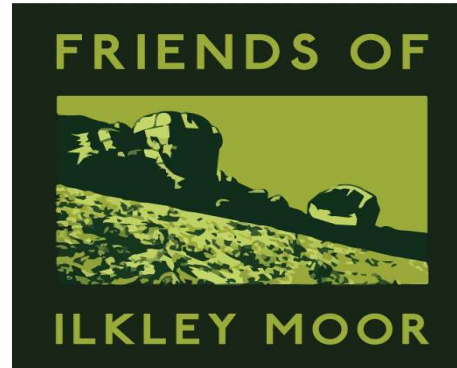


Friends of Ilkley Moor

Litter Picking - Health and Safety Policy

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Overview

- FOIM consider the health and safety of all participants in its activities, whether as volunteers, members, attendees or otherwise to be paramount. The activities covered by this policy are unguided litter picking undertaken by FOIM members together with their families and/or friends. This activity is managed and monitored via the FOIM litter pickers WhatsApp group. For details contact Jonathan Copland on 07986 700867 or membershipsecretary@ilkleymoer.org.

Equipment/clothing

- The following equipment is provided and should always be used:
 - thick gloves
 - litter picking grabbers
 - high visibility vests
 - rubbish bags.
- Please ensure you wear weather appropriate clothing including suitable footwear.
- Always take your mobile phone with you.

Litter picking

- Please only use the equipment provided by FOIM. If you need more or replacement equipment or are not sure how to use it contact Owen Wells on 07951 436126 or via chair@ilkleymoer.org
- Use the grabbers to pick up all sharp litter and wear your gloves at all times. Be particularly careful when handling broken glass and other sharp or rusty items.

You should not handle or collect needles, batteries, condoms, asbestos or chemicals. If you find any such items please report them to Bradford Council on 01274 431000 – ask for Waste Services.

- Please be careful to avoid working on difficult or steeply sloping ground on the Moor and choose easy access paths to and on the Moor wherever possible. Do not touch dog faeces (unless using the pooper scoopers provided), go near dead animals and avoid walking through heather or long grass in shorts given the risk of ticks and the risk of Lyme's disease. If you think you have been bitten by a tick and you develop flu like symptoms; see a doctor immediately (and tell them to test for Lyme's disease).
- Be careful and avoid low hanging tree branches and thorny bushes
- If working in Ilkley town be careful when working near roads, avoid close proximity to traffic and wear your high visibility vest. Children should not work by a road-side.
- Please do not litter pick at night or during inclement weather or, unless you are in areas where other members of the public are likely to be present, alone.
- Any children litter picking with you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Ensure that you only handle litter that you can readily lift, do not overfill rubbish bags and use good lifting practices when moving full bags.

Collected rubbish

- The bags of collected rubbish should be knotted when full. Be careful if they contain sharp objects.
- They should be left by a Bradford Council rubbish bin and please, if you can, contact Bradford Council using the QR scan code details on the bin to let them know you have done this and they will collect them.

Covid protection

- Only operate in line with the Government guidance and restrictions in force from time to time.
- Observe the social distancing requirements and any limits on the numbers/people who can work together or where you may litter pick.
- Wash your hands well and use hand sanitiser at the start and finish of your activities.
- Do not share your equipment with others.

- Do not litter pick if you are feeling unwell, or suspect that you may have Covid symptoms.

On completion of your good work

- Wash your hands thoroughly
- Clean, disinfect and treat any scratches or cuts.
- Report any hazardous items located to Bradford Council on 01274 431000- ask for Waste Services.
- If anyone has been hurt, you have anything you wish to report to FOIM or any ideas as to how we can organise things better or more safely please contact Jonathan Copland on 07986 700867, membership@ilkley Moor.org or via the FOIM litter pickers WhatsApp group.