

Litter Hunt

The Canal & River Trust is an organisation that cares for 2,000 miles of waterways. You can help us, not only by picking up litter but also by telling us what you find.

Filling out this survey when you visit the waterway will help us to find out about litter in your area.

Resources:

 Somewhere to record your litter survey like a print out of this template, pen and paper, iPad or phone notes

Individual or group activity

Site information	
Waterway name:	T
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Length of litter hunt area:	
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Did you hunt for litter on the water? Yes No	U
Did you hunt for litter on land?	
Yes No	C
Did you pick up the litter?	
Yes No	lf p
Did you just make observations?	lis
Yes No	ite

If you've done a litter pick	
Total number of bags collected:	
How many people took part?	
How long did the litter pick take?	

Use a tally to record litter items like this:

Item	Tally	Total
Cans	#	5
Other metals	JH III	8

If you found something made of metal or plastic that wasn't one of the common items listed, tally it in the 'other plastics' or 'other metal' box. Write the names of any unusual items that you found in the space at the bottom.



Plastics

Item	Tally	Total
Bags		
Drinks bottles		
Wrappers (including crisps, sweets, sandwiches etc)		
Other plastics		

Metals

Item	Tally	Total
Cans		
Other metals		

Other litter	Tally	Total
Glass		
Wood		
Polystyrene		
Pottery and ceramics		
Paper and card		
Cloth		
Rubber		

Unusual items	Tally	Total



Design your perfect waterway

You've found out about some of the reasons why people might not visit their local waterway. You've also seen what your waterway is like. Using this information, consider what the perfect waterway would look like and draw it here.

Things to think about:

- How can people get to the waterway?
- Is there a bridge to cross to the other side?
- How will you make the waterway beautiful?
- Where can animals make their homes?
- How will you prevent litter?
- Is there a way to catch plastics that enter the waterway?