



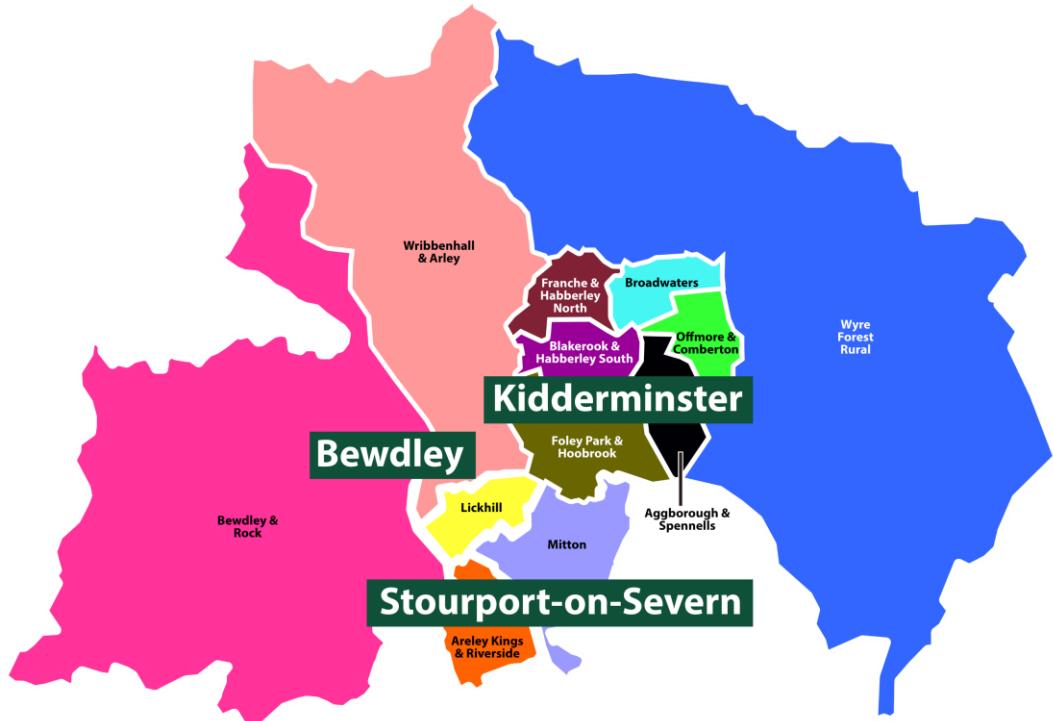
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District Council

Adopt a Street

**Our volunteer litter picking
initiative**



Setting the Scene



-  **Location:** Wyre Forest District, Worcestershire
-  **Key Towns:** Kidderminster, Bewdley, and Stourport-on-Severn
-  **Population:** 101,600 residents
-  **Tourism:** Popular visitor destinations, especially in summer



Adopt a Street - council objectives

Our vision

A safe, vibrant and clean place to live, work and visit.

Key priority

Invest more on clearing litter, particularly in summer months.



Adopt a Street - at the Depot

- Strategic response to the community's desire for environmental action
- Initiative driven by Community & Environment Services
- Working with the front-line teams
- Collaboration with teams in other service areas



Adopt a Street - the commitment starts at 'home'

- Leading by example and actively participating
- Enrolment of the local workforce and their families
- Engagement of Cabinet Members and Ward Councillors



Community Satisfaction and Impact



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Community Engagement



Annual Thank You Event



Community Litter Picks



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Inclusive & Open to All



Listening & Valuing Volunteers



Community Satisfaction and Impact

“It's no good complaining if you won't do something about it”.

“It makes me proud and happy with the place I live in”

“I get frustrated with the amount of litter and am aware that the council can't possibly litter pick every road regularly”

“I want to walk my dog in a clean area and be proud of where I live”.

“To keep the area tidy, protect wildlife and bring some pride to an area”.

“Litter is harmful for wildlife and depressing for people, We get exercise and have a chat and often laugh at what we find!”

“Giving back to the community, friendship and fun and mental wellbeing”



Adopt a Street - influences service



Consistent Volunteer Effort



Efficient Collection & Reporting



Adopt a Street - influences service



Maximising resources

1820 volunteer hours contributed, equates to £24,460.80 in equivalent officer resources

5200 bags collected (estimated), reducing workload for the roadside collection teams

At the end of 2025 16% of streets/roads in the District had been adopted



Adopt a Street - a sustainable future



Creating and investing in building a recognisable brand



Sustaining growth through ongoing investment



Adapting to new challenges and opportunities



Adopt a Street - a sustainable future



Leveraging innovation for sustainability



Enhancing public engagement & awareness



Working with our partner agencies



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Adopt a Street – award finalists



Finalists in the LGC Awards 2025



Finalists in the APSE Awards 2025



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To conclude the presentation - let's hear from some of our volunteers

<https://youtu.be/Gh2-5ybYG10>