



No Mans Heath & District
Parish Council

Communication to Residents

One of the great joys of living around the No Mans Heath District is having access to the extensive network of quiet lanes, cyclepaths, bridlepaths and footpaths through beautiful countryside for recreational exercise. For many this is enhanced further by walking these routes with their dogs and also it is a pleasure to meet other residents and chat on route.

The vast majority of dog owners are very responsible keeping their dogs under close control, on a lead and picking up & bagging any dog poo without leaving any trace. We are very grateful to the people who do this and also to the people who pick up litter on these walks.

Unfortunately there is clear evidence that a very small minority feel they do not need to clear up where their dog fouls the path or verges of the paths. This is a health hazard should a child step into it or to residents who maintain the verges and it is also a hazard to the wildlife and livestock in the area. This offensive lack of responsibility can distract from what should be an enjoyable walk in the surroundings. In some areas where this has been more prevalent the dog foul is being marked with a pink biodegradable spray. This is standard practice as part of the "Pink Poo Campaign" and it is hoped it will prompt offenders to clear up after their dog in future. It is also hard to understand how some people feel they have met their responsibility to clear up only then to discard the dog poo bag in a public place and not in a bin.

It is important that, at all times of the year, dog owners need to keep their dogs under control and on a lead when walking in fields so that there is no risk of them worrying sheep or other livestock. Sadly there have been incidents of this in the area so it is important to take all the necessary precautions.

Where fouling takes place and evidence is gathered this can be reported to the Local Authority Dog Warden who has the authority to issue fines and she has been advised of this problem in our area.

Contact with the Parish Council can be made via the Clerk by email on:-
nomansheathanddistrictpc@hotmail.com

Cheshire West and Chester Council via their website at:-
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx>

Cheshire West & Chester "Report it" App
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