

Requested information:

Residents of Twerton and Whiteway have grown tired of the issue of dog fouling, and are looking for solutions.

Related to this, I was wondering what the dog warden service does in Twerton in Whiteway.

I'm not talking about job descriptions here. I would like to know what actions the dog warden has done over the last two years to tackle dog fouling in the area. Perhaps there's a log of actions taken, or some other written record of actions to tackle dog fouling? How does this compare with other areas of Bath?

Response:

Please see our other response for information relating to successful prosecutions.

Every complaint of dog fouling that comes in to the Council is dealt with as an individual case. However the Warden can only investigate cases if known fouling offender details are provided and the witness(es) are agreeable to providing a statement and attending court if required.

If a good description of the dog and walker who have committed the fouling offence are provided, along with the particular time of day, then the Dog Warden will do specific patrols to try and encounter the offender. Other than that the Dog Warden has to rely on witness statements and a name & address being provided in respect of the offender.

The Dog Warden can spray a water based paint on the faeces in the summer time – this is mainly to highlight the problem to local residents so they may avoid stepping in it until it is removed/cleansed.

In cases where fouling offender details are not known, the case is referred directly to the Council's Cleansing team who will clear up the incident of dog fouling on their scheduled days.