



Cleaning up North Molton

Whilst walking in North Molton have you spotted an increasing amount of dog mess in the area?

Local North Molton residents are trying to make a difference and encourage responsible dog walking in the area. Some residents are picking up dog fouling on a regular basis especially around the Holdridge Lane area.

North Devon Council also wishes to remind anyone in charge of a dog that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul in a publicly accessible area without cleaning it up. This includes car parks, recreation and sports grounds, parks, pavements as well as verges, footpaths and beaches. Failure to do so or leaving it to collect later (or even hanging it on a tree!) can still result in a fixed penalty of £75 (or a maximum of £1000).

North Devon Council Dog Warden, Alan Kyle, states that it is '**no excuse**' to walk a dog without a dog waste bag. If fouling takes place, this will result in a fine so it makes sense to have a few extra with you.

Alan recommends taking photos or speaking to owners who don't clean up their dog's mess, which may shame them into picking up after their dog in the future.

Dog wardens carry out regular patrols across the district, particularly in areas with a high level of dog walkers, or known areas where there are consistent problems.

Fixed penalty notices can also be issued through the post if you witness a dog fouling incident and are willing to complete a statement where the offender is known to you. Anyone can report dog fouling incidents using the NDC online form at:

www.northdevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it/report-an-incident-to-environmental-health



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