



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*



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CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOG FOULING

Dog fouling

In light of the many complaints the council has been receiving about dog fouling, we have decided to launch a campaign to try and reduce dog fouling in Denby Dale parish. We will be circulating this newsletter to encourage people to come forward and identify people who allow their dogs to foul the paths, roads, grassed verges and playing fields in the parish without clearing up afterwards.

We need to assist the District Council's Dog Wardens to catch and prosecute those who break dog fouling laws and we therefore need your assistance to report offenders. Denby Dale parish is a beautiful rural parish and we need to keep it free from dog fouling for both our residents and visitors and to improve the environment in which we all live. Please help us to do this, all bagged dog waste can be placed in any litter bin.

- You must immediately remove dog dirt from any land that the public have access to (except for marshland, woodland and moorland).
- You can dispose of dog faeces in most council litter bins, provided you have put it in a bag first. We ask you not to dispose of them in bins that are next to children's play areas.



About dog control orders

- Came into force on the 5th of November 2012
- A dog control order is a measure for controlling some potential dog related issues.

Dog control orders in Kirklees

- Dog fouling (failing to pick up after your dog)
- Dogs to be on leads at all times in designated areas
- Dogs to be put on leads on request in designated areas
- Dog exclusion areas

Keeping your dog on a lead

- Dogs have to be on a lead:
 - on Kirklees maintained road and pavements
 - in car parks
 - on bowling greens
 - on allotments
 - in cemeteries and crematoria
 - at some schools
 - on sports grounds when sports activities are taking place
 - at Castle Hill between 1 March and 31 July (because of ground nesting birds).
- Dogs can still be exercised off the lead in parks and open spaces in Kirklees, though some are designated "Dogs on Lead by Request".
- For instance if there is an event happening, or if your dog is being a nuisance or a danger.

- At these times, an authorised official can ask you to put your dog on a lead.
- The lead must be not more than 2 metres and the dog should be under control. A dog on a lead of tens of feet is unlikely to be under the control of their owner.



Contact Kirklees Council

General enquiries, microchipping, complaints about stray dogs, and dangerous dogs:

StreetScene Action Team, Flint Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, HD1 6LG
Tel: 01484 414739

dog.wardens@kirklees.gov.uk

Dog Fouling contact:

Kirklees Direct
Tel: 01484 414700

And remember

The Parish Council issues free dog waste bags which are available from the Clerk and both Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale Library for local residents. Dog waste can be put in black bins if it is sealed in a plastic bag. The bags are leak proof and are designed to prevent the smell which occurs when dog waste ferments in a closed plastic bag.

Dog exclusion areas

- Dogs are excluded from certain fenced areas such as children's play areas, paddling pools, multi-use games areas (MUGAs), skate parks, tennis and ball courts and some Kirklees maintained school grounds (where requested by the head teacher).



FURTHER NEWS

JUNE WALKING FESTIVAL

EPIP is organising a third walking festival from Saturday June 13th to Saturday June 20th and Denby Dale will again feature strongly.

Members of Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group (see www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk) are leading six guided walks in our beautiful area, whilst Denby Dale Parish Walking Group (see www.ddpwg.btck.co.uk) are bravely venturing to Kirkheaton.

The draft programme can be viewed at www.epip.org.uk – click “East Peak Outdoors 2015” on the home page.

Printed programmes will shortly be available from our local libraries.

For visitor information see www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk

For local history see www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk

Fines for breaching a dog control order

- Fixed penalty notice of £75.00 (with a discount to £50.00 if paid within 7 days).
- Failure to pay the fixed penalty notice may lead to prosecution.
- The maximum fine for each of the four dog control orders is £1000 within the magistrate's court.