

# Monmouth Town Council Dog Waste Policy

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## Introduction

Currently bins are provided, maintained and emptied weekly, as the main method of controlling the dog waste problems that many areas experience. There are approximately 42 dog bins in varying condition across the town. Each has a numbersticker to correspond with a map. This is a good quantity for the size of the community. Some limit needs to be made.

The Town Council will continue to liaise with other voluntary groups and Monmouthshire County Council in coping with the problems of litter and dog fouling.

## Details

1. Purchasing and installing a dog waste bin costs approximately £250 but emptying it costs £6.25 per week; thus 42 bins (@£6.25 x 52=£13650) costs approx. £13,650 to empty, annually, even after purchase.
2. The contractors are not willing to increase the frequency of emptying.
3. Pure dog waste cannot be incinerated like household rubbish because it is too concentrated, therefore it has to be taken by the contractors to a landfill site near Swindon. This is a further cost in time, fuel and to the environment.
4. If dog waste is mixed with general, non- recyclable litter it is suitable for the county's incinerator.
5. The town's litter bins are emptied at least weekly and the frequency is easier to adapt if required, under an agreement with MCC.

For these five reasons and in consultation with local volunteers it has been agreed not to purchase any additional dog waste bins, other than replacements.

It has been agreed that litter bins can be used by the public to dispose of bagged dog waste while walking their dog. A notice will be fixed to each dog waste bin to advise of this alternative. In order to assess the need for any additional litter bins consideration will be given to:

\*whether monitoring by the public shows excessive use of a particular dog bin before its weekly empty.

\*whether there is already a litter bin within 500m of the dog waste bin.

Members of the public are asked to report and identify an overflowing or damaged bin by contacting MTC. Contact details together with a numbered sticker are already fixed to each bin.

*Notes for further  
consideration*

1. Should litter bins be numbered in the same way?
2. How should MTC publicize this alternative system?
3. What incentives can be created to encourage the public to individually bag their dog's waste and dispose of it in their black refuse sack at home?

## Version Control

Date	By Whom	Approved at	Changes Made	Version No.
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