

Welcome to the Litter Champions network

This is an initiative that encourages residents in Southend-on-Sea to care for their neighbourhood by volunteering time to tidy the streets, parks and beaches of Southend-on-Sea.

Litter Champions improve an area by looking after the environment and encouraging neighbours and friends to be more concerned about litter.

Thank you for helping to make Southend a better place for us all.

Equipment

To litter pick safely you can request a litter picking kit from the mySouthend portal at www.southend.gov.uk.

- ▶ Litter-pickers
- ▶ Hi-vis vests
- ▶ Waste/recycling bags and a bag hoop

We also recommend that you wear gloves to keep your hands clean and a hat if it's sunny.

Before your litter pick

- ▶ Identify the area you intend to litter pick. Do not litter-pick on private land.
- ▶ Conduct a risk assessment.
- ▶ Make participants aware of the risks and guidelines via a briefing.
- ▶ Email southendadminteam.uk@suez.com to agree the location and arrange a rubbish collection if necessary.

During your litter pick

- ▶ Only litter pick in areas where it is safe to do so and stick together.
- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings and watch your footing, the shells and shingle can be slippery or sharp.
- ▶ Don't go onto the mudflats or enter the water.
- ▶ Be aware of the tide.
- ▶ Use hi-vis vests, litter-pickers, bags and hoops as directed.
- ▶ Don't touch BBQ trays – they may be hot and cause burns, as can the surrounding sand/shingle.
- ▶ If you discover broken glass, discarded needles/sharps, hazardous/contaminated materials, fly-tipping or dog waste - please note the location and report it on the mySouthend portal so that it can be safely collected.
- ▶ Ensure you can summon assistance from the emergency services if necessary. There are signs along the seafront with what3word map references to help them locate you.
- ▶ Litter picking is all about common sense, if you're not sure, leave it and let us know.

The most important thing is to be aware of your surroundings, not to take risks and have **FUN**.

After your litter pick

- ▶ Check that all the litter-pickers, hoops and hi-vis vests have been returned to your nominated individual.
- ▶ Leave the sacks of collected rubbish next to a nearby black and blue public bin.
- ▶ Let us know how it went and to confirm collection location.

