

## **Dog Fouling Legislation**

### **Introduction**

This Council has promoted, and continues to promote, responsible dog ownership to reduce the nuisance and health problems associated with fouling. Unfortunately there are still some dog owners who act irresponsibly and do not clear up after their dogs. The Council has adopted rules under which offenders may be prosecuted.

### **Fines**

The rules are important to you if you own a dog or if you are concerned about dog fouling in public places.

**An on-the-spot fine of £75 or a fine of up to £1000 on prosecution now applies if your dog fouls in a public place and you don't clear it up immediately.**

A public place means land to which the public has access within built up areas in the District which includes roads with a speed limit of 40 mph or less - footpaths, open spaces, parks, school playing fields, cemeteries etc.

If you are a dog owner please make sure it is your poop scoop you take from your pocket and not your money to pay the fine.

If you are annoyed by dog fouling then please help us to track down the offenders.

### **Reporting offences**

We welcome help from the public in identifying offenders. If you witness an offence please let us have as much of the following information as you are able to provide:

- The exact location
- Type of dog
- Description of person in charge of dog
- Vehicle registration and details where appropriate
- Name & address of person committing the offence

**Please notify us of offenders on 01480 388302 during normal office hours.**

**If you have difficulty training your dog, or any other special problems, the Council's Animal Welfare Officers will be pleased to help. Telephone 01480 388298**