

Dog fouling campaign 2026

Date	Accompanied text	Social media graphic
Friday 20 March – 11am	Thank you to most dog owners in North Devon who act responsibly by cleaning up after their pets and following the rules. Your actions help keep our parks and streets clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. Unfortunately, a small minority are not doing the same, creating extra work for our teams and impacting the wider community. This is a reminder that dog fouling is not acceptable anywhere. Under our Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), dog owners must always pick up after their pets. Dog fouling can result in a £100 fixed penalty, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction. How can you help? If you witness dog fouling: 📷 Take a clear photo of the dog waste and its location (this is essential). 📍 If it feels safe to do so, any additional details such as the dog, owner, or vehicle registration can be very helpful - but please do not put yourself at risk. 📄 Report it online: https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins	

Providing evidence is more than enough and is greatly appreciated by our dog wardens. It helps them act and protect our shared spaces.

Thank you for helping to keep North Devon clean 

#ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity

Thursday 26
March – 9am

💡 Oxford Road Park – We're extremely disappointed to see continued reports of dogs being deliberately taken into the children's play area at Oxford Road Park and allowed to foul.

This is not acceptable. Dogs are not permitted in children's play areas under the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), and the rules are there for a reason — to keep these spaces safe for children.

Dog waste is dangerous to young children and can carry harmful bacteria and parasites. Families should be able to let their children play without worrying about what might be on the ground.

It's sad that a small minority are choosing to ignore the rules, bringing dogs into a space meant for children and then not picking up after them. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and respectful — but this behaviour lets everyone down.

Pick up after your dog. Keep them out of children's play areas.

If this behaviour continues, further measures may need to be considered to protect park users.

Enforcement: Dog fouling can result in a £100 fixed penalty, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction.



	How can you help? If you see dog fouling:  Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location (this is essential).  If you feel safe, any extra details such as the dog, owner, or vehicle registration can help our dog wardens — but please do not put yourself at risk.  Report online: https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins Every report helps us take action and keep this play area safe for children. #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity	
Wednesday 1 April – 10am Thursday 8 October – 9am	Our dog wardens are out and about across North Devon, helping to tackle dog fouling and promote responsible dog ownership. Wardens speak with dog owners, offer advice, and take enforcement action where required. Most dog owners already do the right thing — thank you. Your responsible behaviour makes a real difference to keeping our communities clean and safe. How can you help? If you witness dog fouling:  Please take a clear photo of the dog waste and its location — this is essential evidence.	

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Your reports help our dog wardens identify problem areas, take action against repeat offenders, and protect the places we all enjoy.

Thank you for being part of the solution ❤️

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NO EXCUSES FOR DOG FOULING

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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER
PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

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#BagItAndBinIt

Tuesday 7
April – 4pm

Our parks team works hard every day to keep North Devon's green spaces clean, safe, and welcoming. Thank you to the many responsible dog owners who always clean up after their pets - your actions really do make a difference.

Sadly, dog fouling still occurs and makes the job harder for our teams, sometimes creating unsafe and unhygienic conditions.

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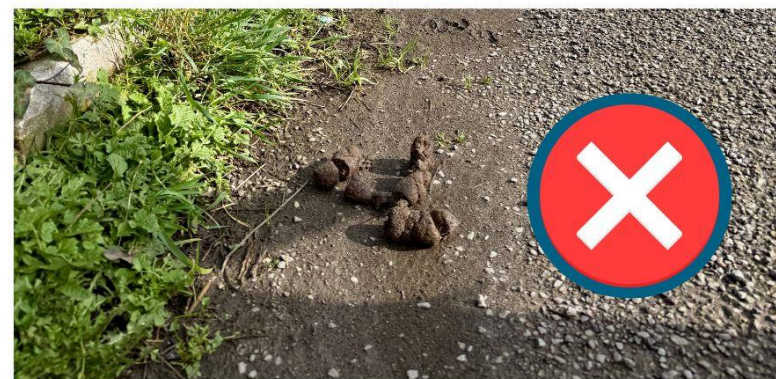
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By working together, we can support our parks team and keep North Devon's spaces enjoyable for everyone.

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LEAVE ONLY PAW PRINTS



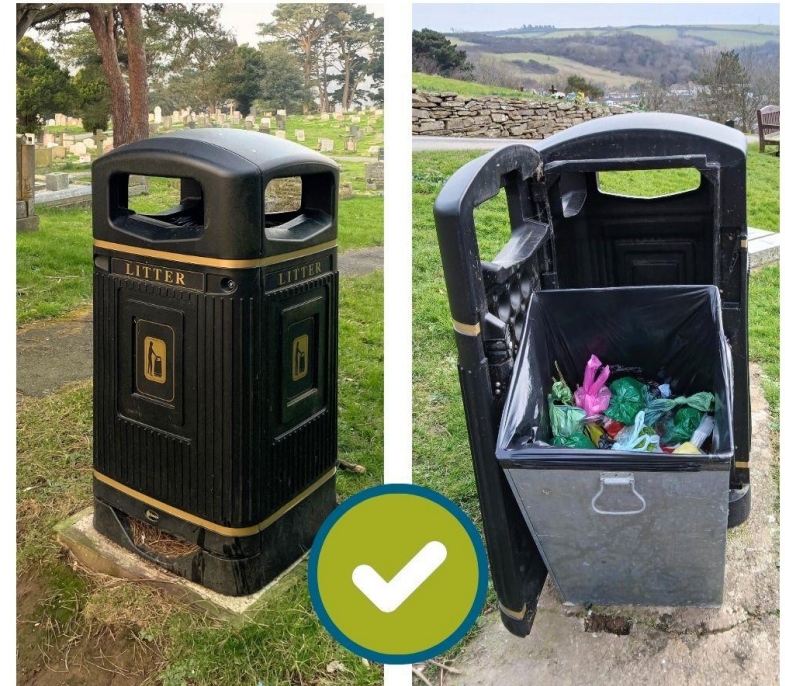
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#StopMessingAround

Wednesday 15 April – 10am Friday 29 May – 11am Tuesday 30 June – 12pm Thursday 16 July – 9am Wednesday 26 August – 10am Monday 21 September – 5pm	Did you know? Bagged dog waste can go in any public litter bin. You don't need to find a dedicated dog waste bin. Leaving dog mess behind is not an option – it's unhygienic and unsafe. Find your nearest litter bin - https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity
Thursday 23 April – 12pm	 Oxford Road Park – make it enjoyable for everyone Our officers regularly patrol Oxford Road Park and have continued to find dog mess being left in the park, including areas where dogs are not allowed. This behaviour is completely unacceptable.

DID YOU KNOW, BAGGED DOG WASTE CAN GO IN ANY PUBLIC LITTER BIN?



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Dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites and is dangerous for children and families. Everyone should be able to enjoy the park safely.

We patrol this park regularly and will catch the minority who ignore the rules. If the problem continues, we may need to install CCTV to identify offenders.

Enforcement: Dog fouling can result in a £100 fixed penalty, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction.

How you can help:

📷 Take a clear photo of the waste and its location (essential)

📍 If safe, note details about the dog, owner, or vehicle registration — but do not put yourself at risk

📄 Report online:

<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins>

Your reports help us take action and keep Oxford Road Park safe and enjoyable for all visitors.

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#OxfordRoadPark

Thursday 30
April – 9am

HELP US TACKLE DOG FOULING IN CHILDREN'S PARKS!



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#NoExcuses

Saturday 19
September –
9am

Keep an eye out for paw print signs to know where dogs are allowed:

- Green Paw – Dogs free to exercise; keep under control.
- Orange Paw – Dogs allowed on a lead no longer than 2m.
- Red Paw – No dogs allowed (assistance dogs exempt).

Following these guidelines helps everyone enjoy North Devon's parks and streets safely.

We've recently received reports of dog fouling in Oxford Park in Ilfracombe. It's important to remember that dogs are not allowed in children's play parks, and we do not tolerate this behaviour.

If you see someone deliberately allowing their dog into a children's play area, please report it to us so we can take appropriate action -

<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins>

 Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location - this is essential.

 If you feel safe, any additional details (such as the dog, owner, or vehicle registration) can help - but please don't put yourself at risk.

Thank you.

KNOW YOUR PAW PRINTS



Dogs are free to run and play whilst receptive to immediate control.

Show additional care and consideration for livestock and nature.

Respect the sensitivities of others.

Dogs are permitted if kept on a lead and under control.

A fixed lead of not more than 2m in length.

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Dogs are excluded from the area (this may be temporary, seasonal or permanent).

Assistant dogs may be exempt.

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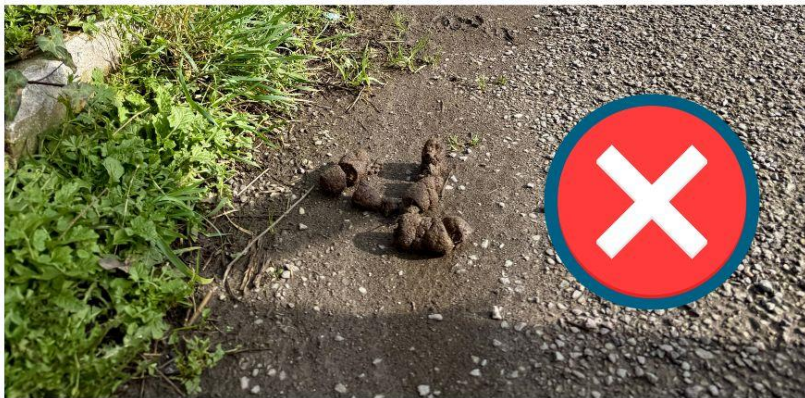
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Wednesday 6 May – 10am	Dog waste left behind is a serious health hazard. It can carry bacteria and parasites such as toxocariasis, which can harm young children and spread diseases to other dogs.
Tuesday 8 September – 12pm	Responsible owners protect their community by always picking up after their pets. Leaving dog waste behind is unfair on our parks team, who work hard every day to maintain our green spaces. When they are mowing the lawns or carrying out routine work, dog waste can be thrown up by machinery, creating an unpleasant and unhygienic situation for staff simply doing their jobs. Enforcement: Fixed penalty £100, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction. How can you help? If you see dog fouling:  Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location — this is essential.  If you feel safe, any additional details (such as the dog, owner, or vehicle registration) can help — but please don't put yourself at risk.  Report it online: https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins

DOG WASTE LEFT BEHIND IS A SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARD



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Saturday 16
May – 9am

⚠ Our officers continue to patrol Oxford Road Park.

This area is clearly designated for children only. Dogs are not permitted inside the play area under the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Taking a dog into this space and allowing it to foul — then deliberately leaving it behind — is completely unacceptable.

Dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites and is dangerous for young children. Families should be able to use this space safely without worrying about what may be on the ground.

We want to be very clear: our officers patrol this area regularly and we will catch individuals who ignore the rules by bringing dogs into the gated play area and failing to pick up after them.

Enforcement: Dog fouling can result in a £100 fixed penalty, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction.

If you can help by being our eyes and ears, please report incidents to us.

If you see dog fouling:

📷 Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location (this is essential).

NO DOGS ALLOWED!

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#KeepOurPlayAreasClean

📌 If you feel safe, details about the dog, owner, or vehicle registration can help our officers — but please do not put yourself at risk.

📄 Report online:
<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins>

Your reports help us take action and keep children's play areas safe.

#ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity

Thursday 21
May – 9am

Wednesday 5
August –
12pm

🐾 Thank you, responsible dog owners

Most dog owners in North Devon do the right thing every day - thank you. By picking up after your dog, you help keep our parks, playgrounds, streets, and green spaces clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

We know that dog fouling is caused by a small minority, and with your help we can tackle it together. Responsible dog owners are often the people who care most about their community, and your support can make a real difference.

How can you help? If you happen to see dog fouling:

📷 Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location — this is essential evidence.

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📄 Report it online:

<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins>

Every report helps our dog wardens focus their patrols, identify repeat problem areas, and take action where it's needed most.

HELP KEEP NORTH DEVON CLEAN

**"YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO LEAVE THAT THERE
ARE YOU...?
PICK UP MY POOP!"**



#ScoopThePoop

	Thank you to the community for being our eyes and ears - together we can keep North Devon clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone 🌟 #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity
Tuesday 26 May – 8am Thursday 24 September – 9am	📢 Help us tackle dog fouling in North Devon! Most dog owners in North Devon do the right thing — thank you! 🐾 Your responsible actions help keep our parks, streets, and playgrounds safe and enjoyable for everyone. Unfortunately, a small minority continue to leave dog waste behind. You can help make a real difference: How can you help? If you happen to see dog fouling: 📷 Please take a clear photo of the waste and its location — this is essential evidence. 📍 If you feel comfortable and safe, any additional details (such as the dog, owner, or vehicle registration) can be helpful — but your safety always comes first. 📄 Report it online: https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins

KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN



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KEEP IT CLEAN
CLEAN IT UP
PLEASE TAKE UP ANY WASTE
FROM A PAVED AREA
OR PUBLIC SPACE



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#BagItAndBinIt

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Thank you to the community for being our eyes and ears — together we can keep North Devon clean and safe for everyone! 

#ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity

Friday 5 June
– 11am

😞 Fed up of stepping around dog poo in North Devon?

Friday 2
October –
11am

We know it's frustrating when dog waste is left in our parks, streets, and playgrounds - and we're working hard to tackle it.

Our dog wardens patrol regularly, but the public are our biggest asset in keeping North Devon clean and enjoyable for everyone. You can help by being our eyes and ears!

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HELP US TACKLE DOG FOULING



#ChallengeItReportItChangeIt

	Thank you to everyone who already cleans up after their dogs - together, we can make North Devon cleaner, safer, and more enjoyable for everyone 🌱 #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity
Thursday 11 June – 9am Friday 4 September – 11am Wednesday 25 November – 10am	🚫 To the few who leave bagged dog poo behind Some dog owners bag their dog’s waste and leave it on a tree, fence, or in a hedge, planning to pick it up later... Unfortunately, quite often it’s forgotten and left behind. ⚠️ As soon as a bagged poo is put down, it is legally classed as littering. Leaving it behind creates a health hazard, is unpleasant for others, and makes our outdoor spaces less enjoyable! ✅ Carry your dog waste until you reach a bin, any public litter bin will do, not just a dog waste bin. Your cooperation helps keep North Devon clean and safe for everyone. #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity #CarryItUntilYouBinIt

BAG IT AND BIN IT!



ENFORCEMENT PATROLS OPERATE HERE!





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Friday 19
June – 11am

🌳 Oxford Road Park – make it enjoyable for everyone

Our officers regularly patrol Oxford Road Park and have continued to find dog mess being left in the park, including areas where dogs are not allowed. This behaviour is completely unacceptable.

Dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites and is dangerous for children and families. Everyone should be able to enjoy the park safely.

We patrol this park regularly and will catch the minority who ignore the rules. If the problem continues, we may need to install CCTV to identify offenders.

Enforcement: Dog fouling can result in a £100 fixed penalty, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction.

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HELP US TACKLE DOG FOULING IN CHILDREN'S PARKS!



#NoExcuses

	Your reports help us take action and keep Oxford Road Park safe and enjoyable for all visitors. #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity #OxfordRoadPark
Wednesday 24 June – 10am	💩 Bagging dog waste isn't enough – use the bins provided! The left photo shows what our officers recently found on patrol along the Tarka Trail — a poo bag left in the middle of the path, even though a bin was just around the corner. Any public litter or dog bin will do. Leaving it behind is classed as littering the moment it's dropped. A huge thank you to the responsible owners who always bag and bin their dog's waste. Please be responsible: bag it, then bin it. 🐾 Protect our trails, parks, and community. #BagItBinIt #RespectOurCommunity #NorthDevon

BAGGING DOG WASTE IS NOT ENOUGH.
USE THE BINS PROVIDED - OR TAKE IT HOME.




Challenge it | Report it | Change it





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Wednesday 8
July – 8am

Our dog wardens are out and about across North Devon, helping to tackle dog fouling and promote responsible dog ownership.

Wardens speak with dog owners, offer advice, and take enforcement action where required. Most dog owners already do the right thing — thank you. Your responsible behaviour makes a real difference to keeping our communities clean and safe.

How can you help? If you witness dog fouling:

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PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

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#BagItAndBinIt

Friday 24 July
– 10am

🌳 Our officers regularly patrol North Devon parks and play areas, and we continue to find instances of dog mess being left behind. This is completely unacceptable.

Dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites and is dangerous for children and other park users. Everyone should be able to enjoy our parks safely, without worrying about what may be on the ground.

We want to be clear: we patrol regularly and will catch the minority who ignore the rules. If this behaviour continues, we may need to install CCTV to identify offenders.

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RESPECT OUR PLAY AREAS



#RespectYourCommunity

	Your reports help us take action and keep parks safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to responsible dog owners for doing your part in keeping North Devon clean and enjoyable. #ClearMessages #RespectOurCommunity	
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Friday 31 July
– 3pm

Tuesday 13
October –
12pm

♥ Bag it and bin it. Keep North Devon Clean.

Dog waste is unhygienic. Always pick up after your dog and dispose of it responsibly — any bin, dog or litter, can be used.

You can find the closest bin to you by visiting:
<https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/environment/dogs-in-north-devon/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins>

Leaving dog waste behind is unacceptable — our officers patrol around North Devon regularly and can issue fines of £100, or up to £1,000 on summary conviction.

🐾 Be a responsible owner. Bag it. Bin it. Protect your community and our parks.

#BagItBinIt #RespectOurCommunity #NorthDevon

BAG IT AND BIN IT



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#StopMessingAround

Thursday 13
August – 9am

◆ Oxford Road Park – Children’s Play Area

This area is clearly designated for children only. Dogs are not permitted inside the play area under the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Taking a dog into this space and allowing it to foul — then deliberately leaving it behind — is completely unacceptable.

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LEAVING DOG MESS IN CHILDREN’S PARKS IS NOT OK



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Monday 17
August –
11am

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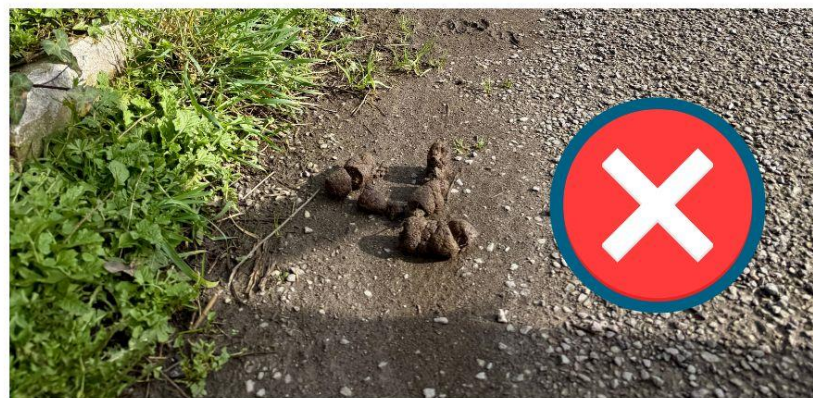
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LEAVE ONLY PAW PRINTS



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Monday 26
October –
11am

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