

News Release

Public Space Protection Orders introduced across district

New laws designed to force careless dog owners to take more responsibility of their pets are to come into effect during May.

The orders to control dogs will be introduced across Blaby District's parks and open spaces on Monday 16 May 2016, as part of the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act. Blaby District Council is one of the first councils to be taking this action.

Anyone guilty of an offence under the new orders will be issued with a £100 fixed penalty. Failure to pay the fine can result in court action and a fine of up to £1000. Trained volunteers from across the district will assist the Council to enforce the new legislation.

The dog control orders include:

- Dog fouling
- Not having a suitable item to pick up dog fouling
- Not placing/keeping a dog on lead when directed
- Not having a dog on a lead within a cemetery/graveyard/churchyard
- Taking a dog into/permitting a dog to enter/allowing a dog to remain in an enclosed play area

Blaby District Council's Animal Services will be attending parks and open spaces around the District from Monday 16 May for a two week period to educate dog owners of the new laws. Formal enforcement will be introduced from Monday 1 June.

Councillor Guy Jackson, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood and Environmental Services, said: "Dog fouling and out of control dogs are issues facing the whole of



Leicestershire. Dog fouling will not be tolerated and our new PSPOs are designed to ensure we have the powers to take action and fine the minority of people who cause misery to residents enjoying the great parks and open spaces we have in Blaby District."

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