



COMMUNITY LITTERBIN PROJECT

*We are all aware of how government funding cuts have slashed Local Authority budgets. Bolton Council are often asked to provide additional litter-bins; the problem with this is not the provision of the bin, it is the **labour overhead on council operatives of having to add the emptying of those bins** to an already overloaded schedule.*

Out of this has developed the idea of “community bins” which are emptied by volunteers who then place the filled bags along a route which is part of the regular collection schedules, preferably next to an existing council bin. Some volunteer groups have already pioneered this idea and it is proving to be very successful. The bins normally take the form of a hoop which is fastened to railings or a post with the litter-bag suspended from it.

*Green Umbrella want to promote this great idea by facilitating the provision of more community bins. **We will help to acquire or even provide bins, and will liaise with groups or individual volunteers in an area to organise emptying and maintaining. We will also contact businesses to ask them to sponsor a community bin***

Key guidelines for the provision of a community bin are:

- Commitment from a voluntary group to
 - monitor regularly and to replace the bag when full
 - place filled bags in an agreed position for collection by the council
- In some cases an individual volunteer can agree to adopt the responsibility, but these situations will be the exception
- If Bolton Council Neighbourhood Services are satisfied that there is the need for a community bin and are confident that maintenance by volunteers is in place they are willing to provide the bin.
- Bolton Council need to be involved in the positioning and installation of the bin, to satisfy Health & Safety and public highway requirements
- If a bin is sponsored by a business or private enterprise the council will still need to install and authorise it