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Apply for a street collection permit

If you wish to collect money or sell articles for charitable purposes in any street or public place you must obtain a street collection permit from the council.

Permission for a street collection is only granted where the people of Blackpool will derive a benefit from the collection. (i.e. a local charity or a national charity which operates in the Blackpool area). Collectors should be over the age of 16 years.

Collections held on private property do not require a permit, however if you intend to visit a number of premises a [house to house collection licence](#) may be required.

The 12 month period for street collections runs from April to March each year. The public protection sub-committee considers all applications for the forthcoming year at its meeting in March.

Blackpool Council maintains a [list of street collection](#) permits issued by this authority.

Charitable collections by way of Direct Debit pledges are administered by the [Institute of Fundraising](#) under a site management agreement that came into effect in 2013. The IoF maintain a [diary of face to face fundraising collections](#). If you wish to carry out or complain about a direct debit collection you can telephone the IoF on 020 7840 1000.

Before applying please read the street collection [policy](#) and [guidance notes](#).

[Apply online now](#)

Or you can download and complete the [application form \[PDF 86KB\]](#).

There is no charge for a street collection permit.

Applications should include a letter from the benefiting charity authorising you to collect on their behalf (if you are not an official of the charity).

Please submit your application at least 1 month before the date of the collection.

After the collection you must submit a [form of account \[PDF 18KB\]](#) detailing the amount raised and any expenses deducted, this [can also be submitted online](#).

Tacit consent

Tacit consent applies. This means that you will be able to act as though your application is granted if you have not heard from us by the end of the target completion period.

Failed application redress/Licence holder redress

Please contact [Blackpool Council's licensing service](#) in the first instance.

Complaints

Complaints should be directed to [Blackpool Council licensing service](#)

Contact

Licensing service

Municipal buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool, FY1 1NF

Telephone 01253 478397

Email licensing@blackpool.gov.uk

The licensing service is available to contact by telephone between 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday or visit in person by appointment only at the licensing desk at Blackpool Council's Customer First Centre on Corporation Street .

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