

Press release: Drivers urged to clean up their act as part of national litter campaign

Highways England today called on drivers to join them in doing their bit to reduce litter levels on the nation's motorways.

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Litter presents a serious safety risk besides being unsightly and a risk to wildlife and the environment.

Around 200,000 bags of litter are collected from the motorway network every year and that is why Highways England is taking part in Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean again this year to help encourage people to keep the country clean.

Highways England's head of customer and operational requirements Freda Rashdi said:

Litter is an important national issue and we're pleased to be able to support the Great British Spring Clean.

Litter is not only unsightly as well as a risk to wildlife and the environment, but it also puts our workers at risk collecting it and it diverts time and money that could be better spent on improving the network.

If people don't drop litter in the first place it wouldn't need to be picked up – so we're urging people to take their litter home instead of tossing it out of their car windows.

The Great British Spring Clean campaign takes place between Friday 22 March and Tuesday 23 April. Highways England picks litter throughout the year and is having a particular purge which started on Friday 1 March.

Allison Ogden Newton, Chief Executive at Keep Britain Tidy, said:

I'm delighted that Highways England has joined forces with us again this year to support the campaign and give our network a spring clean.

Our roadside verges are a haven for wildlife and we know that millions of small mammals are killed every year by litter that has been thrown from vehicles by thoughtless drivers.

Our army of up to 500,000 volunteers will be delighted to see that Highways England is supporting their efforts by cleaning up the places that they can't get to – our high-speed road network and slip roads, where so much litter is tossed out of car windows.

Last year 8,000 bags of litter were collected on the network during the Great British Spring Clean.

During a similar purge last year, while also contending with 'Beast from the East', more than 8,000 bags of litter were collected, and Highways England expects to exceed that target this year.

But besides the usual takeaway wrappers or bottles that have been picked up, in previous years some of the more unusual items have included push bikes, fridges, settees and wallets which will also be removed if needed.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

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The Prime Minister has today (4 March 2019) visited Salisbury exactly a year after a chemical weapon was used on the streets of the city to target Sergei and Yulia Skripal.

Theresa May visited local businesses and the historic cathedral to be updated on the work being done to help the city recover from the reckless attack.

She also met some of those most closely affected by last year's incidents in Salisbury and Amesbury, including residents of Christie Miller Road – the neighbours of Sergei Skripal and where the nerve agent was deployed.

The Prime Minister's visit followed DEFRA's announcement on Friday that the unprecedented clean-up operation had been completed.

Prime Minister Theresa May said:

This city has shown such spirit and resolve in the last 12 months.

The impact of the utterly reckless use of a nerve agent should not and will not be forgotten.

But it is incredibly heartening to see the hard work and determination of the people here to ensure this city has a positive and prosperous future, which it deserves.

The Prime Minister arrived in Salisbury this morning and was met by the city's MP, John Glen.

She then visited the historic High Street, dropping into the Smith England hairdressers and the Casa Fina gift shop, where she chatted to staff about the challenges they have faced.

Both businesses have been assisted with government funding in the last year, part of a £13 million support package provided to help the city recover from last year's attack.

The Prime Minister then visited the world-famous Salisbury Cathedral. She spoke to Canon Nick Papadopoulos, the Dean, before meeting volunteer guides and viewing the historic Magna Carta in the Chapter House.

The Prime Minister first visited the city last March in the aftermath of the reckless use of Novichok by the Russian military intelligence service, the GRU.

The government will continue to support the area now the clean-up operation

is over.

Business Minister, Lord Henley, has been appointed Ministerial Champion for Salisbury – a single point of contact in government as work continues locally to boost business and tourism.

News story: Civil news: tender for immigration telephone advice services

Providers are invited submit a tender to deliver the Immigration Telephone Advice service (ITA service) starting on 1 September 2019.

What is the ITA service?

The ITA service provides non-means tested telephone based legal advice on immigration matters to anyone detained in police custody in England and Wales.

What can providers tender for?

A single contract will be offered from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. We reserve the right to extend the contract for a maximum further 9 months.

The successful applicant will be required to deliver the telephone advice service between the hours of 7am and 12 midnight.

It needs to be available 365 days year or 366 days in a leap year. This includes bank or public holidays.

Who can tender?

The procurement process for the ITA service is open to all existing legal aid providers who are able to meet the minimum contract requirements.

We will not accept subcontracting or consortia arrangements for the delivery of the ITA service.

How do I tender?

Tenders must be submitted using the LAA's e-Tendering system. The tender opens on 4 March 2019.

To submit a compliant tender all organisations must submit a response to the ITA service invitation to tender (ITT) by 9am on 3 April 2019.

Further information

[Immigration Telephone Advice tender](#) – to find out more and download the Information For Applicants document

[e-Tendering system](#) – to submit your tender