Take Pride in Your City

A Guide to Making Your Neighbourhood a cleaner, safer place to live
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Many local groups and residents have taken part in projects to tackle problems and improve their neighbourhoods. From planting tatties and vegetables in Whorterbank to litter picking along the Dighty Burn there is a lot of great work going on in the city. But, there’s still a lot more to be done.

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Are you fed up of graffiti, litter, fly tipping, discarded chewing gum and dog mess in your local area?

Everyone can play their part in improving their neighbourhood and help to protect the environment. Why not join forces with your neighbours to make a real difference to your local neighbourhood and community.

There are lots of things that people can do themselves to make their neighbourhood a cleaner and safer place to live and help and support is at hand.

The Dundee Take Pride in Your City campaign was launched in May 2015. The aim of the campaign is to encourage people to take pride in their local neighbourhood by:

- Not dropping litter (put it in the bin)
- Not letting dogs foul streets and other public places (use a dog bin)
- Not dropping chewing gum on pavements (use the bin)
- Not covering walls with graffiti (paint a graffiti wall or join an arts class)
- Not fly tipping (use a recycling centre)

So far, the campaign has been very successful in providing residents with new opportunities to get involved in keeping their local areas clean and tidy.
Getting Started in your Neighbourhood

If you care about Your Neighbourhood, read on.

It is the perfect place to start. It has loads of ideas about how local residents can help to transform their neighbourhood, street and tenement block by making them cleaner and safer places to live.

You may already be involved in local community action to clean up your neighbourhood. If so, have you considered asking a neighbour, friend or someone you know to get involved with you?

Getting involved is easy, and rewarding. It’s a great way to make new friends and share skills

Here are some ideas:

- Take part in a litter pick
- Join in with an event or project in your neighbourhood
- Join a community group
- Report any problems in your area

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The campaign is keen to involve everyone in helping to improve the city and the area they live in. To make it as easy as possible for you or your organisation/group to get involved, we have a pulled a few ideas together to help you get started.

The Environment team can provide you with the tools and advice to improve your neighbourhood. This might be bin bags and gloves for a litter pick, or matching you up with other people who want to get involved in improving your local community.

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Litter Picks

There are lots of litter picks held in Dundee throughout the year and everybody is welcome to join in. Keep an eye on your local community noticeboard or visit the Take Pride webpage for a list of events in your area.

If you want to organise your own litter pick then we can help too. We can provide litter picks, gloves and bags for your event and arrange uplift of the bags you collect. We can also help you with a risk assessment for your event and help to publicise it through our webpage and posters. It doesn’t have to be a huge area that you litter pick, it can just be your local drying green or community space.

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Local Events and Projects

You can get involved with other events and projects in your neighbourhood, from tree planting and conservation work to community gardens and urban orchards. Perhaps you’d be interested in entering the Garden, Allotment or Best Kept Close competitions? Whether you have a window box, front garden community space or a landing, there’s a category for you to enter.

There are loads of things happening in Dundee that you can get involved with and everybody is welcome. Events are advertised on noticeboards throughout the city and on the Take Pride webpage. You can also find more information about how to get involved with projects in your area on the Take Pride webpage or can get in touch for advice.

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Community Groups

There are many community groups in Dundee. These groups work in partnership with the Council to improve the built and natural environment of Dundee for the people living in, working in and visiting the city.

There is the Bonnie Dundee group, numerous Friends groups and Community Councils throughout the city who are always keen to have new members. If you would be interested in getting involved with a community group go to the Take Pride webpage for more information or get in touch for advice.

Let us know if there is a problem in your neighbourhood

If you see an issue in your neighbourhood let us know so we can deal with it quickly. We would like residents to work with us to make Dundee a clean place to live and work.
Litter

If litter is a problem in your area, then let us know by reporting any street sweeping or bin collection problems via the Take Pride webpage.

Dog Fouling

It is an offence for anyone responsible for a dog to not clean up after it has fouled in an open space. Dog bags are available for free in various locations across Dundee. Go to the Take Pride webpage to find out where to get dog bags and how to report a dog fouling incident or a problem with a dog waste bin.

Fly-tipping and Graffiti

If you witness fly-tipping or dumping of rubbish or if you spot graffiti on walls or surfaces in your local area then let us know by reporting it via the Take Pride webpage.

You can report any problems with litter, dog fouling, fly-tipping or graffiti by going to the Take Pride webpage and following the links there or by calling 01382 433710.

Find out more...

To find out more about how to get involved in your neighbourhood, what support is available or for more advice, please visit the Take Pride webpage www.dundeecity.gov.uk/takepridedundee or contact us on 01382 433141.