

Working together to get rid of foul mess

West Devon Borough Council is determined to deal with the foul issue of dog mess in and around local communities and has increased the amount of council officers on the ground.

Dog mess is unsightly, unpleasant and a health hazard because it can spread disease, or in extreme cases, cause blindness. Therefore, please make sure when walking your dog, you pick up your dog waste, bag it and bin it. Remember, any dog or litter bin can be used. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal and moral duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place.

To overcome this foul issue, the Council are calling on residents to do their part by reporting any incidents, with the location, days and times witnessed. This means the enforcement officers can try to be in the right place at the right time, to deal with repeat offenders quickly.

Lead Member for Environment, Cllr Mike Benson, said: “Dog fouling is a really big issue and we need to work closely with the local community to try and stop those who are not looking after our beautiful borough.”

The Council are holding a range of upcoming events in partnership with the Dogs’ Trust to share information about responsible dog ownership and will also cover issues concerning dog fouling. These events will be held at:

Okehampton (Market Street CP) – Tuesday 26th July
Tavistock (Bedford Square) – Tuesday 9th August

If you want to help the Council to stop those blighting the landscape, please report incidents by using the ‘**report it online**’ form to inform about dog fouling in your area at: <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/7397/Dog-Fouling>

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