

From some concerned residents...

(RG Note:- I copied in our NHW/Good Dog Walkers lead – Robin S and attach his reply)



Whittlesey Green Dog Walkers has been very successful in the areas we targeted. This includes providing free dog poo bags and also a dog bag dispenser on the Manor Field. We have supplied over 4,000 free bags from this dispenser which are sensibly used. We have over 200 dog members in Whittlesey. It is not likely that we will ever get complete compliance as there will always be exceptions for many different reasons.

I usually find that setting up groups that threaten people are not effective. They may lead to confrontation which is unnecessary. The most effective method of reducing the problem is to have a system that encourages people to take more responsibility as a community. This then changes the culture to make leaving dog poo unacceptable rather than relying on a warden catching people. With the right emphasis on positivity and education it becomes the right thing to do, and people begin to pick up whether it's their dog or not and offer a poo bag to an owner that failed to pick up it then doesn't matter if a warden is around or not.

We have found that when the correct actions rely on the presence of enforcement this fails because people will see that enforcement is not present e.g. by choosing times to walk their dog early in the morning or later in the evening. The culture becomes more about

being successful in evading being caught instead of learning this is not acceptable behaviour and perhaps even clearing up after other less careful people. This is part of a carefully implemented group behaviour modification strategy.

I hope this helps to explain something about what we started. Fenland District Council has a reporting system for Dog Fouling on their site, but the warden patrols are under pressure since one warden is off work due to a serious accident.

Happy to discuss further if it helps.

One resident sent Apparently nearly 40 people have joined this group.

Whilst I too get annoyed with dog owners who do not pick up this actually worries me Is it a vigilante group following people taking photos is it harassment ?

Can I set up a cat pooping group for personally I get sick of the one that poos on my front lawn?

