

Friday 2 &
Saturday 3 March



Fact Sheet

Why?

OxClean is an *Oxford Civic Society* initiative dedicated to keeping Oxford clean and tidy all year round - ensuring that Oxford is a welcoming and pleasant place for people to live, work and visit.

Spring Cleans are an important part of our campaign because they:

- ✓ rid the city of a great rubbish that accumulates over the year
- ✓ raise the profile of the litter problem with the general public and encourage behavior change
- ✓ encourage civic pride and responsibility at a grass roots level
- ✓ provide us with a strong voice to lobby for a cleaner Oxford throughout the year

What?

Since 2007, OxClean has co-ordinated annual Spring Cleans carried out by local community groups and schools. 118 groups and 2000 people took part in 2011. Considerable inroads were made into the litter and rubbish lying and blowing around Oxford. However, a great deal of litter and rubbish accumulates everyday - which is blighting our city.

OxClean Spring Cleans are a city-wide community event co-ordinated by OxClean in partnership with Oxford City Council, The Oxford Times and local groups. A wide variety of groups from across the city take part - residents' associations, primary schools, cyclists, community action groups, secondary schools, nurseries, rowers/canoeists, friends of local parks, community associations, parish councils, neighbourhood watch, restaurants, colleges, political groups, theatres, scouts, environment groups, sports clubs, businesses, student volunteers, street wardens, preservation societies, children's centers, rotary clubs, boaters, allotment associations, student unions, informal neighbourhood groups, places of worship.

Two-hour litter picks are carried out at a time & location of choice. Some groups choose to clean up their 'patch' - others tackle public places and grot spots that we or they have identified.

When?

Spring Clean 2012 will take place on Friday 2 March and Saturday 3 March.

How does it work?

OxClean coordinates Spring Clean and liaises with participating groups and Oxford City Council. Groups are asked to register with OxClean who then organise the logistics of equipment supply (loaned litter pickers, hi vis waistcoats, sacks and green boxes) and rubbish collection. OxClean is also responsible for ensuring that groups have access to detailed information about choice of equipment, health and safety guidelines, tips on how to run a litter pick and publicity material.

Each group is responsible for site selection, the recruitment of volunteers, and litter picking. Oxford City Council supply sacks and bins - and collect the filled litter sacks and boxes from the roadside throughout the city by the end of each day.

We also recruit individuals who would like to take part and put them in touch with a local group or organiser of a group tackling a grot spot - or put them in touch with other individuals to form a new groups.

How to register?

Please register now - **register as a group** (already established, or newly formed) or **register individually** interested in taking part. We are also encouraging people to **report grot spots** within the city. Do this on line, or write to **OxClean, 67 Cunliffe Close, Oxford OX2 7BJ** or call **07505 756692**.

What next?

Once you have registered, we will contact you on 1 February about ordering and collecting equipment. We operate a simple system for one-step ordering and one-stop collection.