

Upstream Battle

Litter survey

Survey details

Group name

Organisers name

Name of river / watercourse

Type of watercourse stream / burn, canal, river

Nearest village / town / landmark

Local authority area

Survey date Survey time

Weather conditions

Are there any other factors influencing the survey (e.g. a recent clean up, a storm event or an overflowing bin)? Please provide details.

Length of area surveyed (m)

50 100 150 200 250

Width of area surveyed (m)

2 5 10 25

Part 1 - Floating litter count

Number of items floating past observation point

Duration of observation (mins)

Part 2 - Riverbank grading

- Visual assessment of litter on the riverbank
- A - None visible
 - B - Minor accumulation
 - C - Moderate accumulation
 - D - Significant accumulation
 - E - Major accumulation

Part 3 - Litter count

1. Plastic	Tally	Total
4 or 6 pack rings		
Bags (Shopping)		
Bags (Other) eg bin bags		
Bottles / containers		
Caps / lids		
Cigarette butts / filters		
Cigarette lighters / cigarette box wrapping / tobacco pouches		
Confectionary packets (crisps or sweets)		
Cups		
Cutlery / trays / straws / stirrers		
Fishing line / fishing net / net pieces		
Food / fast food containers		
Jerry cans / oil containers / drums		
Party poppers / fireworks		
Pens / pen lids		
Plastic fragments		
0 - 2.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 - 50 cm <input type="checkbox"/> 50cm+ <input type="checkbox"/>		
Plastic pieces		
Plastic sheeting / industrial packaging		
Shoes		
Shotgun cartridges		
String / cord / rope		
Toys / dummies		
Other (please specify)		

2. Foamed polystyrene	Tally	Total
Foamed polystyrene fragments		
0 - 2.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 - 50 cm <input type="checkbox"/> 50cm+ <input type="checkbox"/>		

3. Paper / cardboard	Tally	Total
Cardboard boxes		
Cartons eg tetrapak juice carton		
Cigarette packets		
Coffee cups		
Food / fast food containers eg pizza box		
Newspapers / magazines		
Paper bags		
Other (please specify)		

4. Sanitary / medical	Tally	Total
Condoms		
Containers / tubes (including pill packets)		
Cotton bud sticks		
PPE: Single use glove – plastic		
PPE: Single use mask – plastic		
PPE: Face mask – fabric		
Syringes / needles		
Tampons / towels / panty liners		
Wet wipes		
Other (please specify)		

5. Metal	Tally	Total
Aerosol / spray cans		
Appliances eg washing machine		
BBQs		
Drink cans		
Food cans		
Caps / lids		
Fishing weights / hooks / lures		
Foil wrappers		
Paint tins		
Shopping trolley		
Wire / mesh / barbed wire		
Other (please specify)		

6. Rubber	Tally	Total
Balloons (inc string valves and ribbons)		
Boots		
Tyres / engine belts		
Other (please specify)		

7. Wood	Tally	Total
Crates / pallets		
Wooden chip forks / lolly sticks		
Other (please specify)		

8. Cloth	Tally	Total
Clothing / shoes / towels		
Furnishings		
Sacking		
Other (please specify)		

9. Glass / ceramic	Tally	Total
Bottles / containers		
Construction materials eg bricks, cement, tiles		
Glass or ceramic fragments		
Light bulbs / tubes		
Other (please specify)		

10. Dog faeces	Tally	Total
Bagged		
Unbagged		

11. Miscellaneous	Tally	Total
Bagged rubbish (black bag)		
Bagged rubbish (shopping bag)		
Other (please specify)		

Extra litter items

Use this table to record any additional items you find that do not fit within the categories on the tally sheet.

Item and material type	Tally	Total
<i>e.g. corks / wood</i>	//	2

Were there plastic pellets 3-5mm in diameter (also known as nurdles)? Yes No

Additional notes

Use for any additional notes, observations about your site, users and litter.

Clean Up activity

Clean Up carried out? Yes No Number of volunteers How many bin bags removed?

Don't forget to submit your survey results online at
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