



Update to Community Assets and Open Spaces July 2025 Community Litterpicks and other supporting initiatives

Community Litterpick Events, Thursday 28 August 2025 Wroughton 9.30-11.30am Wichelstowe 2-4pm

We have arranged one morning session based in Wroughton and an afternoon session based in Wichelstowe. These events have been scheduled during school holidays to encourage families and children to be involved. Each session will begin with a volunteer safety briefing which in Wroughton will be based in the Ellendune Community Centre at 9.30am and in Wichelstowe at 2pm in WillowBrook View Luxury Care Home.

The Community Projects Officer has organised free refreshments for volunteers at both sessions. A token will be issued to all participants for them to redeem against refreshments on the day. It is hoped that a free voucher will be an incentive for people to take part. In Wroughton hot/cold drinks and snack will be provided by an external catering cart outside the Ellendune Community Centre staffed by the Rapid Relief Team charity who supported our Annual Parish Meeting. In Wichelstowe refreshments are being prepared and donated by the WillowBrook View catering team with special thanks to Manager Chris Guest for arranging this

The local Step Out Swindon walking group who meet weekly at the Ellendune Community Centre will be joining the Wroughton based litterpick from 10am. The Wichelstowe Joint Venture Team will be joining the afternoon session and we have secured donations of some litterpicks, high visibility tabards and collecting hoops from the Developers. It is likely that WPC will need to buy more litterpick sticks for a community event of this size although anticipated that this will be less than £250. The Community Projects Officer will arrange for their purchase via the WPC Clerk.

We are working with the SBC Recycling team to see if there is any opportunity for litterpick items collected to be sorted, recycled and collected by them rather than going to landfill. Alternatively the WPC Grounds Team will collect items and dispose of them at the refuse tip.

Residents have been notified of the date of the event already via 'Save the Date' posters and information in the Wroughton monthly. More communications will appear on our website and social media feeds. BBC Wiltshire Radio will also be contacted to see if they would like to do any live interviews or pre-records. Information about the event will be sent

to the Swindon Advertiser together with follow up information and photographs after the event.

Could WPC Councillors wishing to take part please contact Amanda Woodhead advising which sessions you would like to join?

Other Opportunities for Community Engagement

The Community Projects Officer in discussions with Headteacher of Kingfisher Primary School who have an eco-club who has indicated they wish to be involved in a community cleanup or other initiative during term time.

As previously agreed by CA&OS, to support community cleanup initiatives throughout the year will be introducing 'litterpick' stations so that residents can access a pick stick and bags, do a mini clean up when they are out and about around the village and then return the items to the station. We are grateful to the Wichelstowe Joint Venture and Developers team for meeting the costs for two of these.