

Registered Womblers Scheme Information

Introduction

Volunteers, also known as Womblers, who help to keep the Island and its beaches clean are performing a valuable service and the States of Guernsey wants to support and encourage them. Because of this it is agreed that Womblers should not have to pay to dispose of litter that they have not personally generated.

This document gives guidance on how Womblers may dispose of non-recyclable waste collected from public spaces through the registered Wombling scheme which is provided by Guernsey Waste and Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Services.

What is a Womblers?

A Womblers is a person who collects litter from the Island's public spaces, including beaches. There is no need for an individual to become a registered Womblers if the litter they collect can be disposed of using the publicly provided litter bins, or if the litter has been collected as part of a group organised beach clean. If you are arranging a large scale organised/publicised beach clean you should contact Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Services (ACLMS) (aclms@gov.gg or 224567) to arrange disposal.

How does the registered Womblers scheme work?

Any person who satisfies the criteria of a Womblers as above can register by completing the 'Womblers Registration Form' attached to this information sheet.

Once registered, Womblers will be provided with a supply of bags with stickers containing an ID number unique to them.

What will the ID number be used for?

The unique ID number will be used to ensure that the litter has been collected by a registered Womblers and will be used to prevent abuse of the system. The responsibility of the bag is that of the registered Womblers until it is collected and any issues relating to the bag or its contents will be directed by either Guernsey Waste or ACLMS to the individual via the contact details provided. Guernsey Waste or ACLMS may also contact you from time to time about the scheme or the areas you Womblers in.

What rubbish can I put in the bag?

These bags should be used for the collection of non-recyclable rubbish from public areas only that has not been generated by the individual i.e. litter. It would be appreciated where possible, if any litter which can be recycled, be dealt with through the householders' kerbside recycling.

The bags will be transparent, so that the contents may be seen by the collection team and any items that should not go through the normal processing at the Waste Transfer Station can be removed and dealt with accordingly.

Items such as crab pots, ropes and nets can cause damage to the processing machinery at the Waste Transfer Station and therefore should not be placed in bags. These should instead be placed next to the coastal bins and be notified to ACLMS for separate collection (aclms@gov.gg or 224567). Loose heavy or large items can be left near slipways if ACLMS are notified so that they can be collected. Bags of 'Wombed' litter left by coastal bins do not need to be notified to ACLMS.

How do I dispose of the bags?

Once the bag is full, they should be securely tied and left next to one of the green coastal litter bins placed at nearly every beach to be collected when the bins are emptied. Please bear in mind that during winter months the coastal bins are not emptied every day and if it is windy your bag of litter could be blown away before it can be picked up, therefore please make every effort to secure the bag. Bags should not be placed by any other litter bins around the Island.

How do I request more bags?

More bags can be requested by contacting us at recycle@gov.gg or 221234, please notify us how many bags you would like and will deliver them to you. Please allow us 10 working days to get these ready– please contact us before you run out. We will notify you when they are ready to be delivered.