

Irresponsible Dog Owners Around Whilton Village - Again!!

I raised this issue earlier in the year, that irresponsible dog owners were allowing their dogs to foul in the public areas around the village, and failing to clean it up afterwards. Whilst the majority of dog owners in the village heeded my advice to clean up after their dogs, and the problem has been significantly reduced over the past few months, it now appears that the problem is on the rise again.

Below is a photo of recent dog mess found outside of our church. Whilst we have no way of knowing who the irresponsible dog owner is who allowed this to happen, there is also a strong belief that this may have been done by a dog, or dogs whose owners allow them to run freely around the village. For this latter point, we have now contacted the Dog Warden on the Daventry District Council who will now sporadically patrol the village for any dogs running free, and will impound them accordingly. The owners will then have to go through the trouble of identifying where their missing dogs are, pay a significant fine for the safe return of their dogs, and explain to the Warden why they allowed their dogs to run free in the village.



In terms of the dog mess, we must once again try to get on top of this issue. The Parish Council have set up an additional Dog Mess bin at the bottom of the village by Manor Lane, and there is another at the end of Buckby Lane. Dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs can be fined up to £1000 if caught, and there are enough of us around the village who can keep an eye out for offenders and report them to the Parish Council Clerk at clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk, where we can take action accordingly. Again, this matter has been raised to the Dog Warden, who is already carrying out spot checks in the village to determine the extent of the problem.

Hence, I would urge you all once again to be extra vigilant around the village to catch and report these irresponsible dog owners.

Many thanks

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