

Don't fall foul of the law

Are you a responsible dog owner who cleans up after their dog? If yes you should be congratulated for not only helping to keep the towns and villages of East Cambridgeshire free of this offensive mess, and helping to prevent the spread of rather nasty diseases, but you should also feel rather smug in the knowledge that you are complying with the law and avoiding an unnecessary fine.

If however you are one of those irresponsible residents who believes it is not their role to pick up their own dogs mess then this warning is for you.

Walking your dog on the majority of footpaths, verges, village greens, public car parks and other such open spaces within the District means that you have to clear up after your dog. Spot checks of Parish areas known to experience a problem with law breaking dog walkers will be made over the coming months and we will enforce against anyone who is witnessed not clearing up after their dog. The maximum fine currently stands at £1000. Alternatively if you are seen allowing your dog to foul by either a member of the parish council or even if a member of the public reports you to us, then it is now a relatively straightforward procedure to issue you with a fixed penalty notice of £50.

As more and more people become aware of the illegal nature of this rather dirty business and of the ease with which fines can be handed out, your actions could become an expensive bad habit you need to break!

If you would like to find out more then please contact either your local Parish Council or the District Council on 01353 665555, and ask to speak to the Dog Warden.