



Use it Respectfully or Lose it.

At the Council meeting in July the subject of dog waste bins came up. Councillors heard that one of its working groups had sent out 350 leaflets across the parish about dog waste bins and dog fouling in general. The aim of the leaflet was to ask questions, like possible additional dog waste bins, possible new locations and to raise general awareness about dog fouling.

The Council heard that the dog waste bin at Pixiefields opposite the village store has been locked for some time due to its misuse. In the past this bin was filled not only with dog waste but other general rubbish, to the point of over filling and spilling out all over the ground. If this was not bad enough dog poo bags were then dropped by the side of the bin, which the volunteers then had to pick up. **Yuck!**

The Parish of Cradley & Storrige relies on kind hearted community spirited volunteers, to empty these bins, some of which are not even dog owners. The Parish Council like many other parish councils cannot find a commercial contractor to empty these bins. The Herefordshire Council have reconfirmed that they will not provide a service and are advising that they are closing and removing the limited number of bins they support elsewhere in Herefordshire, if they are not used appropriately.

The Parish Council agreed to reopen the bin at Pixiefield on a trial bases for 2 weeks where it is hoped, it will be used respectably and the users will be considerate towards the volunteers emptying these bins. ***In short use the Dog Waste Bin's respectfully or loses them.***

The council would very much welcome your views on dog waste bins or general waste bins within the Parish, or any other comments about your Parish after all it's your Parish have your say.

Please email with your views to - clerk@cradleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

(All correspondence with the clerk will be in the strictest of confidence)

Summary of Concerns

- **The dog poo bins around the village are at risk of having to be removed due to misuse by some dog owners**

- The dog poo bins are provided for use by those walking their dog, who for some reason **CANNOT** take their dog waste home for disposal in their black bag waste
 - They are **NOT** for the disposal of dog or cat poo from home
- Herefordshire Council do not and will not empty the dog poo bins as they consider it the legal responsibility of dog owners to ensure the safe disposal of their dog poo
- The bins are serviced by Volunteers from within the village who empty the bins and put the dog poo **in their own black waste bins**
- Despite extensive work, the Parish Council (PC) have so far been unable to find a company that can provide a collection and safe disposal service
- Some of the dog poo bins are filling up faster than they can be emptied and although we ask for owners to take their waste home if a bin is full, some owners continue to force their waste into a bin, hang it on the bin or leave it around the bin for our volunteers to clean up
 - **THIS BEHAVIOUR IS UNACCEPTABLE**, it is disrespectful to our Volunteers to expect them to clean this up as it is not a pleasant job
- When a bin is full can we please ask owners to take their waste home to dispose of. Leaving it at the bin is not only unpleasant for our Volunteers; it is unsightly and potentially hazardous for our Volunteers and others. The bin opposite the shop is a particular problem
 - The PC would be happy to site other bins in the Malvern Oaks estate area and other areas parishioners believe there is a need, but we also need Volunteers to empty and service them
- The existing service is only sustainable as long as it is used sensibly and we have Volunteers to maintain them. Should their current unacceptable use continue and the health and safety of our Volunteers be put at risk, then the PC will have no option but to remove the bins.

Richard James

Clerk