



**Keep Scotland
Beautiful**

Your charity inspiring action for Scotland's environment

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering with

Upstream[®] Battle

**Find out what you can do to stop
litters journey from #Source2Sea
for your Volunteering hours**

In partnership with:

Tackle marine litter as part of your Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering.

Want to take environmental action but not sure how? Marine litter pollution is one of the biggest challenges facing the environment, and has an effect on everything from flooding to air quality and even our food. Take practical action and make a difference by committing to the Upstream Battle campaign.

80% of marine litter comes from land and makes its way into waterways and eventually to the sea. We can stop this cycle of litter and prevent it from entering the sea in the first place.

What can you do?

You can either do the volunteering by yourself or you can join a local litter picking group to do your volunteering.

Volunteer by yourself in three easy steps:

1

Identify an area
& sign up.

2

Record the
litter & cleanup.

3

Share what you
find with us.



Join a local litter-picking group

Local groups on this page:

www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/upstream-battle/inspiring-action/anchor-groups-tay/

Please make sure you still register on the Keep Scotland Beautiful's website and then follow the instructions on the next page to receive credit towards your DofE Award.

80%

Marine litter
comes from
land.

12.7m

tonnes of
plastic enters
the marine
environment
every year.

88%

of people
living in
Scotland
believe the
amount of
litter in rivers
is a problem.





Why record litter data?

It's your opportunity to contribute to Scottish policy!
The litter you will help count on a waterway near you will contribute to actions in the Scottish Government's Marine Litter Strategy.

This data-set can help us to understand exactly what we need to do to target and support those responsible for littering to clean up their act, inform decision making and, ultimately reduce litter locally.



How to record litter data

If you choose to volunteer alone, you will count your hours and collect evidence in form of photos or a diary / logbook to receive credit towards your DofE section.

You can log your data through a [survey](#) before uploading it to the [members site](#), or input your litter data directly online.

Get involved

- **[Sign up](#)** with Keep Scotland Beautiful to log litter data and read the [survey guide](#) to start surveying your local river or canal.
- **Make sure to put this activity in your Volunteer section planner and get it approved by your Leader or Assessor. If you don't have an assessor, please [contact us](#).**
- **Start volunteering!**
- **Take pictures or write a diary/logbook to record your journey as evidence of all your hard work.**
- **Upload any pictures or evidence onto your eDofE account.**
- **Once you have completed the required weeks, please let your Assessor know so that a report can be written. Your Group Leader will then approve your section. (An Assessor can be anyone who can give a report on your activity. You can contact us for an assessor. It can also be your parents or a teacher who can see the work you've done.)**

Remember, you will first need to create and account with Keep Scotland Beautiful before starting your volunteering!



We support the ambitions of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is your charity for Scotland's environment. We work with you to help combat climate change, tackle litter and waste, restore nature and biodiversity and improve places.



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