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## Litter Picking

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### Information Request and Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

1. *Are paid employees used to pick litter/clear rubbish aside from their own normal duties, i.e. administrative roles, including but not limited to exercises in public relations to promote litter collection?*

**Yes it is part of their normal duties.**

2. *At any time, have paid employees picked litter/cleared rubbish voluntarily outside of their normal working hours for the purpose of public relations exercises in litter collection?*

**Yes from a number of different service areas.**

3. *What structure, if any, is in place to utilise criminal offenders in picking litter/clearing fly tipping where they have been sentenced to carry out unpaid community work?*

**The Kent, Sussex and Surrey Probation Service have been working with Eastbourne Borough Council for many years now and the unpaid work team undertake a variety of different tasks across the borough. These tasks include the clearance of unadopted/uncontracted alleyways of weeds, overhanging vegetation and items that have been dumped in them. Litter picking areas of the beach, Cross Levels Way and car parks, painting the memorial benches.**

4. *In relation to question 3, if sentenced offenders have been used, are they used exclusively for the purpose of litter picking, or deployed elsewhere?*

**Please see answer to question 3.**

5. *In relation to question 3, if sentenced offenders have been used, how many hours have been utilised in total for this purpose.*

**The unpaid work team are programmed in to work for Eastbourne Borough Council clearing alleyways and painting benches**

**between 1 April and 31 October each year. The unpaid team can vary from week to week, but will never be smaller than three (two offenders and one supervisor) or greater than nine (eight offenders and one supervisor) - they will meet at 08.30 at the Probation Service office taken to the work site to start at 09.00 until 15.30 when they will return to their office. All activities undertaken are weather permitting as all work areas are outside. In 2018 the unpaid work team were able to continue working with Eastbourne Borough Council through to December and completed 31 alleyway clearances of 6.5hrs each time.**