

PPP Litter Picking Guide

Thank you for choosing to litter pick in aid of our Preventing Plastic Pollution project. The data you collect on your survey(s) will be invaluable in developing our understanding of and where plastics are coming from and how they are transported through our river network. You can join one of our litter picking event – details at: <https://wrt.org.uk/project/preventing-plastic-pollution-ppp/> if you wish to carry out your own clean. Here is a step by step guide to getting involved.

Step 1.

Register your interest in litter picking by emailing Lydia plastic@wrt.org.uk and ensure the subject is 'Plastics'.

Give details:

- Name (group or individual).
- Location.
- Frequency you wish to do surveys.
- Equipment you already have/what you need.

You will receive:

- The survey form
- Guides
- Risk Assessment

Step 5.

Enter your data online:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/786cd81534074a4382017c6cbc003954> and any photos or interesting finds are sent (with permission for use on social media / project promotion) to plastic@wrt.org.uk.

Step 2.

Pick a survey location. You may already know of a litter hotspot in your area but not to worry if not, we can help you out finding a suitable area to survey.



Make sure:

- The area is accessible (this may require a scout out before hand).
- The area is safe even during high river flows/high tides.
- You have permission to be on the land.

Step 3.

Pick a date for your survey and ensure you check the weather, tides and river levels. If you are surveying as a group ensure everyone is aware of the risk assessment and has seen the survey form and guide.

Step 4.

Carry out your litter pick using the survey form. If you are a group you can utilise the master survey form when collating the data at the end of the survey. If no survey was completed, please ensure the survey site details have been filled out and a weight of the plastic items collected has been noted.