

Costume Hire Policy and Care Instructions

Keep Scotland Beautiful has a range of mascot costumes available to help raise awareness of local environmental quality issues such as litter and dog fouling. The costumes are available to community groups, businesses, local authorities, schools, and other bodies with an interest in promoting a cleaner Scotland. There are three dog costumes, one cigarette butt costume and one chewing gum costume.

The costumes are suitable for adults of varying height and frame, although people with a larger build may find their movements slightly restricted in the more rigid costumes.

Additionally, we have a Handicart which is also available for people to borrow. This cart makes separating and transporting litter a lot easier and has puncture proof wheels to make it easier to use on a range of terrains. The cart can hold a maximum of 30kg so please take care not to overload it, and try to spread weight evenly across the two bags to make it easier to maneuver. More information and a short video of how the Handicart works can be found at <http://www.handicart.co.uk/product-information/>

The costumes and handicart are currently free to borrow, however, charitable donations are welcomed and can be made at keepsotlandbeautiful.org/support-us/donate

Each costume should arrive with matching parts:

- One pair of character shoes
- One pair of gloves
- A set of arms
- A pair of trousers

The handicart consists of:

- Cart frame with wheels
- Adjustable handle
- Two removable handihoods to hold bags open

Please treat them with care as they are expensive pieces of kit and we would like as many people as possible to benefit from them.

How to use Keep Scotland Beautiful's Costume and Handicart Hire Service

Please select which costume(s) / Handicart you would like to borrow, the dates of your event and then contact the community projects team on 01786 468 247. We will then send you a booking form which you will need to complete and sign to confirm the hire.

Delivery and Collection Dates and Times

Costume hire is subject to availability and requires at least a week's advance notice to ensure the costumes are cleaned, in good condition and ready for collection.

Delivery and collection times are between 9am and 5pm, Monday – Friday by prior arrangement, and costumes require to be signed for by the person collecting them.

Please ensure that you let us know if you intend to collect your costume earlier than intended – our costume service is very popular and the costume may be with another organisation.

Care of Equipment

Mascots and the handicart should be transported in vehicles with adequate room so they are not damaged in transit. Litter costumes and the handicart are large, rigid and do not fold or bend, therefore a short wheel based transit van or large car is required. The dog costumes are slightly easier to transport as only the head has a rigid frame.

When not in use, costumes and the handicart should be stored in a clean, dry and roomy environment. When in use, discretion should be used on the day to ascertain whether the weather or terrain is appropriate in order to keep damage or dirt to a minimum.

If the costume or handicart is dirty after use, it must be professionally cleaned before being returned to Keep Scotland Beautiful. Charges for cleaning lie with the organisation or individual who has borrowed the costume. Please notify Keep Scotland Beautiful as soon as possible if a costume or the handicart is damaged, so that we can make suitable arrangements to have them washed and repaired. If the costumes or the handicart are damaged beyond normal wear and tear, a charge will be incurred.

Cancellations

If you would like to cancel an order please contact us immediately on 01786 471 333.



St Bernard



Dalmatian



Hound



Chewing Gum



Cigarette Butt



Handicart

Any queries can be sent to cleanup@keepsotlandbeautiful.org

Thank you for taking care of the costumes and best of luck with your event!