



A dog might be man's best friend, but someone who allows a dog to foul in public places isn't anyone's friend.

This highly anti-social behaviour not only causes a mess but is a public health hazard as dog faeces can lead to blindness if handled inappropriately. Moreover it is a Criminal Offence carrying a Fixed Penalty fine of £75. Failure to pay the fine may result in the offender being taken to court and fined up to £1000 plus court costs.

Brackley Town Council takes this matter seriously. It purchased some time ago 52 special dog bins and placed them in prominent positions in areas where people regularly walk dogs, such as St James's Lake, Tudor Way, Humphries Drive, Valley Road, and Swift Way. The Council also spends nearly £1000 a month ensuring they are emptied.

SOME THINGS OF INTEREST

- It is the DOG WALKER who is responsible. Saying that you do not OWN the dog is NOT a valid excuse. So if you are a dog owner and ask someone else to walk your dog please do tell them that it is their responsibility to pick up the dog's pooh.
- Biodegradable Doggie Bags can be purchased from South Northants Offices in Springfields.
- It is acceptable to place properly bagged dog pooh in a domestic refuse bin or other litter bin.
- Alan Garrett is our local South Northants street orderly. He works 7 days a week in Brackley picking up litter and, when he sees it, dog pooh.
- Find out more at <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/998.htm>

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP THE PROBLEM

- Keep a note of times, places, dates and if possible take a photograph to back up your complaint (if it happens at a regular time, the Environmental Protection Team may be able to witness the offence)
- Take a description of the dog
- Name and Shame the culprits (if you know who they are)
Report culprit(s), or the problem in general, to the Team on 01327 322 322
- Email the Team environmental.protection@southnorthants.gov.uk
- Complete the online form at www.fixmystreet.com