



# SPRING CLEAN 2017

## Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March

### Fact Sheet

#### Why?

OxClean is an Oxford Civic Society initiative dedicated to keeping Oxford clean and tidy all year round - ensuring that Oxford is a welcoming and pleasant place for people to live, work and visit. OxClean works in partnership with Oxford City Council, The Oxford Times and local community groups.

Spring Cleans are an important part of our campaign because they:

- rid the city of a great rubbish that accumulates over the year
- raise the profile of the litter problem and encourage behaviour change
- encourage civic pride and responsibility at a grass roots level
- provide us with a strong voice to lobby for a cleaner Oxford throughout the year.

OxClean works in association with Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean.

#### What?

OxClean co-ordinates annual Spring Cleans carried out by local community groups and schools to tackle litter across the city in streets, public spaces and grot spots.

Two-hour litter picks are carried out at a time & location of choice. Some groups choose to clean up their 'patch' – others tackle public places and grot spots that we or they have identified.

A wide variety of groups from across the city take part - residents' associations, primary schools, cyclists, community action groups, secondary schools, nurseries, rowers/canoists, friends of local parks, community associations, parish councils, neighbourhood watch, restaurants, colleges, political groups, theatres, scouts, environment groups, sports clubs, businesses, student volunteers, street wardens, preservation societies, children's centers, rotary clubs, boaters, allotment associations, student unions, informal neighbourhood groups, places of worship.

#### When?

Spring Clean 2017 will take place on Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March.

#### How does it work?

OxClean coordinates Spring Clean and liaises with participating groups and the City Council. Groups are asked to register with OxClean who then organise the logistics of equipment supply (loaned litter pickers, hi-vis vests, sacks and boxes) and rubbish collection. OxClean is also responsible for ensuring that groups have access to detailed information about choice of equipment, health and safety guidelines, tips on how to run a litter pick and publicity material.

Each group is responsible for site selection, the recruitment of volunteers, and litter picking. The City Council supply sacks (distributed through an OxClean Depot) – and collect the filled litter sacks from the roadside throughout the city.

We also recruit individuals who would like to take part and put them in touch with a local group or a group tackling a grot spot - or put them in touch with other individuals to form a new group.

#### How to register?

Please register now on [oxclean.org.uk](http://oxclean.org.uk) – register as a group (already established, or newly formed) or register as an individual interested in taking part. We are also encouraging people to report grot spots within the city. Do this on line.

#### What next?

Once you have registered, we will contact you in early February about ordering and collecting equipment. We operate a simple system for one-step ordering and one-stop collection.



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