

Harringworth Parish Council Dog Fouling Information Sheet

Dear Resident,

Harringworth Parish Council has received complaints regarding the amount of dog faeces being found on the footpaths and verges throughout the village. This is both unsightly and a potential health hazard that can easily be prevented if dog owners follow the advice below from the ENDC web site.

Dog Fouling

Under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, any person who permits a dog that is in their charge to foul any area to which the public has access is committing an offence. The local authority is responsible for monitoring dog fouling and for taking offenders to court.

What happens if my dog fouls in a public place?

We encourage all dog owners to clean up after their dog has fouled in a public place, as dog fouling is unpleasant and poses a public health risk. If your dog fouls in a public place and you do not clean it up and you will be breaking a Dog Control Order under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

If an authorised officer witnesses you not cleaning up after your dog, you will be given a fixed penalty of £75. If you refuse to pay the fixed penalty you may be taken to court; be fined up to £1000 plus costs and receive a criminal record. You should pay the fine within 14 days at any of our [customer service centres](#) at Thrapston, Rushden or Oundle. Payments can also be made by post (cheque only), via the telephone using a credit or debit card or online.

Reporting Dog Fouling

If you witness someone letting their dog foul without cleaning it up afterwards in a public place, you should report this to the dog warden with as much information as possible, such as:

- Time/date/location of incident
- Frequency of offence if it happens regularly
- Description/breed of dog
- Descriptions of the offender
- A photo of the dog/incident is useful to identify the dog (but can not be used as evidence)
- Your name/address/phone number
- Name/address of offender if known.

It is difficult to catch offenders without the above information and an authorised officer usually needs to witness the offence being committed before a fixed penalty notice can be issued. If you cannot provide the above information, we can still carry out patrols in your area and provide signage, but the chance of catching the offender is much smaller. Please use the [reporting dog fouling form](#) (available from the ENDC web site) to report an area to us where dog fouling needs to be cleaned up

What is the best way of disposing of dog waste?

Dog faeces should be picked up using a poop scoop bag and disposed of in a dog or litter bin. If there is no dog bin available it can be taken home and put into a dustbin. Any dog faeces collected at home should be sealed in a strong plastic bag and put in your household waste or it can be buried in a corner in your garden.

Brian Chambers

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