



Planning and running a service project

AT A GLANCE



Place

Plan indoors, carry out outdoors



Key idea

Taking responsibility for your own town as a group



Effort

Materials 10 min · Preparation 30 min



120 minutes (plus action day)



6–20 scouts



from 16 years



community service



Materials

- ☐ poster for ideas
- ☐ town map
- ☐ for a litter pick: gloves, rubbish bags, litter pickers (often available to borrow from the council), high-visibility vests
- ☐ first aid kit



Schedule

0–20'	Finding needs – Where does our town need help? Collect ideas: litter, elderly neighbours, food bank, playground.
20–50'	Deciding – Choose one project and set a goal.
50–100'	Planning – Share out tasks: agreement with the council or church, materials, publicity, photos.
100–110'	Timetable – Set a date for the action day.
110–120'	Closing – Thought: seek the welfare of the city (Jeremiah 29:7).



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How it works – simply explained

- 1 Collect ideas without judging them.
- 2 Choose a project you can manage in one day.
- 3 Clarify who needs to be asked (council, church, landowner).
- 4 Share out clear tasks with names and dates.
- 5 After the project: photos and a short report for the church and website.

 **Example:** "On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. we'll pick up litter along the stream. The council will collect the bags on Monday."

Safety

- Do not touch syringes, broken glass or anything unknown – fetch a leader.
- Wear high-visibility vests near roads.
- Gloves for everyone.

Variations

- Pack Christmas parcels for a local charity.
- Organise shopping help for elderly neighbours.

Something to think about

What changes in us when we help others?