

19th February 2019

Dear Fellow Villagers,

HAMBLEDON SPRING CLEAN EVENT 02 MARCH 2019

I am again co-ordinating and organising this year's Spring village litter clean-up on Saturday 2nd March 2019 and hope that as many people as possible will spend an hour or two picking up what other people think is their right to dispose of in our hedgerows and verges!

Please find linked to the PC website a map of the village showing the roads and footpaths highlighted in pink that I intend to target as a minimum so please let me know before the day which routes you are willing to walk.

In addition, there is an A4 poster which, if you have the facility to print and live on a busy thoroughfare or pathway in the village, I would be very grateful if you could display in a downstairs window.

This really is a great cause to maintain the attractiveness and appearance of our village as well as getting out in the lovely spring weather (I hope!).

Litter pickers, hi-vis waistcoats and rubbish bags will be available for collection from me at 1100 in the Village Hall car park right after 'The Big Breakfast'.

If anybody has a suitable truck or van to assist with full bag collection that would also be a great help.

Hope to see you there...

Regards

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PS. Provided below is health and safety advice and a disclaimer form which, in these litigious days, needs to be signed and returned to me in order to confirm that you are doing the Spring Clean-up of your own volition and the PC accepts no liability.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you so much for doing your bit to keep Hambledon a clean and pleasant place in which to live. In order to ensure your own well-being during and after the litter-pick, please ensure that you have read and understood the following health and safety advice:

DO NOT:

- touch unidentified cans or canisters, oil drums, poisons, insecticides, clinical waste, other hazardous substances, broken glass, condoms, syringes, etc.;
- litter-pick near deep or fast-flowing water, currents or tides, steep, slippery or unstable banks, sharp rocks, mud holes, derelict buildings, busy roads, electric fences (which are identified by yellow warning signs) etc.; or
- lift large or heavy items.

YOU MUST:

- wear heavy duty protective gloves and high visibility tabards, at all times;
- use litter pickers (to reduce risk of injury sustained from repetitive bending and remove risk of any direct contact with litter/hazardous materials);
- cover any cuts, however minor, with surgical tape or a waterproof plaster;
- avoid rubbing the mouth and eyes whilst working; and
- wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet.

VOLUNTEERS SHOULD AVOID LITTER-PICKING:

- in restricted areas such as road works or where the public do not have a right of entry;
- near roads unless on wide verges or pavements, suitable for pedestrians, and carried out facing oncoming traffic;
- in anything but clear daylight;
- from the carriageway;
- on roads (but if they do, they should work on one side to avoid excess crossing);

- by reaching into hedges or undergrowth in such a way as to expose the face, eyes and skin to scratches from thorns or branches;
- next to rivers or steep slopes as there is an increased risk of slips and falls; and
- in areas contaminated by rats: Leptospirosis (Weil's disease) is a very rare infection carried in rats' urine and can be fatal.

PLEASE REMEMBER: be mindful of wildlife - avoid disturbing animals and birds that may be nesting.

IF YOU ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHILD, ENSURE THAT THEY:

- are supervised by a responsible adult, at all times (for young children it is recommended that there are no more than four children to one adult);
- are well briefed before starting the clean-up on which items are potentially dangerous and should not be touched; and
- wear heavy duty gloves, high visibility tabards, and suitable clothes and footwear.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND:

- wearing appropriate footwear and clothing (to prevent exposing any bare areas of skin to hazards); and
- carrying a mobile phone, bottled water (to prevent dehydration) and a first aid kit with you if possible.

ONCE YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE, PLEASE COMPLETE A GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2019 DISCLAIMER FORM AND RETURN TO DAVID WARREN ASAP. THANK YOU!

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VOLUNTEER DISCLAIMER FORM

Volunteers should not participate in litter picks unless they understand and accept that **participation is entirely at their own risk**. Volunteers are not working for, or on behalf of Hambledon Parish Council, therefore the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, injuries or inconvenience caused as a result of the actions and omissions of volunteers or the health and safety guidance provided.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge the above and to confirm that you have read and understood the health and safety guidance for this event.

Signed:

Name:

Date: