

Public Notice

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (West Wiltshire District Council) Order 2007 (Summary)

West Wiltshire District Council made the above Order On 20 June 2007, which comes into force on **1 August 2007**.

It shall be an **Offence** if the person who is in charge of the dog that fouls on relevant land fails to remove the faeces without reasonable excuse. Placing the faeces in a litter bin is sufficient removal.

Not being present (whilst being in charge of the dog) or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces do not amount to "reasonable excuse"

This Order does not apply to a person who is registered blind, or to an assistance dog provided by a prescribed charity.

A person convicted of an offence shall be liable to a **fine not exceeding Level 3** on the standard scale (Currently £1000). An Authorised Officer or a Police Community Support Officer may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice, in lieu of prosecution (currently £80).

This Order applies to land of the following description:

Any land within the administrative area of West Wiltshire District Council which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on at least one side, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment that comprises -

- (a) Any highway, footways, footpaths and towpaths within the area of West Wiltshire District Council over which the public have a right of way on foot and adjoining verges which are maintained at public expense. This may include some areas of access land.
- (b) All pedestrianised areas within the area of West Wiltshire District Council to which the public have a right of access.
- (c) All open spaces which are owned, occupied or maintained by or on behalf of West Wiltshire District Council, Wiltshire County Council, a Registered Social Landlords/Housing Association or any Town or Parish Councils, within West Wiltshire District Council.
- (d) Any cemetery, burial ground or churchyard.
- (e) The Common, Broughton Gifford; Norrington Common, Broughton Gifford (which comprises two areas of land)
- (f) The Carpark and Open space at the Westbury White Horse south of Westbury Hill

The Order can be inspected and copies obtained at The Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge during office hours or by visiting:

http://www.westwiltshire.gov.uk/index/env/animal_welfare/dog-warden/dog-control-orders.htm