



Your HELP is needed to make a difference

TAKE PART or Get Help with a St George

'SPRING BLING' Issue 1

If you want to make St George tidier, cleaner and more attractive for people or wildlife then read on.... **There are 9 ways to Take Part or Get Help or Report It.**

Take Part - TIDY UP or GET GROWING

Sign up your street, business, school, residents, community group, youth club or friends to make a difference for example: **(Please share your Before & After photos of whatever you 'bling' on the St George N.P facebook)**

- 1. Organise or take part in a clean- up weekend** – eg Clean for the Queen is this weekend - 4th, 5th and 6th March, or Clean for your Community/Street – **give it your own name.** This one is run by the 'Keep Britain tidy' campaign. You can download posters, safety advice and tips on how to take part www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2440
- 2. Clear up your street, garden or local green space or neglected area with a communitylitter pick or hold a Street Tidy Party or start 'Playing Out' -** www.playingout.net/about/offer **If you need LITTER PICKERS and GLOVES to borrow please email gill.calloway@bristol.gov.uk**
- 3. Sign up for the local ST GEORGE IN BLOOM** www.stgeorgeinbloom.org.uk/page6.html

There are lots of categories so anyone can take part including:

- Front gardens (large and small) and House Frontage (if you don't have garden).
- Best business and commercial
- Schools, Places of worship and community groups.
- Best Wildlife Friendly Garden or Best forgotten Corner or community open space that was previously neglected.
- Best Children's Display



You could also take part in the RHS 'It's your Neighbourhood' category.

Entry is FREE and the closing date to apply is **Saturday March 12th 2016.** Enter online at www.southwestinbloom.org.uk

- 4. Go on a family adventure and tidy as you go or report litter/dumped rubbish.** Use the lovely **Discover East Bristol** map. www.discovereastbristol.co.uk
- 5. Join a family activity /conservation work party at Troopers hill** www.troopers-hill.org.uk/workp.htm saturday and sunday dates for families.

6. **Clean up your Walk to School - May 16th – 20th** is National Walk to School week. In St George we will be contacting schools about family litter picks or class activities. National resources include www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school

GET HELP – if you have an issue or need help try these ideas:

7. Get Bulky household waste removed from your garden by completing the form;

www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/bulky-household-item-collection

Or ring **0117 922 2100** to book your collection. It costs £15 for 3 items, and if you get certain benefits you're entitled to a **FREE** bulky waste collection of up to three items every six months.

8. Do you have an overgrown garden? If you are elderly, disabled and don't have anyone to help you the **Community Service Volunteers can help you to maintain your garden**. Contact the Estate Management Service: Telephone: 0117 922 2200 (Option four), email: estates@bristol.gov.uk, visit: any [Customer Service Point](#)

REPORT IT

9. You can tell us about flytipping, graffiti, dog mess, littering, waste issues, bins overflowing and more. www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/reportit or ring 922 2100.

The Streetscene Enforcement team have recently been carrying out operations and giving on the spot fines of £75 or up to £2500 if taken to court.

Did you know?

1. It's costing Bristol £5.7m/year on all street cleansing from street sweeping to fly tipping, graffiti and fly-poster removal. *This is equal to 2.5 million school meals, nearly 0.5m library books & 20 000 trees*

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR HELP TO OFFER

Please do get in touch

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