

Monaghan Tidy Towns Litter Vigilante Guide

Monaghan Tidy Towns Committee seeks a cleaner, greener Monaghan that is a great place to live, work or visit. We support Monaghan Municipal District Council's programme of work dealing with litter, dumping, and fly tipping. Through a number of programmes such as the National Spring Clean, group litter picks or our Litter Vigilante Scheme we seek to develop an active society where everyone has a role in protecting our communities and the people who live here.

We can all help to improve and protect the environment by supporting voluntary litter collecting initiatives. This can be undertaken by joining in our "Litter Vigilante" initiative either as an individual, in small family/friend groups or as part of larger community or sporting organisations. Monaghan Tidy Towns, with the support of Monaghan County Council, will provide volunteers with equipment and advice on litter picking.

Contact us if you would like us to add you to our contact list for regular group litter picks.

The Litter Vigilante Scheme enables groups and individuals in the community to adopt an area, street or road in their locality and look after it. You can choose any area you like in the town such as Rossmore Park, the Greenway or the road, street or estate where you live. MTT will provide you with a Litter Vigilante pack containing all the equipment you need, including hints and tips on how to run a successful clean up.

If you identify the need for litter picking within a public space in your area, please get in touch with us.

Litter Vigilante Procedure Step by Step

- Contact Monaghan Tidy Towns: - use the contact page to register as a Litter Vigilante.
- Receive Litter Vigilante Kit
- Wearing a high-vis vest is essential!
- Place any filled litter bags next to a council litter bin where they can easily be collected.
- Or let us or the council know how many bags of rubbish were collected & where they are
- Report any issues identified and / or send in photos and information to help promote your volunteering
- Celebrate by attending our annual awards and encourage others to get involved

Kit – includes litter pickers, litter bags, hi-visibility vests and gloves

If you are working alone, please remember to stay visible and let a member of your household know where you've gone and when to expect you back.

Volunteer Organiser:

If you are organising a litterpick with your community group or club complete a check that everyone has signed an attendance list and that mobile telephone numbers are collected. This will ensure that everyone may be contacted if needed, for example, if someone has left early.

The lead volunteer organiser or co-ordinator should carry out a Health and Safety Assessment & talk to all taking part. Set a finishing time and location for people to meet at the end.

Send in photos and data if you see anything that may cause harm, any maintenance issues, or anything unexpected then you should contact the Council and report it to a member of staff as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please contact Tidy Towns or the Council after your litter pick so we can ensure the location/amount of litter to be collected.

After the event check the rubbish has been collected. If not collected within 2 working days, please contact us again.

Please let us know how you got on: - How many people joined in? - How many bags of rubbish were collected? - Were there any large objects that needed removing? - Was there a type of rubbish that you found frequently? - How you think we can prevent the problem continuing in the future?

To help promote clean neighbourhoods, raise awareness of problems surrounding litter, and recognise your efforts, please send us some photos of your volunteering

We can then post them on our social media channels.

Input your volunteer numbers, number of bags collected, the area covered and the duration of your clean up.

Photos and Details for Social Media: Please take some photos of your volunteers before, during and / or after your litter pick so we can show the community the great effort you have made in keeping our public places tidy.

You can send photos, relevant permissions and any details you have, i.e. number of bags collected, number of volunteers involved etc. to: monaghantidytowns111@gmail.com

If you can, please send your photos on the day of the litter pick or the next morning