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ANTI DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN (May 2020)

Once again I have to write an article concerning the slipping standards regarding owners not cleaning up after their dogs, in and around Gnosall. Wharf Road, The Acres and the Village Green are all suffering relapses in canine hygiene and again this just isn't good enough for all concerned.

I know that when I've been out and about I have observed numerous cases where responsible owners have cleared up after their dogs and for those falling into that category you are to be wholeheartedly congratulated and I truly believe that it is the minority irresponsible owners causing the problem. These few may think that that they won't be caught so just walk on and leave it. That attitude may lead to a fine which not paid in later instances could rise to £1,000 and the dog owner be banned from owning a dog for a considerable time and collect a criminal record.

Leaving dog faeces on the ground is irresponsible and downright anti-social. Treading in it is a horrible experience, but even worse contaminating your skin with it can lead to serious medical issues with, at the very worst, blindness.

One local individual is under investigation having been videoed on at least two occasions acting very irresponsibly with their dog

To those persons who have approached me and challenged me for not liking dogs in general and their dog(s) in particular, you have no idea how incorrect you are. I have owned and trained dogs all of my life, I have two dogs at the moment and run the Church Eaton & District Dog Training Society, but I just abhor people not clearing up after their dogs have fouled. There is no excuse, bags (nappy sacks) can be purchased from all supermarkets and are inexpensive. Carrier bags can be used too and bins are located all over the parish but if bins are full please take the bags home with you to dispose of and not leave them on the ground next to a bin or hung in trees.

When something approaching normality is upon us, there will be another poster/signage campaign and foot patrols will recommence and the parish office will be open to hand out a few free bags to dog owners.

Cllr Doug Webb, Gnosall Parish Council