

# Housing and Environment

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All residents  
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White  
Horse Districts

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Dear residents,

The parish council has reported to us that there is a growing dog fouling issue across our districts.

Although there are many benefits that come with owning a dog (especially during lockdown), there are also responsibilities which include cleaning up after your dog. Please be aware that it is an offence to not clean up after your dog or leave used dog waste bags anywhere other than an appropriate bin. Under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996, allowing your dog to foul can result in an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice of £50 and incorrect disposal of dog waste bags e.g. not putting them in the bin can result in an £80 fixed penalty notice. If fines are not paid, cases can be escalated to court resulting in fines of up to £1,000.

There are some council owned litter bins within your parish. These can be used for both litter and dog waste bags – you do not need to find a specialist dog waste bin. You can also put dog waste bags in your black general waste wheelie bin so if you cannot find a bin or bins are full, please take it home.

We know that most residents take a lot of pride in their local area and we encourage everybody to take extra steps in keeping your parish clean and tidy.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the waste team at [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk)

Best wishes,

Waste Team

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