

Spring Clean Week 2025: Adopt a Place

**Stage: P4-S2****Time: 2-4 hours**

Introduction: This year's Spring Clean Week will focus on understanding and tackling litter and waste. The overall activity is for pupils to adopt a place to take care of, but they can also share a photo of their place and do a litter pick to enter our National Litter League.

Introduction to the activity

There are three parts to the Adopt a Place activity. You can choose how many to complete.

Part 1: Adopt a Place in your grounds or local area to look after.

Part 2: Take a photo of your adopted place looking beautiful, share it with us and enter our Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) competition.

Part 3: Carry out a litter pick and enter our Litter League Competition.

Part 1: Adopt a Place

We invite your pupils to choose a place in their local area to adopt and look after for the duration of Spring Clean Week, and hopefully beyond. The place can be within their school grounds or in their local area.

Once pupils have chosen their place, they can use the template on page 2 to describe their chosen place and how they would like to look after it, for example by carrying out a litter pick, campaigning for more bins in the area, or putting signs up asking people not to drop litter there.

Part 2: Photo competition

We invite pupils to take a photo of their adopted place (or another local place that they think is beautiful and would like to protect).

Send photos to education@keepscotlandbeautiful.org by Thursday 20 March 2025 at 3pm and we will display them in our Spring Clean Week assembly on Friday 21 March 2025.

Photos can also be entered into our Young Reporters for the Environment competition to be in with a chance of winning £25, plus the photo will be included in our 30th anniversary calendar. Find out how to take part and how to take a good photo in our [competition guide](#). Deadline for entries is 22 April 2025.

Part 3: Litter League competition

Organise a litter pick between 17 March and 21 April. The litter pick could be in your adopted place, or pupils can go further afield to collect even more litter. Record how many bags of litter you collect during your litter pick and complete the [Litter League entry form](#). Whichever school collects the most litter will be crowned regional, or even national, Litter League champions.

Winning schools will get exclusive bragging rights, recognition of their achievement, and one of our Spring Clean Scotland trophies. Find out more in our [Litter League competition guide](#).

Please [register your pick](#) (you can do it before or after the event). This lets us know how much litter is getting cleaned up, and how many people are joining in the effort. Thanks to this data, we can show the importance of the work volunteers are doing.

Template for Part 1: Adopt a Place

As a class or group, this is the place we decided to adopt (you can draw the place or add a map showing where it is):

We adopted this place because...

Before adopting it, it was looking...

Instead, we would like it to look...

This is what we will need to do to make it happen...