

The Wychwood

West Oxfordshire District Council recently sent a circular to all Parish Councils, and some of them have requested that we publicise the content.

"We have recently received many complaints from all over the District regarding the topic of dog fouling in public places, pavements, playing fields etc. and complaints regarding people's attitudes toward responsible dog ownership. The District Council Byelaws which can be legally enforced cover "maintained highways and grass verges", and dog owners are also reminded that they are legally responsible for the action of animals. From April 1992 we anticipate that we shall be employing a full-time animal warden whose duties will include the monitoring and enforcement of Byelaws and dealing with stray dogs. A serious stance will be taken by this Council against offenders, which may result in a fine of £100. May I take this opportunity to remind you of the above and urge everyone to help maintain a clean and safe environment."

Coincidentally, our policeman's article this month refers to the same problems. It is hoped that these articles do not constitute 'overkill', and that the messages will be favourably received.

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