

# BAG TO BASICS DOG MESS CAMPAIGN

## Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is a major problem for Councils across the UK. Hurworth is suffering from this environmental nuisance as reports from residents have increased within the last couple of months.

We are asking for residents to be extra vigilant to ensure that their dog does not foul out of view whilst out walking in the village and its green spaces.

We would also like to remind those who are irresponsible dog owners, that failing to pick up their dog's faeces is an offence under the new Dog Control Orders 2010 and can result in a £75 fixed penalty notice or lead to prosecution, which is an increase from the previous £50 fine.

With the help of residents, the Enforcement Officers gain more opportunities to catch these culprits. If you have any information about anyone who is failing to pick up their dog's faeces you can report this to the Street Scene Enforcement Team by phoning (01325) 388777 or e-mailing:  
[dishtthedirt@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:dishtthedirt@darlington.gov.uk)

## Aims of the Campaign

- **Raise awareness of the health hazards amongst the community.**
- **Educate irresponsible dog owners into respecting our Pavements, Green Spaces, Children's Play Areas and Public Rights Of Way.**
- **Identify how we can make improvements, AND TAKE ACTION !**
- **Gain appropriate funding if necessary to implement any changes.**
- **Encourage walking and a sense of community.**

## RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ?? JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TEAM

When your dog has  
done its business...



**Do yours!**

## Did You Know.....

The most common roundworm that affect dogs is Toxocara canis (T canis), passing to humans as Toxocariasis.

The T canis worm uses the bodies of dogs to lay its eggs, which are then passed through the dog's faeces. The eggs become infectious 2-3 weeks after being deposited by the dog and can survive for up to two years in the local environment.

T canis is more commonly found in puppies, although it is estimated that 10-40% of adult dogs also harbour the worm.

Young children are more likely than adults to develop Toxocariasis, which can cause eye damage.

This is because children can accidentally ingest the eggs through contact with contaminated soil or sand, while playing in our parks and play areas.

**DOG DIRT IS A HEALTH HAZARD AND IT SPOILS THE VILLAGE FOR EVERYONE !**

**Launch Meeting**  
**COME ALONG WITH YOUR IDEAS & TO GET INVOLVED**  
**Together we can make a difference**  
**25th March - 6.30pm - Grange Community Centre**

**JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP OUR VILLAGE**

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