

The Adopt-a-Street Scheme

A voluntary initiative to address litter in Stonehaven

What is it?

In April 2007, the Stonehaven & District Community Council launched a *voluntary* initiative to help tackle the problem of litter in the town. This is the Stonehaven Adopt-a-Street Scheme. Ordinary residents taking positive action to help keep the streets of Stonehaven litter free for their own benefit and the enjoyment of a cleaner environment for all.

How can I take part in Stonehaven?

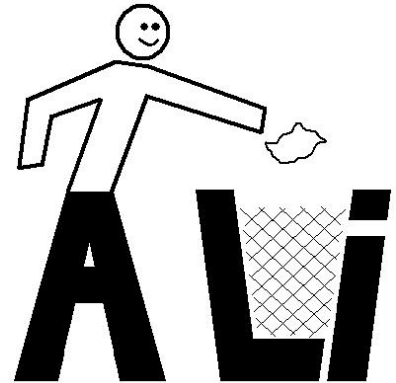
If you would like to know more about the local Stonehaven scheme, you can either read the [*Guidance Notes*](#), which all volunteers receive when they sign up, or please feel free to call one of the scheme organisers who would be happy to talk you through how it works and answer any questions you may have or sign you up!

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How do I start a similar scheme in my own community?

In June 2007, the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum, an independent group, launched the Aberdeenshire Litter Initiative (**Ali**) to support other groups and communities in Aberdeenshire looking to set up Adopt-a-Street Schemes of their own. For more information and advice about how to get started where you live, please contact :

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The Adopt-a-Street Scheme is an initiative by ordinary residents to take positive action to help keep the streets of Stonehaven litter free for their own benefit and the enjoyment of a cleaner environment for all. Although, co-ordinated by Stonehaven & District Community Council, *residents who take part are volunteers who do so at their own risk.*

Detailed below are notes of guidance for volunteers. These include an outline of how the scheme works and suggestions for how to participate in the scheme with a view to safety.

Notes of Guidance for Volunteers

Volunteers

Volunteers agree to pick up litter in a particular street of their choosing. They do this as and when they can. There is no fixed time or frequency at which this should be done. Volunteers must be aged 16 or over. Only those registered with the Adopt-a-Street scheme are considered as Adopt-a-Street volunteers.

Safety

Please give top priority to your own personal safety and that of others. Please wear suitable shoes and clothing, including the high visibility vest and gloves supplied. In particular,

- Please take care and give particular consideration to motor traffic when lifting litter from the kerb edge. This scheme is only meant to be operating along streets with a speed limit of 30mph or below.
- Be aware of trip hazards, uneven or slippery pavement surfaces and kerb edges. We advise you not to step into the road to collect litter.
- Take special care if you are working near any kind of slope or waterway.
- Do not touch suspect or potentially harmful substances – see below.
- Where working next to hedges and shrubs / undergrowth, avoid reaching in such a way as to expose the face, eyes and skin to scratches from thorns or broken branches. If the item of litter can't be safely reached with a litter picker, leave it.
- Avoid risks associated with wasps/bee hives.
- Please do not put yourself at risk by confronting an individual or individuals who you observe littering.

Where to pick up litter

Litter may be picked up on public streets and public open spaces. Do not venture on to private land and do not get drawn into removing fly-tipped waste which should instead be reported (see contact details below).

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Form of Indemnity

Volunteers participate in the Adopt-a-Street scheme understanding that participation is at their own risk. Stonehaven and District Community Council has endeavoured to make this guidance informative but makes no warranties or representation, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or referenced herein. Stonehaven and District Community Council will not be held liable for any direct, indirect, special, consequential or other loss or damage that results from volunteers' participation in this scheme.

I volunteer to take part in the Adopt-a-Street Scheme

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Street(s) to be covered:

Equipment supplied :

Signature:

Date:

This sheet will be copied and the copy given to you.