

Keeping Willow Brook litter free

Learn about Leicester's
Willow Brook and how we
can all help to look after it



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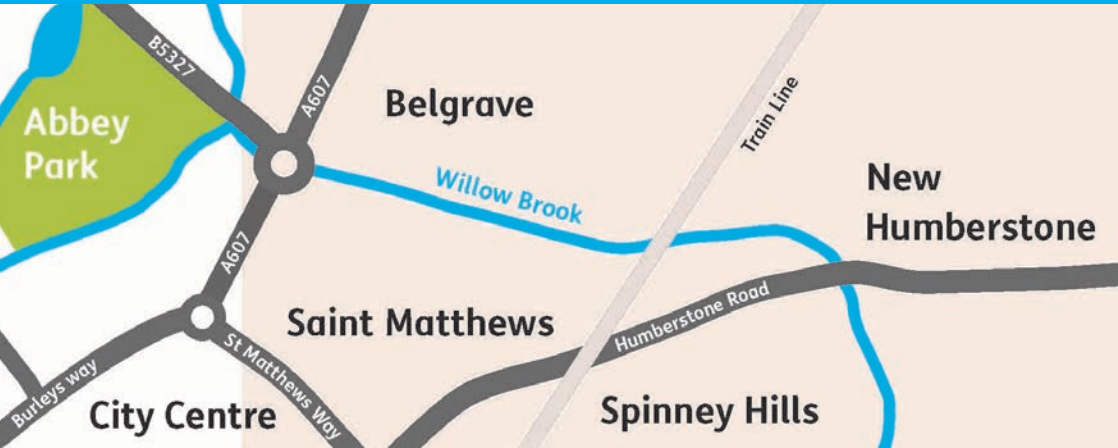


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Do you know Willow Brook?



- Willow Brook is in the north eastern part of the city running from Spinney Hills to Belgrave. It is over a mile long and joins the Grand Union Canal at Abbey Park.
- Many of Leicester's streets run along Willow Brook. The brook runs close to homes and businesses. It could be at the end of your back yard or garden or near your business premises.
- Much of Willow Brook is a highly engineered channel with concrete walls.



Why is litter a problem?

There is often litter in the brook. Litter stops our environment being clean, safe and healthy. Large amounts of litter in the brook can lead to blockages and increase the flood risk for homes and businesses. Willow Brook feeds into other watercourses, so waste in it can pollute our canals, rivers and ultimately our oceans.

- The main types of litter found in Willow Brook are plastics, metals, polystyrene, fabrics, tyres, wooden furniture.
- Litter in the brook is waste from households and businesses.
- Fly-tipping also contributes to the litter in Willow Brook. Fly-tipping is dumping waste on public or private land. It is a crime, and you can be fined.
- Litter affects wildlife such as birds and small mammals. It pollutes the natural environment and disturbs habitats.



It is the responsibility of all residents and businesses to protect our brooks from litter and waste.

Take your rubbish home



Use recycling centres



Report litter, fly-tipping or pollution in the water



New surveillance is being installed along Willow Brook to help catch and fine fly-tippers and polluters.

Report fly-tipping and litter

HELP

- ✓ Maintain a safe, clean and healthy environment
- ✓ Reduce flooding
- ✓ Protect species such as swans, ducks, herons, water voles

STOP

- ✗ Fly tipping
- ✗ Littering (Household and industrial waste)
- ✗ Causing pollution
- ✗ Causing blockages in the brook



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You can take photos of litter, fly tips or graffiti and report them on the Love Clean Streets app visit: love.leicester.gov.uk

Report fly-tipping in a watercourse

Flooding and drainage team:
flooding@leicester.gov.uk
0116 454 1001

Dispose of your waste correctly

Use the household waste and recycling collection service

leicester.gov.uk/waste

Book a free collection of bulky items

my.leicester.gov.uk

Recycling information

leicester.gov.uk/recycling



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Business waste service

leicester.gov.uk/tradewaste

Report pollution in a watercourse

gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident

0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)

Do one small thing

If every time we visited a river or canal we picked up just one piece of plastic, within a year there would be no plastic left.

Join the Canal & River Trust's #PlasticChallenge