Reducing Plastic Pollution

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Leicester Environmental Volunteers

Volunteer service managed by Parks & Open Spaces – volunteering opportunities on land and water



2021/22

- 8,533 volunteers
- 62,439 volunteer hours
- 981 black bags of litter collected





Plastic Pollution and Volunteers

- Litter picking volunteer sessions
- Litter Champions
- Cutting back vegetation and brambles
- Education and corporate groups







LEV Projects









Partnership Work

- Joint National Citizen Project (NCS) with Canal & River Trust
 - Litter and plastic pollution in waterways
 - Bird feeding

Look after **your** geese, ducks and swans

Follow these simple rules Like people, geese, ducks and swans need a good diet to be healthy

TOO MUCH FOOD CAN CAUSE.

Feeding large amounts of bread gives them too much protein and too little vitamin E. This can cause one or both wings to turn outwards preventing the bird from flying.

Are especially fond of leftovers. Too many rats can affect other

Large numbers force out other wildlife and native water fow decreasing the different type of birds to see.

- Birds eat grass and plants they can find for themselves, this is their main diet. It's not necessary to overfeed the birds other ford
- Feed small amounts. You are not the only person feeding them.
- Feed bird food, uncooked Porridge Oats or duck, geese and swan pellets.
- Avoid bread of any sorts. Birds will eat it but it has no nutrients for them.
- and salt is very bad for them.

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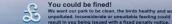
Pollution Unsaten food and goose dung poisons the water which affects fish and amphibians.

Lots of bird Dung

Too many Geese

ung is slippery and could

Angel Wing







Other Leicester City Council Projects





Refill

- Reducing plastic pollution at source, by encouraging people to refill reusables on the go
- Trialling Refill Stations in leisure centres, libraries, and museums Public Health
- Installing water fountains in city centre Estates and Building Services





Willow Brook Litter Reduction Scheme

- Raising awareness in the community regarding litter issues in the watercourses
- Educational awareness posters, door-to-door, surveillance
- Aim to reduce the amount of plastic and litter in the Grand Union Canal, River Soar and eventually the sea







Projects with Schools

- The Sea Starts Here increase awareness of single use plastics and litter – Flooding Team
- Great Big Green Month Less Litter for Leicester
 - Litter picking, celebration event, and a plastic-free picnic





Projects with Schools

- Plastic Clever Schools new project
 - Created by Kids Against Plastic and Common Seas
 - Reducing plastic pollution in schools through education and practical actions







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