



Case study: Sheffield Litter Pickers

Name of project or group

Sheffield Litter Pickers. Case study by Linda Ball, March 2022

What actions for nature did your group want to take and why?

We pick up litter and fly tipping all over Sheffield - we hate the unnecessary menace it presents and want to take action against it.



Photo credit: Sheffield Litter Pickers

What resources or support did you need/use?

We are supported by Sheffield City Council, who pick up our full bags and give us new bags.

How did you empower or involve others?

We are supportive of each other and try to encourage people to take action against litter by picking up what they see. We hope we can outnumber the litterers, one day.

How did it make you feel?

We feel a sense of satisfaction because we see a problem and can provide a fix. The fix might only be short-term - but we are also making an important statement as a community that litter and flytipping is not acceptable.



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What changes have there been as a result of your actions?

Our home environment looks much better as a result, and hopefully we have removed hazards to nature, wildlife and animals.

Have you had any memorable nature encounters while doing this?

Some of our volunteers have worked tirelessly for 2 years in the Gleadless Valley to remove decades of rubbish that's been blocking the beautiful brooks. After much toil they have finally got the waters flowing again - a wonderful sight and sound.

How have the actions been shared or inspired others?

We are often featured in the media, it keeps the issue in the public eye and encourages folk to join us.

What's next?

We hope that we encourage more and more volunteers to pick up litter when they see it. In terms of the bigger picture, we hope most of all that people be educated out of the littering habit.

You can join our Facebook group or email sheflitterpick@gmail.com