**[Lets work together and stop the dog poo offenders in our village](https://www.bramhamparishcouncil.org.uk/village-news/2018/2/12/lets-work-together-and-stop-the-dog-poo-offenders-in-our-village)**

**Time to take action!!**

**Once again the Parish Council has received complaints about persistent dog fouling in our village, particularly on the playing field, along streets close to the school and even on residents gardens.**

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) has told us that people who fail to pick up after their dog has fouled are committing a criminal offence. If the owner can be identified SDDC can issue a fixed penalty notice which is a fine of £75 or they can prosecute through the Magistrate’s Courts where the maximum fine upon conviction is £1,000. SDDC is keen to name and shame those who are caught.

Can you answer any of the following questions which will enable SDDC to take action and/or patrol the area and issue a fixed penalty notice on the spot?

* Do you see the same person walking their dog, at around the same time each day and failing to pick up?
* Do you know where they live? Can you describe them and/or their dog?
* If the dog owner was using a car, did you note the registration number?

**If you have any information as to who is committing these offences please contact SDDC on 01283 221000 or via the website** <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/forms/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=33>

**Any information given will be treated and dealt with in the strictest confidence.**

**No Excuses!!**

Over the years the Parish Council has arranged for **extra bins** to be provided at the old school field, along the bridlepath and in other locations around the village; all of which are there to help with the problem. Sadly, it is a few individuals that are spoiling it for everyone.

**It’s a health risk to all our residents but especially children. There are some nasty diseases that can be caught from the bacteria and parasites excreted in dog faeces including roundworms (toxocariasis), hookworms, tapeworms, salmanellosis, campylobacteriosis, giardiasis and cryptosporidiosis.**

 There really is no excuse!

You can buy purpose-made 'poop-scoops' to pick up your dog's mess but a supermarket carrier bag will do just as well. Special bins are provided in the village, otherwise, use a litter bin or your wheelie bin at home; first making sure that the material is securely wrapped.

This law applies to almost all areas in the open air to which the public have access. SDDC Dog Wardens, Police Community Support Officers and others are authorised to give offenders Fixed-Penalty Notices – an on-the-spot fine.

Complaints are also received about householders who let their dogs foul their own garden, but never clean up the mess. The best way to dispose of dog mess is by using a 'dog-loo' sunk into the earth of your garden. This allows the waste to decompose safely without causing problems. Alternatively, bury it in an area of soil set aside for the purpose. The councils can order owners to clean up their garden if it is causing a nuisance to others.