

Environment Champions Charter

This charter is a central part of the initiative and sets out the responsibilities of both the Council and individual Champions

Our Aim

The aim of the Environment Champions is to improve the area in which people live by being the eyes and ears of the community and by promoting a clean, green and safe local area, encouraging pride and respect amongst residents for local streets and public places.

What we will do:

- Offer any support and appropriate training that we can where Champions are taking proactive action in their neighbourhoods.
- Provide you with up to date information on who to contact to report local environmental issues
- Offer you the opportunity to make a statement in total confidence to Council enforcement teams
- Make sure Champions are kept up to date with information about your local environment and neighbourhood and any schemes being run in which you might like to participate
- Hold regular meetings and an annual conference where all Champions can discuss the issues that affect their environment and meet fellow Champions in the Borough.
- Work on behalf of the Champions to try to resolve any problems that you have reported
- Deal with enquiries from Champions in a polite and courteous manner.

As a "Champion", you agree that you will:

- Act as a role model to other people by setting a good example and championing the environment.
- Report all environmental problems to the appropriate officers to enable us to get the matter resolved as quickly as possible.
- Keep us informed of any activities that you are carrying out as Champions
- Behave in a polite and courteous manner when dealing with residents and Council Officers
- Not put yourself in dangerous or confrontational situations wherever possible when acting as Champion
- Not undertake or support any activities as Champions that could undermine the aims of this initiative.
- Undertake any training that may be necessary to enable the Council to comply with our responsibilities

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I have read and understood the charter and your group/organisation would like to become an Environment Champion.

Name/Group.....**How many**.....

Address.....

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Postcode..... **Tel**.....

Email

Signature.....**Date**.....