

# ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL VOLUNTEER GROUP

## Litter Picking Safety Briefing

### **LITTER PICK – Do's**

- Ensure that you adhere to current Government Social Distancing guidelines.
- Wear protective gloves whilst litter picking.
- Always keep hi vis vest on when litter picking.
- Wash hands, before eating drinking or smoking or touching any open wounds/ scratches/ grazes.
- Work as part of a group, or at least in pairs, carry a mobile phone if you have one in case you get separated from the group.
- Children must be supervised at ALL times. Children taking part are the responsibility of their parents, guardians or other responsible adults.
- Report the location of any “hazardous” items found to the supervisor. These items will be collected by Shropshire Council and include syringes, broken glass, unidentified liquids, insecticides, asbestos etc.
- Avoid loose/stray animals.
- Leave the area at any time if you feel at risk.
- Be aware of traffic around you, make sure you can see traffic and they can see you.
- Be aware of uneven and slippery surfaces.
- Wash your hands when you get back home.
- Litter collected during the session can be disposed of either at the Swan Hill Depot or next to the skip to the rear of Ellesmere Town Hall.

### **LITTER PICK – Don'ts**

- DON'T remove any “hazardous” items e.g., syringes, clinical waste, animal faeces, broken glass yourself- please instead tell the event supervisor who will inform Shropshire Council.
- DON'T reach into any undergrowth, even with gloved hands- please use a litter picker.
- DON'T litter pick on any main road or busy highways. Only collect in low traffic areas.
- DON'T allow children to litter pick on or close to Highways.
- DON'T attempt to lift heavy objects such as tyres. Report their location to the event supervisor.
- DON'T put yourself in a risky situation. If you cannot get a piece of litter safely and easily, please leave it.
- Do not litter pick too close to open water streams, ditches, rivers etc.

