Parish Clerk for removal
- **Don't** litter pick in rivers, canals or ponds.
- **Don't** sort through waste material inside bags or bins and be aware of protruding objects.
- **Don't** deal with animal faeces, let the Parish Council know.
- **Don't** overfill bags so they become too heavy to comfortably handle. Sufficient bags will be provided by the Parish Council.
- **Don't** litter pick in weather conditions that may threaten your health and welfare.
- **Don't** forget to cover cuts or sores with a waterproof plaster before carrying out a litter pick.
- **Don't** work on the roadside if the speed limit is 30mph or over.
- **Don't** litter pick on the Highway or in the road.
- **Don't** attempt to deal with aggressive or difficult people. Do not confront anyone littering, please report this to the Parish Council.
- **Don't** litter pick where loose dogs may be present.
- **Don't** touch wire fences. Always assume they are electric fences that are live. Do not climb any type of fence.
- **Don't** litter pick at height that involves climbing.
- **Don't** collect litter from privately owned land, if in doubt check with the Parish Clerk.

Declaration

I confirm that I have read the Barkway Parish Council's ***Litter Pickers' Risk Assessment***, and that I will act responsibly and safely at all times and observe the safety briefing given by the Parish Clerk.

Full name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Litter Pickers under the age of 16 – please ask a parent or guardian to sign this agreement below.

I confirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above, and that I will supervise their Litter Picking activities as agreed with the Parish Council at all times.

Full name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____