

Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control Survey Report, May 2024

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1. Summary

Questionnaire format: *Web/online*
Responses: *229 Total*
Date range: *7th May 2024 to 28th May 2024*

2. Introduction

The current PSPO for dog control came into force in July 2021 and is in place for three years. It is a requirement to review the existing measures and seek the views of the public.

Interested persons were invited to complete the survey regarding the review of the PSPO.

3. Questionnaire results

| Q1. Do you own a dog(s)? | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | No. | % |
| Yes | 151 | 65.9% |
| No | 78 | 34.1% |

Q2. Where do you walk your dog(s)? Please tick all that apply

| | No. | % |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| Nearby streets | 120 | 82.8% |
| Nearby parks | 124 | 85.5% |

Q2a. Please provide the name of the park(s):

Avenue country park
Bearley park x 7
Boythorpe
Stand Road x 8
New Whittington
Holmebrook Valley Park x 48
Poolsbrook x 16
Ringwood x 4
Bridleways / paths
Fields
Wingerworth
Chesterfield canal x 3
Cow Lane
Eastwood Park x 4
Grassmoor Country Park x 2
North Wingfield
Clay Cross
Hardwick ponds
Queen's Park x 14
Highfield Park x 6
Somersall x 32
Manor Fields x 4
Inkerman x 6
Walton Dam x 3
Badger
Linacre x 5
Houfton Road Bolsover
Peter Fiddler trail
Loundsley Green x 2
Holme Hall Park
Brookfield
Off whitecotes lame
Pearson park
Piccadilly
Tapton,
Holmgate Pond
The Avenue Washlands
Monkey Park
Ringwood Park
Holymoorside Recreation Field x 2
Whitecotes playing fields
Spital
St Davids rise
Tapton Park x 9
Eyam, carver, curbar, all around peaks and north Yorkshire
Thistle park x 4

Unstone parks.
Wain Avenue
Walton
Whitecoats park x 2
Willow Garth road

Q2b. If you walk your dog(s) at another location(s), please provide details here:

A long canal
All over the uk x 2
Ashgate avenue
Avenue washlands
Bakewell
Black hills
Boythorpe Cemetery x 2
Brookfield x 2
Buxton
Calow
Chatsworth x 3
Chesterfield canal x 11
Church St and fields nearby
coastal
Darley Dale
Farmers' fields and woods
fields
Fields around Chesterfield
Fields around Walton
Fields between Somersall and Holymoorside
five pits trail
Grassmoor Country Park x 2
Handley Woods
Hardwick Hall grounds
Hardwick ponds
heritage green x 2
Holmebrook Valley Park x 6
Tupton
holymoorside
I walk my dog all over the place
lakes
Linacre x 20
Local field off of Dunston Lane
Local fields down the canal.
Local public land near skylarks estate
Longshaw, Matlock
Mansfield parks
Many other locations across the UK
Markham vale
Matlock Moor x 2
Multiple locations across chesterfield and Derbyshire
Newbold
Norbriggs field
Nottinghamshire

old Brampton
 Old Whittington x 2
 Peak District x 8
 Poolsbrook 3
 Queens Park
 Rother valley x 2
 Somersall park x 3
 St Bartholomew's churchyard
 Tapton x 5
 The Avenue
 Through fields and farm track, Spinney Woods
 UK wide
 Usually fields around Chesterfield
 Various locations throughout Derbyshire
 Walton x 7
 Westwood x 2
 Winsick wood and fields
 Woodnuck lane

Q3. Whilst walking your dog(s) have you ever witnessed a dog-related incident (i.e. dog fouling and not picked up, dog on dog attack, dog on person attack, dog on another animal attack)?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 100 | 66.2% |
| No | 51 | 33.8% |

Q3b. If yes, please summarise what you saw:

Out of control dogs off lead, no recall, owners with no understanding what basic commands are or common courtesy to put the dog in a lead when approaching am on lead dog or person, bike, horse so on
 Dogs off lead ran at my puppy and frightened it
 I regularly see owners not picking up their dogs mess.
 Dogs falling out
 Fouling
 Owners not picking up dog mess
 Dogs of lead aggression towards my dog
 Dog foul not been picked up
 I walk my dog around Poolsbrook most days and see dog fouling and off lead dogs there on most occasions. I have never seen any enforcement officers in the area to enforce the PSPO in the last 3 years.
 My dog has been attacked twice by other dogs, both times my dog was on the lead and the others weren't.
 Multiple times you see dog fouling or dog poo on the park also have multiple occasions where dogs are fouling on gardens of residents on willow Garth road and nearby streets
 Our dog was attacked and seriously injured by a loose Alsatian owned by a drug addict.
 A person failing to pick up after their dog.
 dogs fowling on formal cut grass shental gardens and round queens park
 Not picking up dog mess
 Many times i have witnessed other dog walkers not picking up dog poop
 Dog fouling and not being picked up

Dog fouling and not cleaned up - dogs are off lead so owners don't see when they are fouling. Also dogs off lead at Holmebrook and owners have either no control or don't know where their dogs are. My dog (on lead) was attacked in this way by an off lead dog.

Dog fouling and not being picked up

A person who had a dog off lead

Dog attacking ducks

Dog on dog

Not picking dog mess up

Owner not picking dog mess up

I witnessed a dog off lead run up to another dog which was on the lead. The owner of the dog off lead had no recall at all and the dog rushed up to a dog with a yellow warning lead on. The unleashed dog attacked the dog on the lead and the dog was bleeding the unleashed dog was not harmed.

Dog attacks and dog fouling

While out walking my dogs one of mine was attacked by an off lead out of control dog. My dog suffered bite punctures and bruising to his face

Dog poo not being picked up

My dog was attacked while on lead on the street

Dog fouling on derby rd pelican crossing (jawbones hill) also on tarmac path across the fields on the park at the back of derby rd that leads to storforth lane

Dog out of control with no owner in sight

My own dog was attacked. Lots of people round here don't pick up after their dogs.

Dog poo not picked up and bags of poo chucked in hedges and tree's

Dog on a lead attacking another smaller dog.

People not cleaning up after their dogs, dogs of lead with no recall

A dog attacking a swan

My own dog was bitten on Sunday at Manor Fields by one of a pair of dogs Required an operation, internal and external stitches and medication.

A suspected xl bully unmuzzled on our estate, but muzzled when goes off the estate

Dog mess all over the streets

Owners not picking up their dogs mess - repeat offenders

Dog off lead running up to dog in lead

Dog fouling

My dog was bitten by another dog

Dog fouling not being picked up, unleaded dogs coming up to my leaded dog and unsettling/threatening my dog. My dog isn't allowed off lead as recall is never 100%.

Dog fouling

Owners standing talking, with their dog off the lead. It's an excuse not to clean up after their dogs, if they don't see them do it.

Dog fouling

Dog Fouling

An English bull terrier approached me and my two dogs on Ulverston Road, when I was walking my young cousin to her dance class. The English Bull Terrier, who wore no collar and was out in street unattended, charged towards us and picked my dog up in its mouth and tussled my dog who was lifeless in its mouth. The dog snarled viciously when I tried to remove my dog from its mouth. The dog was out of control. I could not get the dog off. I told my 8 year old cousin to run ahead to her dance class and I was shouting for help. I was kicking the dog with all my might and I still couldn't do anything. Thankfully, a man who lived in a nearby house ran out and managed to get the dog off and I pulled my dog's lead up towards me, with my dog hanging lifelessly in her harness. I ran towards the dance school; the man was shouting to run. A parent came and got my other dog, a 14 week old puppy off of me, and I ran to the dance school. The dog was chasing me, jumping up at me to try and get to my dead dog. I ran into the building and the dog followed so the dance teacher shouted to get out

because they had gathered the children out of the way. I then tried again to get back in out of the way and the dog was managed to be shut outside. The out-of-control dog was jumping at the doors in a frenzy. I called my mum, who drove around to the dance school, when I couldn't speak but she could hear the hysteria. When she arrived, she rang me and I ran out to the car with the dead dog. As we were getting into the car, the owners pulled up in a red Fiat with a large exhaust and threw a chain around the dogs neck and dragged it into their boot and wheel span off. We drove straight to the vets and we ran in and the vet saw us straight away. It was too late and we found that the English Bull Terrier had punctured my dog's internal organs and killed her. There was nothing that could be done to save her.

Dog crap left by owner. Dog on dog attacks.

Dog fouling, dangerous dogs no muzzle

Other owner abusive towards me, dog poo on green

Dog fouling, dog off lead attacking another dog, dog off lead jumping up at me and owner unable to control.

Not picking up poo and disturbing wildlife by dog being off lead

It's a common occurrence to find dog fouling but what is also concerning is the amount of occasions one encounters a discarded bag of dog poo. I've also witnessed dog on dog attacks but what has surprised me is that these attacks occur also when the aggressor is on a lead (normally on these occasion - a badly managed extendable lead). For this reason, I would suggest prohibiting extendable leads and in dog control areas in place of fixed length leads.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling, dogs running off lead no control

Dog fouling and not picked up

Dog fouling and owner refusing to pick up or clean up mess

Repeated dog fouling not picked up

Dog fouling and not being cleared up

People not picking up dog poo

People not picking up their dogs excrements

Dog fouling not picked up

Dog fouling and not picked up

Lady walking in the distance at norbriggs field walking two dogs off leash watch and let both dogs poo without thinking about picking up, she continued through the bottom hedge into farmers' fields, she was too far away to challenge her and I haven't seen her since

Dog Fouling a young man with a black lab. A lady with a staffy walks through the park at around 1pm most weekdays, no less, no recall, it's hackles up and intimidating to other dogs. No signs on the playground to keep dogs away, seem xl bully type and another lady with a staffy looking and a puppy with it, running off lead on the park while the lady moves her toddler around it. Who do you call? No advice and no governance.

When my dog was a puppy he was attacked at Linacre. He was on his lead on one of his first walks around 3 years ago by a dog off lead. Its owner was jogging and had no control over her dog. It was very traumatising for myself and my dog. I took my dog there because dogs are supposed to be on leads but this rule wasn't followed.

Reactive dog running up to my 8yr old in the play area, barking around her legs, chasing her around the play area, frightening her. I honestly thought it was going to bite her legs. I asked the owner to put their dog on a lead as we were in the play area. The owner said no even after asked several times. I believe all dogs should be on leads in public parks. Dogs don't understand to leave children alone and owners often have no recall. Not all children like dogs and dogs don't always like other dogs. Our dog is a playful labrador but because he wants to play with a lot we keep him on a lead (normal or long line) so he doesn't bother dogs who do not want to play.

dog fouling not picked up and dog v dog

General lazy dog owners not picking up after their dog

Not picking up dog mess

Dog fouling not picked up
 My dog was attacked
 Several owners ignoring their dogs fouling, I've also had several off lead, out of control dogs run at me and my dog
 Dog foul that had not been picked up.
 Fouling and not picking up
 Lots of dog mess
 Two dogs attack each other
 Dog fouling on pavements, dog attacked d by other dog on field
 Dog fouling on pavements and paths
 Some people have dog off lead and let it wee and poo wherever and then look round to see if anyone is looking then call the dog and walk away from the mess.
 Dog fouling not picked up. Dog not on lead on public footpath
 Constantly see people leaving dog poo and when challenged they do not care.
 Dog fouling
 Dog fouling
 Lots of dog fouling everywhere you go. Local dog with behavioural issues of the lead attacking my dogs
 Dog fouling not being picked up
 Dog fouling off the lead with owner walking in front
 On several occasions, I've witnessed off lead dogs foul and then owners walking off.

Q4. Did you report this incident to the Council or the Police?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 13 | 13.1% |
| No | 86 | 86.9% |

Q5. Whilst walking your dog(s) have you been directly involved with a dog-related incident (dog on dog attack or dog on person attack)?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 37 | 24.5% |
| No | 114 | 75.5% |

Q5b. If yes, where did the incident take place?

Abercrombie Park
 Avenue washlands
 Brearley Park
 Chesterfield canal x 3
 Cobnar Wood Chesterfield
 Flamsteed Crescent
 Frequent times in Somersall park where a lot of dogs are off lead running around crazy without owners caring or having any recall. Dogs run up annoying and scaring dogs and children all the time. I hate how dogs can run in the children's play area. If you have a dog in the park I believe it should be kept on a lead. Queen's Park is generally much better and dogs are usually always on a lead.
 Gower Crescent, loundsley Green
 Grassmoor Country Park x 2
 Highfield Park
 Holme hall
 Holmebrook x 10

Keswick Drive
 Land adjacent to Hasland Hall school fields
 Linacre x 3
 Manor Fields off Ashgate Avenue
 Residents dog with behavioural issues attacked my dog
 shental gardens
 Spinney woods
 Ulverston Road, Newbold
 Unstone, a dog bit mine
 Walking through a housing estate in Brimington
 Whitecoats

Q6. Did you report this incident to the Police?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 8 | 21.6% |
| No | 29 | 78.4% |

Q7. Did you report this incident to the Council?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 6 | 16.2% |
| No | 31 | 83.8% |

Q8. Before taking part in this survey, were you aware of the existing PSPO/dog control and the restrictions that are in place?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 113 | 49.3% |
| No | 116 | 50.7% |

Q9. The current PSPO/dog control makes it an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 228 | 99.6% |
| No | 0 | 0.0% |
| Don't know | 1 | 0.4% |

Q10. At Boythorpe Cemetery, Brimington Cemetery, Spital Cemetery, Staveley Cemetery and within the Crematorium grounds it is a requirement for dogs to be under control and on a lead. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 223 | 97.4% |
| No | 4 | 1.7% |
| Don't know | 2 | 0.9% |

Q11. At most children's play areas it is an offence to allow dogs in the play area. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Yes | 214 | 93.4% |

| | | |
|------------|----|------|
| No | 13 | 5.7% |
| Don't know | 2 | 0.9% |

Q12. At Holmebrook Valley Park and Poolsbrook Country Park there is a requirement to keep dogs on leads whilst walking around the lake, whilst in the car park area and in the area near the Pavillion/café. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 196 | 86.0% |
| No | 27 | 11.8% |
| Don't know | 5 | 2.2% |

Q13. At Norbriggs Flash and Brearley Wetlands dogs are required to be on a lead at all times during bird nesting season. Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 205 | 89.5% |
| No | 11 | 4.8% |
| Don't know | 13 | 5.7% |

Q14. At most football pitches, dogs are not permitted onto the pitches during football season (September to May). Do you think we should continue to enforce this?

| | No. | % |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Yes | 186 | 81.2% |
| No | 35 | 15.3% |
| Don't know | 8 | 3.5% |

Q15. If you have any other comments or suggestions please write them here:

Dogs shouldn't be in enclosed playgrounds but if not enclosed lots of parents walk the dog and take the children to the park. This should be encouraged in my view.

Chesterfield and Northeast Derbyshire Councils need to think about adding secure dog parks like what Holmebrook Valley has. This is something that would really help all dog owners and others in the community. I'm constantly trying to advocate this for most areas around Chesterfield so I think it's time it get the go ahead to stop dog on dog attacks and also dog on people attacks.

There needs to be more safe places for dogs to be walked let off and more training for owners. These dog laws should be enforced with hefty fines. I think this should be taken further however, and all dogs should be on a lead at all times in all public spaces.

More needs to be done to enforce the dogs on leads policies as most owners ignore this. Unfortunately at Stand Road Park enforcement of exclusion of dogs from the marked football pitches and from the children's play area in front of the pavilion is difficult and doesn't happen in practice as dogs that are off the lead frequently enter both areas. The problems will get worse if the proposed 3G football pitch plan proceeds as it will severely reduce the available open freely accessible grass area of the park thus putting pressure on it. The legally available accessible area available for dog walkers will be reduced.

Difficult in Somersall to always keep off play areas as play area not separated from park. Keep dogs on leads on Tapton golf course. Green keepers have a hard enough job without owners letting them tear up greens and bunkers.

I think well behaved/trained dogs should be allowed off lead at Linacre Reservoirs.

Never seen anyone out enforcing anything, didn't even know this was a thing, no signs or anything.

There needs to be more of a presence from enforcement officers as I'm certain that if the PSPO was upheld and word got around that fines were being issued it would make others think and follow the instructions.

The restrictions need to be enforced and in my experience they aren't. The sign stating dog should be kept off of the football pitches at my local park was pulled down shortly after it was put up.

Enforcement on dog fouling, more signage warning about consequences of leaving dog poo on floor, more dog bins around to encourage people to pick it up and throw it in the bin
Park space is totally wasted if football pitches are out of bounds for dog walkers, parks are used very infrequently for sport but every day all day for dog walking and exercise. As long as dog owners are responsible and pick up any mess there shouldn't be a problem. More attention should be focussed on anti-social behaviour, including dog mess. Littering is a serious issue on football pitches after matches with discarded bottles, particularly on Highfield Park.

If a football match is not being played I see no reason why dogs are banned as long as owners pick up their dogs mess

A family member had their dog attacked by another dog at Holmebrook Valley Park. Is it possible for posters of some kind to be put up saying that dogs need to be controlled? This was in the car park area and the other dog was off the lead. My family member's dog suffered large puncture wounds to their back and has been traumatised by the event, now refusing to go for walks. The vet bills were also significant.

More enforcement on dog fouling, out of control dogs and irresponsible owners who refuse to put a lead on their dog in public

I think there should be rules of people cats pooping on your garden

More enforcement is needed for people not picking up after their dogs, I go to great lengths to ensure I leave no mess but often come across mess and have stood in mess left by other owners.

I think dogs should be on leads at all times

Please enforce the order. No dogs off lead/out of control. My already traumatised rescue foster dog has been attacked by off lead dogs

Dogs off leads on housing estates and queens park

Larger notices advising people to keep dogs on leads and more patrols to enforce this

You need to actually enforce it especially at Eastwood Park in Hasland!

I think dogs should be on leads at all times as just cos they say there dogs ok they might not like each other after being approached

There needs to be more signage around the parks telling people that unless their dog has amazing recall they must be kept on a lead it doesn't matter if their dog is friendly or not if it runs up to other dogs and can't be recalled before it's got their it needs to be under control I have a dog that doesn't like other dogs so I'd always on a lead but that didn't stop him getting attacked

More dog fouling notices need to be in place

Better control of who is allowed to keep dogs.

Need to enforce dogs off the lead policy, dogs are regularly in play area at Hasland park

Dog licences should be brought back to stop the amount of out of control dogs and people not picking up their dogs mess. The licenses should come with the proviso that the owner and dog take mandatory training classes as people don't train their animals and leave them to run riot and out of control

I have never seen any signage around Holmebrook saying the dogs should be kept on lead around the lakes and cafe. Signage needs to be more obvious

As long as dog fouling is cleaned up dogs should be allowed on football pitches. In some areas they take up the majority of the space so you are limited otherwise. Responsible owners will only allow their dogs on the pitches when they are empty and during football season there are long periods of the day where they are empty and could be used by dogs. I would also

point out that littering on foot all pitches and in parks is a big issue., particularly after a football session where bottles, tapes and other rubbish is strewn along the edge of the pitches.

There is no visible enforcing seen and a lack of notices

People have no care for picking up dog mess and leave it all over the streets and also on the parks. No one seems to enforce it and I wouldn't know who to contact if I did see it happening. Maybe more education so we can all work together to make our living and play spaces cleaner and nicer for everyone

Every park dogs should be kept on a lead

I think dogs should also be on leads around Tipton Park and along the canal.

In local parks like queens park and Hasland. park etc I think personally dogs should be on leads my dog passed a few years ago and she was always on a lead but she would get stressed when other dogs would run up to her barking sometimes you will see folk with more than one dog off lead running around and they not watching what it is doing. Plus Hasland itself is getting worse for dog poo on pavements Talbot street is just one example.

Keep grass to a short length when possible as it makes it hard to see dog poo in the long grass. Maybe have a fenced off field where dogs can play off lead safely. More poo bins and potentially add boxes of poo bags so people have no excuse for dog fouling.

It is hard to put all dogs and owners in the same bracket.

As I regularly walk Poolsbrook and Holmebrook Valley I see numerous dogs off leads We need more officers walking these places I believe dogs should always be on leads in public spaces

These enforcement are all well and good but are no use if there is no one to enforce them.

Agree there's an increase in dog fouling which needs to be monitored, and dogs need to be under control, but they need safe space to exercise freely and safely off lead when its safe I agree with the restrictions but surely the football field is okay to use if there isn't a match on.

The enclosed area in Holmebrook valley park, is it possible to have this area levelled out? It is the only secure place in the park to let your dog off lead, but the ground is so uneven it is not safe for them to run in it.

All dogs should be on a lead in public places and especially near farming livestock

Waste of time survey, this all common sense stuff, I'm more concerned about unsociable behaviour from humans littering leaving glass bottles and cans and the council letting the grass get ridiculously high before cutting it. The Peace gardens in Tipton park used to be something we were proud of, now they are a mess.

Queen's Park need patrols also

More of the legislation should be focused on human behaviour. For the most part dogs are not the problem.

More poop bins along the canal may help with people picking up the waste or discarding it in the bushes.

There have been some problems with dogs and the swans last year at Holmebrook Valley.

Perhaps some bigger notices would help?

Should also be along the canal, there are nesting birds and other animals. There are also lots of families walking with children.

Dogs on pitches aren't a problem if owners clean up their mess. They don't.

More signage around children's play areas as most dog owners are unaware dogs are not permitted on play areas, more patrols to enforce poo cleaning up as the pavements are currently very bad for dog poo which has not been cleaned up, if some people are penalised it may prevent other dog owners from leaving poo lying around

The amount of dog mess on the street and in the grassy areas that haven't been mowed are unbelievable. You can't walk anywhere without coming across dog mess. The streets just appear very untidy and unkempt

Dogs shouldn't be allowed to be off lead on main paths/routes through parks such as Holmebrook. Too many dogs aren't under control by thoughtless, clueless or careless owners. Too many dogs have poor recall and end up interfering with other dogs/people.

All dogs should be on a lead in a public place.

The council should ensure that there are adequate dog wardens on duty at all times. More signage is needed around the lakes. CCTV would help enforcement around the lakes too.

While I think rules should be enforced, more needs to be done to supervise these areas. Many people still do not pick up after their dogs, or they leave a full bag on the floor or on branches. Dogs are always off lead at Holmebrook Valley Park.

The majority of people which use parks are dog walkers (fact), it's ridiculous that most of the available space is 'out of bounds' so it can be used infrequently just for football etc. Most dog owners are sensible and pick up any mess (unlike all the plastic bottles left after a football match), the minority who don't aren't likely to be put off by a PSPO as they aren't bothered by rules anyway.

Yes, enforce and provide notices as many owners do not follow any of the enforcements and nor do the council have the staff to enforce so

Dog bin required on heritage green and on canal

More bins needed on the canal.

There should be better consequences for repeated loose dogs. When the owners are not doing anything to prevent the dog escaping

Somersall Park needs an enclosed play area. Dogs have nearly attacked my toddlers several times due to running out of control by small children, it is a recipe for disaster

More dog notices politely reminding owners of their responsibilities should be in place

Dogs should be on leads in all public parks at all times

Dogs should be on leads when walking round streets to avoid accidents

How many enforcement notices have there been in the last 12 months? Have there been any reports of dog attacks in the last 12 months? Have there been reports of illness following contact with dog mess in the last 12 months? How frequently do enforcement officers patrol the parks? My email for response is nindhelen@gmail.com

Dogs are not on leads in Somersall park! They often are in the play area and have knocked my children over on the path. My children avoid dogs because of this!

The field behind Brookside Avenue dog continue to allow dogs to foul without picking it up, despite a bin being placed at the entrance. Also they let them off the leads whilst still in the avenue and the first part of the path. Despite mature gardens & hedges dogs get in the gardens regularly. Dogs have fouled in our garden and knocked the rabbit hutch over, chased and caught the rabbit.

Please try to educate who it is who lets their dog foul the 'alley ways around Walton housing estate and doesn't pick it up

More signs making people aware it is an offence to allow dogs to foul

More provision of dog waste bins on the streets

As a user of football pitch we regularly have to pick up poo pregame.

I am not aware of dog fouling being enforced in the Walton area. Pavements and grass areas covered in dog muck and I've never seen any enforcement officers. Bins been removed made it worse.

Dogs should be kept on leads at Queen's Park too - children are often on their bikes or are running around and I often see dogs not on a lead..... there is an attack just waiting to happen unless there is action.

This is pretty pointless as no one ever does anything about the ones not sticking to the regulations!!

Why have you built an open play area on Somersall park, it would be better for all concerned if it was fenced off, also it's mostly dog walkers that use Somersall park and all year round in all weather, I hope we will not be stopped from letting our dogs off lead as long as they are under control, the park is not just for children and should be enjoyed by all including dogs!!! Dogs need exercise running ,I don't drive so Somersall is the only park I can walk to, also signs need to go up to tell cyclists to slow down as me and my dogs (on lead at the time) have nearly been run over by them Maybe a few poo bins round the park would encourage the minority that don't pick up to do so

I am a football coach and every home game I'm forever picking dog muck up; we had an incident where a dog walker let her dogs off the lead while we were in a game, Highfield Park, Owners should always pick up!!

More bins required. Perhaps dog play area in all parks

Dogs must be allowed to exercise freely off lead and socialise responsibly with other dogs. You are creating an unnecessarily anxious community and impacting people's mental health whilst walking their dog responsibly

Dogs that will go into water after birdlife should be kept on a lead around these areas

Dogs should be on lead on any multi use path designated for shared use by cyclists and walkers

Additional and clearer signage to be put in public spaces, as dog owners continuously ignore these rules and allow their animals to run free on children's play areas. This puts children at risk and can cause conflict between dog owners who disregard the rules and families who want to enjoy a visit to the park safely. A better presence to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Owners continue to leave their dog waste in public spaces or hang their mess up in a bag on a tree. Regular bin collections so owners don't have the excuse of 'the bin was full so I left it'

Dogs need to be on short leads around people and roads as we have still had unwanted dogs running up close to children etc. Almost tripped up by a long lead as dog not under control

There needs to be more signs in parks and children's play areas indicating the restrictions, and more dog waste bins. In particular in Thistle Park, Brimington more signs are needed as the children's play area is used to exercise dogs as the area is enclosed, and dog mess is often left. The football pitch is also covered in dog faeces and I am not aware of any signs indicating that dogs are not allowed on the football pitch. We also need more dog waste bins. I recently, Wednesday 15th May, witnessed a dog running free on the football pitch on Langer Field Park. I could see nobody with the dog and don't know if they were sitting in a car somewhere, which has been known, and I had no time to investigate.

There are no signs or enforcement for dogs on the playground, I was told 2 years ago that signs would go up when I reported the xl bully type dog

Would love to see more enclosed fields for off lead security also more dog bins especially around Markham vale as there isn't any

My dog loves to be off lead, however we also appreciate taking him places where we know dogs have to be on leads to avoid other dogs approaching him when he doesn't like it. I feel path walks dogs should be on a lead but open spaces dogs should be allowed off. We have recently had a baby and we appreciate dogs aren't allowed in play areas but this can be quite tricky for us as our dog has separation anxiety so can't be left at home and can't even be left tied up outside a park area. However, as a parent I also wouldn't want a dog with non-responsible owners in a play park where my baby is playing so I understand both sides.

Dogs on leads on ALL play areas in ALL parks including Somersall park.

More frequent emptying of poo bins especially in the summer

enforcement is difficult especially at weekends when no park staff around

The problem is that these orders are not enforced. There are frequently dogs off leads at Holmebrook as well as uncontrolled dogs on extendable leads with owners seemingly unable to control their dogs. Where is the enforcement? Why not fence off part of the field opposite the pavilion at Holmebrook (not the football pitch the one next to the Pétanque) and allow dogs to be free within that area? Then dog owners can't complain that there is nowhere for their dogs to run about. I have often felt intimidated by uncontrolled dogs and had them jump on me with owners saying 'he's only being friendly'. It's not friendly to have an out of control dog (i.e. one that ignores the owner's command to return) jumping on me. I don't want it. I simply wish to enjoy my walk around Holmebrook.

Better signage about the restrictions on the lake at Holmebrook. Have pointed out the requirement for dogs to be on leads to owners and have only been met with abuse.

It is pointless to renew the order if it is not going to be enforced. More than half of dogs around Holmebrook Valley Park lake are not on leads. Dogs are frequently not on leads

around the car park and pavilion, running off the fields into these areas, with owners unable to recall dogs on command. If an owner is unable to recall their dog then it should be on a lead at all times. I love dogs, and don't have one myself simply because I am out of the house for long periods. Many people have dogs and seem unable/unwilling to take responsibility for them.

It's alright saying this that and the other is against regulations, when there is no one there to enforce it. Are the general public expected to do it?

More rangers patrolling areas. We walk our dog at Poolsbrook every day and there's always dogs off a lead regardless of signage. I've reported numerous times and no one has bothered to look.

You ask if you should continue to enforce. Maybe actually doing something would be a start. I'm sick and tired of dodging dog crap when walking around.

Personally, I think dogs should be kept on a lead at ALL times. Longer leads are available to buy to allow a good throw and fetch game, good run, etc

Enforcement is the key; some dog owners will only abide by the rules when made to.

More dog bins.

Greater presence of rangers etc is required at sites such as Holme brook to enforce the rules. Think parents at football matches leave more mess in terms of littering. Maybe they should be also fined.

Please make it clear that dogs should be on a lead in play areas. Somersall Park does not have signs.

Out of control dogs is one of the main barriers to spending more time outdoors by myself. Since the pandemic there seem to be so many more dogs, and very poorly trained if trained at all. Owners seem to have no control and think it's OK to let big dogs jump up and bark at me. The more enforcement of responsible dog walking, the better. It allows everyone to access green spaces with less fear.

Hello, I have a dog and a 9 month old baby, I personally believe dogs should be allowed in children play area's. Yes I know every dog is different and some breeds are known for bad behaviour so maybe a polite sign on play area gates saying well behaved dogs only, like many pubs have this. Now my dog has separation anxiety and barks nonstop from anxiety when he thinks he's getting left alone, example my wife could take our baby in the play area and I wait outside with the dog but he just barks at my wife nonstop through the bars, now this would look like an out of control dog to anyone that looks but it's down to being separated from part of the dogs family members. I cannot lie we let our dog in when no one else is there and he behaves so well and just lays down and watches my baby on the swing, he is not aggressive in any way shape or form and loves attention, just not being separate with anxiety that is all. As long as people clean up and keep the dog under control and on a lead in play areas parents have no issues. My local parks play area is very run down anyway and is due a big refurbishment to be honest.

As local Councillor for Rother i support retention of this public Order in all areas mentioned but i am concerned that on the Wash lands at the back of Derby Rd that in no mow may makes it impossible to pick up the dog poo and unsuspecting children and adults using the area get covered in it. Could we look at mowing a strip on all such areas specifically for dog walkers.
Cllr Jenny Flood

Non dog owners lack understanding of picking up dog poo. Make huge problems and moans when reality it is one or two irresponsible owners. Also a lot of 'cat poo' is mistaken for dog poo and dog owners to blame. Dog poo bins are not maintained well enough and are often overflowing. Grass verges and areas are also not well maintained and mean cleaning up is impossible due to the length of the grass and edgings

99% of dog owners pick up after their dogs, take the responsibility for control very seriously and need a space locally for their dog to play freely if it is within their capacity to control it.

Walking my dog at 70 is a joy and provides huge health benefits. My grandchildren learn a lot from caring for her. Please don't legislate for the small minority but for the vast majority and preserve some freedoms.

To encourage removal of dog faeces the bins need to be emptied regularly so that foul smells do not pervade the gate area

All dogs should be on a lead in public parks and play areas. I no longer take my young grandson to play in parks due to the number of dogs running wild. Owners often don't have proper control. I think that children should take precedence over dogs but most parks now just seem to be playgrounds for dogs.

The last one isn't being enforced. Kids team played at Eastwood park on Saturday 18th May. And dog mess had to be cleared up from the pitch before the kids could play their match Maybe more dog bins. Never enough dog bins. The one at entrance of Boythorpe Cemetery is always full to overflowing with poop bags.

Many people have become careless over the years and although there are many responsible dog owners quite a few do not care about the rules. More fines need to be issued as a deterrent.

How exactly are you, CBC, enforcing this order? If you point out to a dog owner their dog should be on a lead, you just get abuse.

Many parks have dogs off leads. I live in Hasland, where there are often dogs off leads but there is nobody there to enforce the rules. Play equipment on the local parks should have fences round them to protect the children playing there.

Dog fouling isn't being enforced in Hasland. There should be dedicated officers going out and tackling owners as it is disgusting taking my children to school and having to avoiding 20 plus dog fouls every day

Football pitches are only in use for a few hours each day/week during football season so dogs should not be restricted outside these times.

The rules are in place but they are not enforced....

It's funny you use the phrase "continue to enforce" I've not seen any evidence of any enforcing!!! The path from Holbeck Close to the back of the waterside quarter estate, and the footbridge over towards stonegravels are ALWAYS covered in dog excrement, the dog waste bin at the end of the path has been broken off the post for several months and hasn't been emptied for months either, so "continue to enforce" seems to be giving yourself a huge pat on the back for doing absolutely nothing!

More patrols to enforce on dog fouling

There needs to be more cleaning of dog fouling in the Brampton area as dog fouling has increased recently

More dog waste bins and more notices warning of the risks the animal and human welfare of contact with dog waste

More patrols to enforce these restrictions

Dogs are NOT on leash frequently, making it difficult for other walkers

Do these actually get enforced? Is it even possible? There is more and more dog muck on pavements or bags of it left in bushes or trees.

For all the parks you currently have enforcement for, nobody is actually there to see it through. So although it's against policy to let dogs off, foul etc, people are still continuing to do so. Also, more bins should be provided to encourage good practice, Linacre has very little, so does Holmebrook

I think the current regulations are sufficient. There will always be those that flout the rules regardless of the law. The majority of dog owners are responsible people, don't try to introduce more rules that punish those of us who follow them.

Despite regulations stating dogs should be on leads in these places, we often see off lead dogs and will even be approached by them. They rarely have recall and as we have a nervous dog who is on a lead, it's tiresome having to ask owners to control their dog to manage the welfare of our own. These rules are constantly being ignored.

Dog fouling is a huge problem at the moment, in 15 years of being a dog owner I have never known it be so bad. This needs enforcing more strictly! Also, I always keep my dog on a lead as I am a responsible dog owner but the amount of dogs off lead with no recall is ridiculous and I have had many a word asking rogue dog owners to come and stop their dog(s)

bothering mine. Luckily, my dog is friendly but I am sure if my dog was to be aggravated by an untrained off lead dog, it would be my dog on the front of a paper as a staffy rather than the many untrained cockerpoo's etc that run riot!

4. Equality monitoring

What is your sex?

| | Male | Female | Prefer not to say / blank |
|------------|-------|--------|---------------------------|
| No. | 37 | 154 | 1 |
| % | 19.3% | 80.2% | 0.5% |

How old are you?

| | Under 16 | 16-18 | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | Over 75 | Prefer not to say / blank |
|------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------------------------|
| No. | 0 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 41 | 45 | 39 | 32 | 4 | 1 |
| % | 0.0% | 0.5% | 1.6% | 13.5% | 21.4% | 23.4% | 20.3% | 16.7% | 2.1% | 0.5% |

If you are aged 16 or over: Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

| | No | Yes | Prefer not to say / blank |
|------------|-------|------|---------------------------|
| No. | 184 | 2 | 3 |
| % | 97.4% | 1.1% | 1.6% |

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

| | No | Yes | Prefer not to say / blank |
|----------|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| % | 72.6% | 23.7% | 3.7% |

What is your ethnicity?

| | White British | Other White background | Black or Black British | Asian or Asian British | Mixed ethnic group | Other ethnic group | Prefer not to say / blank |
|------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| No. | 184 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| % | 95.8% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 1.0% |

Which of the following best describes your religion?

| | Buddhist | Christian | Hindu | Jewish | Muslim | Sikh | None | Other | Prefer not to say / blank |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| No. | 1 | 81 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 4 | 8 |
| % | 0.5% | 42.6% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 50.0% | 2.1% | 4.2% |

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

| | Heterosexual | Bisexual | Lesbian | Gay Man | Prefer not to say / blank |
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| No. | 178 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| % | 93.2% | 0.5% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 5.2% |