



## **Shifnal Town Council**

### **Implementation of Dog Control Orders in Shifnal**

The Shropshire Council orders came into force on **1 November 2013** after extensive public consultation. The orders are intended to target the minority of irresponsible dog owners who spoil the area, causing a nuisance for the rest of the residents.

There are 3 Orders:

- The fouling of land by dogs order;
- Dogs on leads by direction order;
- Dog exclusion order.

#### **The fouling of land by dogs order**

This order applies to most publicly accessible land in the council's area. This order makes it an offence for a person in control of a dog to fail to clean up after their dog.

#### **Dogs on leads by direction order**

This order applies to most publicly accessible land in the council's area. This order gives officers, authorised by the council, the power to request that dogs are put on leads where they are not under the appropriate control of their owner, or where they are causing alarm or distress.

#### **Dog exclusion order**

This order makes it an offence for a person in control of a dog to allow their dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded.

#### **Dogs are excluded from entering:**

- equipped children's play areas and area within 5 metres of the play equipment
- fenced off or marked out sporting areas and within 5 metres of the sporting area
- fenced off war memorials

In Shifnal, Dog exclusion order specifically applies **in totality** to:

- **Curriers Lane park**
- **Dyas Close play area (Jubilee park)**
- **Fenced off young children play area in Wheatfield Drive park**

#### **Penalties**

The penalty in relation to any offence in the 3 Dog Control Orders is a fixed penalty notice in the sum of £75 to be paid within 14 days, or £50 if paid within 10 days. If the penalty notice is not paid or appropriate, Shropshire Council may prosecute the offender in a Magistrate Court, with a maximum penalty of £1,000.

There will be exemptions for blind people with guide dogs and disabled people using trained assistance dogs.

**The Orders and the associated information are available on Shropshire Council website under environmental maintenance [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or contact [central.division@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:central.division@shropshire.gov.uk)**

NOTICE is hereby given that Shropshire Council has made Orders pursuant to powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005.