

Reducing Plastic Pollution

Leicester City Council – Parks & Open Spaces

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Leicester Environmental Volunteers

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

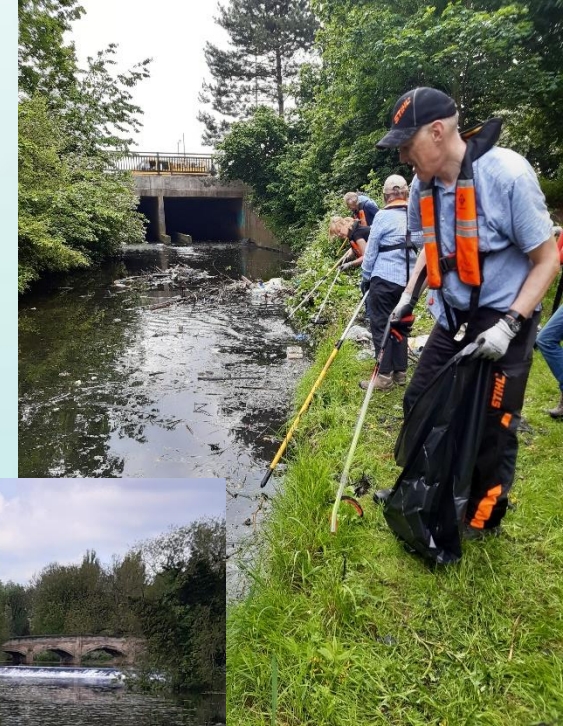


2021/22

- 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

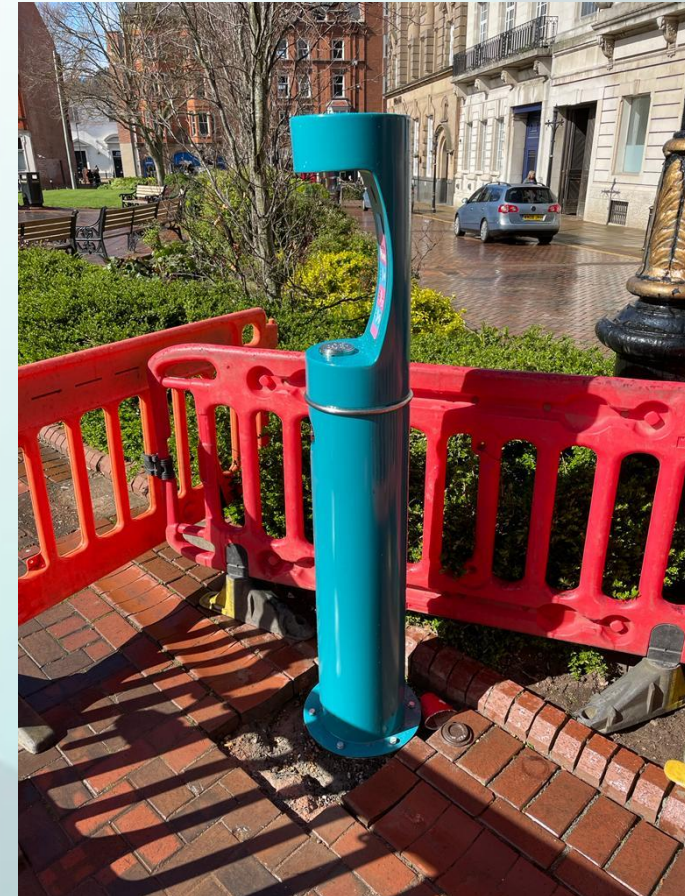


Other Leicester City Council Projects



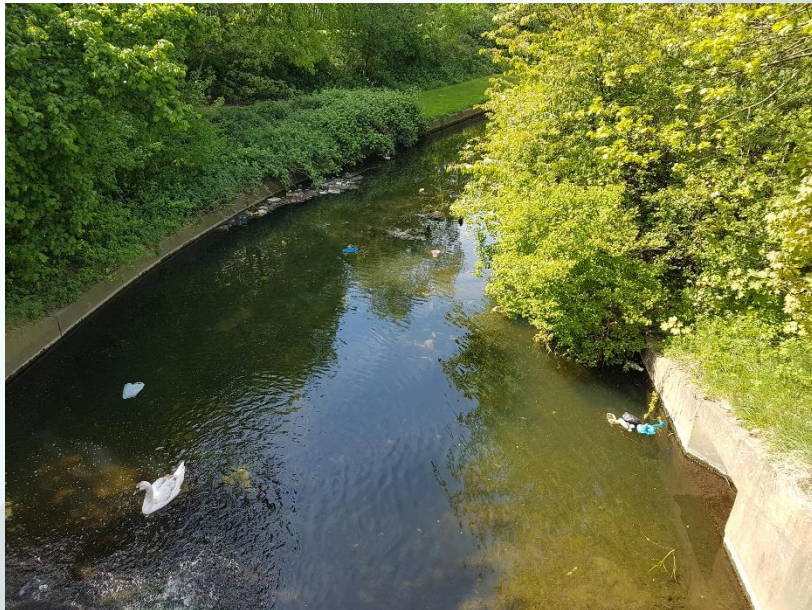
Refill

- 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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