

Community Litter Hub

Empowering communities to tackle the litter emergency



Find out how one volunteer group tackled a local problem and filled dozens of bags of litter

Clermiston Litterati case study

Tell us about yourself and/or group

Clermiston Litterati is a litter picking group, based in Edinburgh West who formed in Spring 2021 during lockdown.

We have organised fortnightly litter picks at different local locations, for all ages, ever since and have now held 85 group events. We also encourage individual and family litter picks, and can lend out equipment if necessary, including children's litter pickers. We also manage corporate events.

One of the families who join in help us also manage the local Scout group and they suggested we combined forces in April 2024 to cover one of the largest parks in our area, Drumbrae Park.

Volunteering is an important part of the Scout movement's remit, as is encouraging an interest in the environment. The children also enjoy being outdoors!

What was the litter problem you wanted to tackle?

Drumbrae Park is a regular location for our litter picks. The recycling bins in the car park next to the Drumbrae Leisure Centre are overfilled, rubbish dumped next to them which leads to rubbish and recycling being blown all over the park.

There is also littering on the park and sadly, flytipping in the woodlands which border the park too. With the park being so big we really benefitted by having our numbers boosted by the Scouts.



What action did you take?

We posted an event as usual on Facebook and our group met the Scouts on a Sunday, with as many litter pickers as we could find!

What was the outcome?

We managed to fill dozens of bin bags with litter, separating the recycling from landfill litter, and collect a substantial pile of fly tipping, too.

The Council picked up the bags of litter and fly tipping at our request, as always

We all had a great time, and the community benefitted from the joint action, as did the local wildlife.

Do you have any advice to others in a similar situation?

Advertise extensively, and make it fun!

Ask your Council for resources and make sure you have made arrangements for uplift before the event starts.

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