



**Mobile Resident Litter Pick Station
Community Assets and Open Spaces
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To reduce litter and make improvements to their communities, West Swindon Parish Council and Central Swindon North Parish Council have both introduced a mobile litter pick stations. The concept is that the station, pictured below, includes some medium sized bags and two litter pickers. Residents can use these to do a quick 2 minute litter pick whilst they are in the vicinity e.g having a walk, supervising children whilst they play. Residents would then return the litter pick stick to the station and leave the collected litter next to a bin. The litter pick stations can be secured to railings/a fence post and be moved around to different locations.

A litter pick station can be bought ready-made for around £750 but West Swindon Parish Council have made their own version for much less. They report that so far only one litter picker stick has gone missing and that there has been success with residents regularly completing short litter picks for them. Currently the cheapest price for replacement litter pick sticks is £6.50.

West Swindon Parish Council Mobile Litter Pick Station (by Peatmoor Lagoon)



Rich House, Head of Wroughton Parish Council Grounds is supportive of this initiative and we estimate that a litter pick station customised to our own design but similar to that pictured could be made for less than £150. If agreed we will aim for the litter pick station to be available during the summer months with the option to extend this.

Introducing an initiative of this sort this encourages residents to engage in keeping their community tidy on an ad-hoc basis where every little helps. This would build on the work done by our year round volunteer litter pickers who have been celebrated in WPC communications in March – April 2025 as part of the Great British Spring Clean initiative. Wroughton Parish Council has also recently joined the online 'Keep Swindon Tidy' Facebook page which offers regular opportunities to celebrate successes in positively engaging our communities.

On a separate note, if any Parish Councillors be interested in coordinating a resident litter pick for their street or area, they should contact Amanda Woodhead, Community Projects Officer who can arrange a safety briefing and issue of high visibility tabards and litter pick sticks.

Recommendations

1. The Community Projects Officer in conjunction with WPC Head of Grounds are authorised to design and prepare a mobile litter pick station.
2. The sum of £150 is allocated to this pilot project from General Equipment and Consumables Budget 450 4645.
3. The Community Projects Officer, in consultation with the WPC Head of Grounds identify various different sites around Wroughton for the mobile litter picking station to be located.
4. The Community Projects Officer develops appropriate communications to raise awareness of this new initiative and encourages members of the public to take part.
5. Ongoing costs for rubbish collection bags and replacement litter picks are met from from General Equipment and Consumables Budget 450 4645.
6. The Community Projects Officer updates the CA&OS Committee on the success of the pilot project and any opportunities to extend it.