

SHAPING A CLEANER CITY

SPRING CLEAN FACTSHEET

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 in, work in 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 deal of 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's streets, public spaces and grot spots. Two-hour litter picks are carried out at a time and location of choice. Some groups clean up their 'patch' – others tackle public places and grot spots that we or they have identified.

A wide variety of groups take part – residents' associations, cyclists, schools, rowers/canoeists, neighbourhood watch, restaurants, colleges, political groups, theatres, environment groups, sports clubs, businesses, student groups, rotary clubs, allotment associations, groups of friends, scouts and guides, places of worship and more.

When?

Spring Clean takes place on the first weekend in March, from the Friday to the Sunday.

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 supply of equipment (loaned litter pickers, hi-vis vests, sacks and boxes) and rubbish collection.

OxClean ensures that groups have access to detailed information about 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 supplies sacks (distributed through an OxClean Depot) – and collects the filled litter sacks from the roadside throughout the city.

We also recruit people 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 people to form a new group.

How to register?

Please register now on oxclean.org.uk – register as a group (already established, or newly formed) or register as an individual interested in taking part.

We also encourage you to report grot spots within the city. Please do this online.

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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