

Impact Statements

Thank you for your message about renewing the PSPO (Dog Control). I agree with all that you say and support your approach of renewing the order as is.

I am sure that you and yours have plenty to do, but if you could direct your staff to visit the Earlsdon / War Memorial Park area a bit more frequently, we do seem to have a bit of an increase in people (deliberately) not picking up after their dogs – whether on lead or not. As you say, these are not people who would respond to further restrictions – they need to see enforcement.

Thank you for all your work

All the best

Mike Konrad

On behalf of the Dogs In Coventry Group

Hi Phil,

I continue to be supportive of the PSPO. Dog related ASB continues to be a key issue for the communities of Cov and this PSPO supports our collective response to this.

Kind regards,

Paul



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The Friends of the War Memorial Park discussed this draft order today and are happy to support its renewal for a further three years. We appreciate its significance within the War Memorial Park. Our support is conditional on there being no material changes to the lead/ non-lead areas, which have worked fairly well over the recent years. We feel that the Order could be backed up by renewal of the (now worn) painted signs on the footways in the Park and by the occasional presence on busy days by the your dog wardens.

Regards

Trevor Cornfoot

Chair, Friends of The War Memorial Park.

My Name is Phil Hibberd I am employed by Coventry City Council as the Pest Control and Dog Enforcement Manager.

I manage a number of officers that are responsible for enforcing the Public Spaces Protection Order, along with police colleagues. The majority of our role is to raise awareness amongst dog owners and members of the community when we are made aware of issues.

On the whole, dog behaviour within parks is very good, parks are usually busy locations with lots of people around, including other dog owners and as such it is largely self-regulating once we make people aware of the rules, which are set out in the order.

We find the majority of our enforcement and awareness raising is elsewhere in the City, in suburbs and built up areas where people may report increased amounts of dog fouling or they may report a particular owner that is regularly seen not clearing their dogs waste or allowing them continually to run off the lead in an inappropriate manner.

Our enforcement statistics are as follows for the duration of the existing order ;

- Dog Fouling – 28 fixed penalty notices issued.
- Dogs (not) on Leads – 10 fixed penalty notices issued.
- Too many dogs being walked at the same time – 2 warning given.

Whilst some may believe that the figures should be higher, we believe we strike the right balance between enforcement where appropriate and awareness raising, whilst ensuring our priority of keeping people and animals safe.

Without the order I believe it would make the job of my team significantly more difficult as the officers wouldn't have the powers currently available to them, and therefore the implied authority that gives them to do their job and to command the respect of dog owners would be diminished.

I support the renewal of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order.