



KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESS RELEASE

Call to Dog Owners in Kirkburton: Bag It & Bin It!

Kirkburton Parish Council is seizing the initiative and addressing the problem of dog fouling in its area. The Parish Council has set up a cross-party working group to help reduce the problem of dog fouling on footpaths, pavements, playing fields and public areas in the Parish. In response to many concerns expressed by residents the Council voted unanimously to start the process of tackling the problem.

Kirkburton Parish Council believes the steps it is about to take could be a blueprint for others to follow. Dog fouling can have serious health issues, especially for children, and is unsightly for neighbours and residents, who may find it disrespectful when it is not picked up and correctly disposed of.

The multi-point plan includes further raising of public awareness on the issue and empowerment of residents by providing them with information and contact details on how they can report incidents of dog fouling. The Council will also provide dog waste bags and dispensers in popular dog walking areas.

Cllr Alison Munro, Chairman of the Environment Committee said, "We're hoping to work with schools in the area and will invite students to help design posters and information leaflets, which will be distributed to residents and posted on village noticeboards. Local businesses will also be approached to see if they would be willing to get involved by sponsoring the project.

We also plan to involve the various departments and officers at Kirklees as well as maintaining a regular dialogue with residents in the villages, to try and ensure some reduction of the problem."

However, the Council wishes to make it clear that this is not a vendetta against dogs their owners or animal lovers but simply wants dog owners to behave responsibly.

The message will become very clear: Bag It and Bin It!

Editor's Note: Kirkburton Parish Council covers the villages of Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley, Stockmoor and Thurstonland and has a population of approximately 25,000 residents

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