

What is a Sparkle Day?

- A Sparkle Day is a one day event that is organised by the Environmental Service and may consist of:
 - Street sweeping
 - Litter picking
 - Fly tip removal
 - Graffiti removal
 - Fly post removal
 - Grass cutting (*)
 - Shrub maintenance (*)
 - Road sign cleaning (**)
 - Bin washing (litter, dog and local recycling centre)
 - Abandoned/nuisance vehicles
 - Waste Duty of Care
 - Litter Enforcement
 - Waste and Recycling education
 - School visits (waste/recycling/litter) (***)

(*) on land we maintain

(**) this is an additional duty we undertake only on a Sparkle Day

(***) if in the immediate vicinity

- A 'Walkabout' will be carried out by the team 2-3 weeks in advance of a planned day to identify the work that needs to be carried out.
- Third parties will be contacted by the team. This may include Hampshire Highways (weeds/potholes/road signs/infrastructures) and social housing associations etc.
- Sparkle Days take place on an area's waste collection day.
- Sparkle Days generally alternate between the north and the south of the borough throughout the year.
- Ward Members and Parish/Town Councils are notified in advance if their area has been selected for a Sparkle Day, and a reminder is also sent 3-4 weeks in advance of it taking place.
- The Council's web page is updated with the dates once they are agreed.

If you would like to request a Sparkle Day:

Sparkle Days can be requested. Before you submit your request, please firstly refer to what a Sparkle Day covers (above). In addition, a Sparkle Day must not exceed one day of work and they are limited to one per ward each year. Please send your Sparkle Day request to: environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk

Should your proposed area not entirely fulfil our Sparkle Day criteria, we can offer some alternatives:

- Mini-Sparkle Day – a deep clean of a smaller area.
- Clean Team Clean Up – the team are equipped to carry out small litter picks, graffiti removal, shrub maintenance, bin washing etc.
- Community Clean Up – equipment can be supplied to a group of volunteers, and the Clean Team can assist too.

Please email the team if you would like to request one of these alternatives:

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