

Community Litter Picking

All individuals carrying out litter picking on Solihull MBC land should follow these guidelines. Activities that do not follow these guidelines are carried out at your own risk.

- If using Love Solihull Hub equipment or attending a community litter pick please ensure the 'signing out' sheet is completed each occasion.
- Only pick up litter using the litter pickers, **please do not use your hands.**
- Before going out on activity please refer to the Community Litter Picking Risk Assessment.
- Children under 16 years of age should be supervised at all times by their responsible adult.
- Take care when litter picking near roads and highways, and refrain from litter picking in the highway.
- Before taking any photos of people on the litter pick please ensure that they have given consent and understand where the photo may be displayed.
- For your safety do not enter any water body or water channel during your litter pick.
- Please use the green 'Love Solihull' bags provided as this differentiates litter waste from fly tipping or side waste.
- Once you have completed the litter pick wash your hands as soon as possible.
- Please return all bags of litter to the agreed collection point. SMBC contractors have agreed to collect Love Solihull litter bags (maximum 2 bags) when left next to **SMBC litter bins** however for larger community litter picks please contact the Love Solihull team so that a special collection can be arranged. The collection point needs to be near to a road, driveway or car park.
- Please do not leave bags next to any buildings in case the bags are ignited prior to collection
- Please report equipment defects or any issues or concerns to the event organiser or Love Solihull
- Please do not use the Love Solihull bags for green waste (i.e. shrubbery cuttings) before contacting the Love Solihull team.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND:

Flytipping - Suspected cases of fly tipping should not be moved. Report to SMBC Connect for further investigation and collection.

Needles - Please report to SMBC's Contact Centre for safe collection and disposal

Knives / Weapons – Instruction provided by West Midlands Police:

- Weapons to be photographed in situ and shared with the Police.
- Location to be recorded and noted so it can be shared with the Police.
- Weapons/knives to be brought to the front office at Solihull Police Station. (Confirm with the Police desk where the photos and noted location information needs to be sent).
- Fire arms should not be touched and left in situ. Please call the Police for further advice.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Solihull MBC Connect

Tel: 0121 704 8000

Website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/> - report a problem online by completing a web form

Love Solihull

Tel: 0121 704 8000

Email: lovesolihull@solihull.gov.uk

Website: www.lovesolihull.org

Newsletter: Sign up to the 'Love Solihull' Stay Connected newsletter via www.solihull.gov.uk

West Midlands Police

Emergency Tel: 999

Non-emergency Tel: 101

Website: <https://west-midlands.police.uk/>

Neighbourhood Updates: Sign up to WM Now <https://www.wmnow.co.uk/>

If you require further clarification or have any questions or feedback relating to these Guidelines and the Community Litter Picking Risk Assessment then please get in touch.

If you are involved in an incident or accident that has resulted in ill health or injury, or if you are involved in an event where no harm has been caused, but had the potential to cause injury or ill health then please report this to the Love Solihull team immediately:

Thank you for your support in helping to clean up Solihull!