

GREEN LITTER PICK WALKS

HOW TO PROTECT OUR GREEN SPACES AND KEEP OUR CARBON EMISSIONS LOW OR ZERO!



Climate Action Newcastle members want to avoid adding to climate change problems when we do our litter picking so here's our guidance from lessons we've learned:



TRAVEL:

Getting to and from the event to reduce carbon impact:
WALK Litter pick on the way.

USE WHEELS Cycling, scooters, segways.

Provide advice about where to lock bikes up.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Where are the nearest bus, metro, railway stops and links to timetables.

E-VEHICLES Use electric if available and car share.



WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL:

AVOID SINGLE USE PLASTIC

Reusable containers like buckets are great for collection if there are waste disposal facilities available to empty into, such as communal bins. Biodegradable bags are often too flimsy, if you find a strong enough option, please let us know! Use recycled plastic bags instead. Available from Sainsbury's and online. There are still emissions from recycling but much lower impact than non-recycled bags.

AVOID CROSS CONTAMINATION

If possible, use different colours or labelling to keep waste that can be recycled separate from that destined for landfill.



EQUIPMENT:

REUSABLE A pool of equipment could include pickers, hi-vis vests, waste collection buckets/bags, first aid kit.
INDIVIDUALS If you like to litter pick when out and about you can buy your own litter picker e.g. £5 from Wilko, gloves, bucket etc. Even better if you can wear a branded hi-vis vest to promote a good cause.



OUTREACH & PROMOTION:

USE BRANDING Hi-vis jackets can be reused for other litter picks, marches, events, cycle rides etc. Our supplier was Excel Commercial Services (0191 495 2456). A small number can have a big impact.

INFORMATION FOR PASSERS-BY Good to chat to people to engage interest in your organisation or litter picking. A small number of leaflets are useful for people keen to take info away. If they simply need your website url, they can take a photo of the info from a leaflet or hi-vis vest branding.



REFRESHMENTS:

AVOID SINGLE USE CONTAINERS FOR FOOD & DRINKS

Reusable containers, water bottles, thermos flasks, beeswax wraps. Non-dairy drinks options have a lower carbon footprint too.

AVOID ADDITIONAL PACKAGING Bring homemade cakes and biscuits, fruit bought loose, sandwiches with bread bought loose in bakery.

Vegan or vegetarian options have a much lower carbon footprint, or

POOL SNACKS Approach a local supportive greengrocer or cafe for 'sponsorship' through donating fruit or low-carbon plant-based snacks.



Many people care about our green spaces and volunteer to pick up litter to protect wildlife and avoid damage to our environment. Lots more guidance is available to help us all do this:

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY: www.keepbritaintidy.org
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE: www.sas.org.uk



We'd love to hear from you about your own litter picks and any of your ideas to add to our guidance! Please do get in touch: climateneewcastle@gmail.com

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