

The Pickup Artists

Information Guide for: The Duke of Edinburgh Award: Volunteering



Mission Statement

Our aim is to keep our towns litter free and recycle as much litter as we can, to prevent it from going to landfill or hurting wildlife. Our desired outcome is to educate all, focussing on Junior Pickup Artists and education through schools and community groups.

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“Volunteering is all about getting out there and making a difference by helping others, the environment or your local community”

(DofE handbook....getting started)

At the ‘Pickup Artists’ our philosophy is ‘Lets make a difference’. We are a group of like-minded individuals, passionate about caring for the local environment and wildlife and keeping it clean. We are an all inclusive group: no barriers to age, gender or ability and welcome anyone who can make a difference, no matter how small.

So what better way to fulfill your volunteering hours, than coming out with us and supporting your local community, helping to keep it litter free and protecting the beautiful wildlife and landscapes we are surrounded by here in Wyre Forest, including nature reserves, waterways and parks.

All this work is done purely by volunteers.
People like you and me, who want to get out
there and make a difference in their
community.

Safeguarding

When volunteering with the Pickup Artists, parent's/guardians must be aware that our volunteers are largely unvetted adults. Bearing this in mind we enforce the following rules when dealing with young people:

- The onus is on the parent/legal guardian to find a suitable volunteering environment and be happy that it is safe for their young person. We highly recommend that an adult accompany the young person when they're out litter picking in their own local area.
- At all group events, we ask that you accompany your young person at all times
- The group leader at events must be a 'vetted' adult (assessed through the Disclosure and Barring service). For the purposes of DofE assessments these adults are: **Kirsty Swabey and Michelle Medler only, at present.**
- Every group event will be risk assessed by the leader and the young person briefed on safety aspects relevant to the activity.
 - All safety wear provided (high vis jacket) must be worn on the litter pick. Care

Follow-up

If you are interested in completing your volunteer hours with The Pickup Artists then please contact us at:

x  or

x Message us on Facebook or

x Visit: www.thepickupartists.co.uk

Then download this booklet for your information and fill out the attached forms before attending the first event.

Hope to see you soon!

Appendix A

Quick Health & Safety Checklist

All volunteers must read this checklist

- Please do not work alone, keep a member of the team in sight at all times.
- Wear the protective gloves provided at all times.
- Always use litter pickers provided to pick up litter.
- Make sure you can see all of the items of litter you are picking up.
- If you find a hypodermic needle (syringe) please leave it and tell the group leader who will arrange disposal. You can call the local council to arrange safe disposal.
- Do not enter the sea or any water.
- Do not pick up anything you think may be hazardous, e.g. a flare or munitions. Tell the team leader or call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
- Be careful of trips and falls on uneven ground, particularly slopes, sand dunes and rocky shores.
- Hygiene – avoid touching face, eyes, mouth whilst working. Wash hands before eating and drinking.
- Cover any cuts - all team leaders have first aid kits.
- Do not attempt to lift large or heavy objects which make you strain. Work with another to lift the items or tell the group leader who can arrange disposal with the local council.
- If your bag becomes too heavy tie it up, put it either in or next to a bin and start with a fresh bag in the hoop.
- Strong and covered footwear is advised and suitable clothing (e.g. warm / waterproof clothes in winter and sun cream / hats in summer). Finally, Remember; look out for yourself and others. Don't take risks and have an enjoyable time!

Name

Email

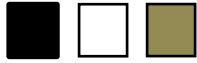
Please tick

I have read and understood the health and safety checklist

Thank you

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Appendix B



Photograph & film consent form

Image description:
Event & location:
Date:
Lead officer:
Lead officer tel.no:

Thank you for allowing us to take your photograph today. We now need your written approval to allow us to use your image and details.
I give consent for The Pickup Artists to publish, republish or otherwise transmit still and moving images and audio of myself, for the purpose of:

- . The Pickup Artists publicity, fundraising and advertising materials, including printed publications
Presentation and exhibition materials
- . The Pickup Artists, social media channels and digital communications
- . News media and their associated websites and social media channels including print, television and radio

If you are signing on behalf of yourself please complete section 1, if you are signing on behalf of a young person under the age of 18, please complete section 2.

Section 1

I am the person identified in the photograph(s), filming and/or recording.
I understand the above request and give informed consent.

Name:.....
Telephone Number:.....
Email Address:.....
Signature:.....Date:.....

Section 2

I am the parent / guardian of a young person under the age of 18 years old identified in the photograph(S), filming and/or recoding and I give informed consent.

Young person's name:..... Young person's age:.....
Signature of parent/guardian/carer:.....Date:.....

Data protection

Any personal data you give to us, including photographic of film images, will be stored electronically and processed strictly in accordance with the General Date Protection Regulations (GDPR). It will only be used for the purposes you have consented to.
Consent lasts for up to five years from the date of signing this form but you may withdraw your consent at any time by calling 01562 755079, emailing the.pickup.artists@outlook.com. Please give details of the date and event when your photograph/film was taken.

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