

# CLEAN CHAMPIONS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



## **What is 'Nottingham Clean Champions'?**

Nottingham Clean Champions is an informal volunteering scheme to support you by making small changes in your neighbourhood. We are mainly focused on litter picks but encourage you to report excessive rubbish or fly tips, so that together we can keep Nottingham a clean and tidy city. It is open to anyone in the city boundary, including residents, groups, schools, or businesses.

## **What does a Clean Champion do?**

A Clean Champion volunteers to do litter picks either on their own, with family or friends, or with other Clean Champions. Volunteering has so many benefits; not only do you get out in the fresh air, but you can also meet up with other Clean Champions, make new friends and feel good about your neighbourhood. You can help us make a difference to your neighbourhood too by providing feedback and getting involved in discussions about making improvements.

## **How can I get involved?**

If you are aged 18 and over, please sign up by clicking on 'Sign up to Nottingham Clean Champions' and fill out a simple form. We look forward to welcoming you to the scheme! If you are aged under 18, we ask that a parent or guardian signs up for you on your behalf and that they accompany you on litter picks. We also support Duke of Edinburgh volunteering. Please contact us to discuss.

## **What support will I receive?**

We appreciate the hard work our Clean Champion volunteers do in keeping our city clean and that's why we have a dedicated Volunteer & Engagement Officer to help support you. We'll subscribe you to our monthly e-newsletter to keep you informed of what's happening and we hold regular monthly zoom calls for you to join to ask any questions or tell us what you have been up to! There is a private Facebook group that you can join to share your stories and experiences, and we're on hand to answer any questions too. It's a great place to interact and see what others are up to including Days of Action and funny finds.

## **Where can I litter pick?**

Anywhere within the city boundary except for private land. You can find more information on our Geographic Information System (found [here](#)). We also ask that you abide by our Health & Safety guidance, which you can read [here](#) which asks that you consider any dangers in the area where you are picking. We do ask that you do not litter pick near busy roads, watercourses or in secluded or dark areas. Remember to let other know where you are and have the means to raise the alarm in an emergency.

## **Do I need to litter pick at set times or dates?**

No, you can litter pick at your own leisure; we do not expect you to follow any set schedule or requirements. Some champions volunteer every day, once a week or just once a month. Please consider the time of day that you are picking and we do not advise to do this in the dark.

## **What equipment will I receive?**

Once you've signed up, you'll need to put through an equipment request to order your hi-visibility jacket, gloves, purple bin bags and of course a litter pick. All of the equipment is mandatory if you are going to litter pick as a Clean Champion.

## **Where can I get more bags or replace a broken litter pick?**

You can place an order for more bags or additional equipment on one of the links on our webpage. If you're having trouble using the form, feel free to email or call us.

## **Do I need to wear anything in particular?**

We ask that you wear appropriate clothing for the weather, as well as the hi-vis jacket and gloves provided. Please always consider the weather and location, ensuring that you wear sensible clothing to protect your arms and legs and sensible, closed footwear (not sandals, flip flops or heels).

## **What litter can I or can't I pick up?**

You can pick up anything like cans, cigarettes, plastic bottles, plastic wrapper, plastic bags, cupboards, boxes, crisps packets, etc. Some of this litter may look recyclable, but many of it is contaminated if it has been left out for too long and in certain weather conditions. This is fine to dispose of in a purple bag. We ask that you do not pick up any hazardous waste which includes dog fouling, glass, or needles (or any sharp material), or suspected asbestos material. Should you find a knife, call 101, which is a non-emergency police number. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## **Do I need training?**

We don't provide any particular training; however, we offer health and safety guidance to ensure that you are safe at all times. If you would like to be trained to litter pick on a Nottingham Express Transit (NET) tramline, please get in touch with us (and not NET directly) so that you can attend the Personal Track Safety (PTS) course.

## **How can I join other Clean Champions on a litter pick?**

The best way to get in touch with other Clean Champions once you've signed up is via our private Facebook page (search 'Nottingham Clean Champions'). We advertise all group picks on our calendar below – just simply turn up with your equipment!

## **Am I paid expenses?**

No, as this is a volunteering scheme and no expenses are paid. We don't expect you to travel unnecessarily, and we provide all the equipment you need.

## **What do I do with the rubbish I collect?**

We simply ask that you leave your rubbish by a street waste bin, bus stop or landmark and report your bags online, details of which can be found on this page.