

STREET COLLECTIONS

A Street Collection Permit will be required where a person or group wishes to collect money for charitable purposes in any area of Torbay where the public has access and cannot be excluded from such area, including private land.

Permission will be given to collections of money in Torbay in the following circumstances:-

1. Where the collection is held for a local charity, this may take place on any day of the year. A local collection is where it can be shown on the application, and subsequent return, that the money collected will be spent or allocated for use entirely within Torbay. An exception can be made where the charity covers a larger area than Torbay. For example, many fundraising schemes operate in connection with South Devon Healthcare which extends through Torbay and down to Plymouth. A collection made by a local charity, or the local branch of a national charity, will not come within the terms of a local collection if the money raised is not, predominantly, assisting charitable funds and projects within Torbay.
2. Where the collection is being conducted by a national charity and the funds are not being allocated locally as described above, a collection may only be made on a Saturday between April and September. Applications can be made in advance of the intended year in question although particular dates will be allocated only in the December of the year which precedes the year applied for. This is to prevent larger and more administratively capable bodies applying many years in advance to the detriment of smaller bodies. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of available days, the successful applicants will be determined by simple ballot. Priority is given to those applicants wishing to collect during a specified National Week, followed by those specifying a preferred day and the remainder of the available days
3. Exceptions can be made to the arrangements in the following circumstances:-
 - (a) Where an element of entertainment is being provided, no permission will be required where the *only* medium for collection of money will be a static container bearing the words "FOR YOUR APPRECIATION" or something similar.
 - (b) Where a long distance event takes place, such as a "Round Britain Walk" permission may be given for a collection while this passes through Torbay.
 - (c) National collections where the specified day is significant, eg. Poppy Day.

Under the above exception arrangements, however, no collection may be made within 100 yards of any other collector acting under a Torbay Street Collection Permit.

4. Only one charity, body or fund may collect in each available area on each day
5. Each charity, body or fund will normally be allowed to collect on only one occasion per year.
6. Collections will normally be permitted to take place only between 9am and 6pm.