

Let's stamp it out

You can help stamp out dog fouling in Paulton by reporting offences to the Dog Warden. Information provided by members of the public can help secure a prosecution.

When reporting an offence of dog fouling, think about the following:

- Do you know the dog owner?
- Do they usually walk the dog at a certain time?
- Where are they allowing the dog to foul?
- What does the dog & its owner look like?
- If the dog owner is using a vehicle, what's the registration number?



TO REPORT DOG FOULING, OR THE DETAILS OF A KNOWN OFFENDER OF DOG FOULING YOU CAN CONTACT THE BATHNES DOG WARDEN THROUGH COUNCIL CONNECT ON 01225 39 40 41.

Paulton Parish Council

The Council office is open
9:00am to 4:30pm Monday to
Thursday and 9:00am to
1:00pm Friday

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Dog mess: a smelly problem





Dog fouling

It is every owner's duty and legal responsibility to clean up after their dog.

The Parish Council hears many complaints from walkers and residents about dog fouling in Paulton.

We appreciate most dog owners are responsible owners however the behaviour of a significant minority gives all dog owners a bad name.

In addition to being a disgusting clean up for walkers—especially those with pushchairs and young children—dog mess can carry infectious parasites which are harmful to humans, other dogs, sheep and cattle. And the RSCPA reports that grazing animals such as horses, cattle and deer can choke on discarded poo bags so please ensure these are deposited into a litter bin or taken home with you and put in your black wheelie bin.

INFECTIOUS POOP

Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill; the best known is a roundworm called *Toxocara canis*. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed it can result in a range of problems from aches and pains to breathing difficulties and, in the worst case, blindness.

People—particularly children—are susceptible to becoming ill with *Toxocara*

- A single dog mess can contain approximately 1 million microscopic *Toxocara* eggs
- *Toxocara* eggs are not immediately infectious after they have been deposited, so you can safely clear up after your dog

Remember to worm your dog as wormed dogs cannot pass on these devastating infections.

How can you dispose of your dog's waste?

There are dog waste bins and litter bins that can be used around Paulton.

You can also use your dustbin at home.

Do not use the nearest tree, hedge or spare land to dispose of your dog poo bag.

REMEMBER

- Teach your dog to foul in the garden
- Always carry a poo bag—these are available from the Council office
- Always clean up after your dog—bagging it is not enough, you must bin it too
- Dog poo bags can be deposited in any bin, not just dog bins!
- It is an offence not to remove & dispose of your dog's mess on footpaths, parks, grass verges and amenity areas in Paulton
- Worm your dog—dogs that are not regularly wormed can carry infectious parasites
- Encourage other dog owners to do the same

If your dog fouls in a public place, clean it up!

It's no defence to say

- "I was looking the other way and didn't see it."
- "I didn't have a poop-scoop."
- "The dog got out of the house so how can I be expected to know what it has done."
- "It isn't my dog, I'm walking it for a friend."
- "There's no bin."