

Public Space Protection Order video transcript

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Public Space Protection Order' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Text on screen: Ian Hoult, Neighbourhood Protection Manager]

[The video interview is a head and shoulders view of Ian Hoult, Neighbourhood Protection Manager. Ian is standing to the right of the picture facing left. He has short styled dark hair and is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, collared shirt and tie. In a green open space behind and to the left of Ian are some picnic tables near a line of deciduous trees going towards the top of the slope where a family are walking.]

[Ian Hoult]

From the 1st of June we're introducing a Public Space Protection Order that responds really to quality of life issues here in County Durham. Our residents have been really supportive with the consultation and we want everybody to be behind this campaign and look to follow our lead.

[Video clip: A river is pictured along the front of the video image. On the other side of the river a man is walking along a path with his dog on a lead in an open green space with trees in the background.]

[Text on screen: Denise Kelly: Campaigns Manager, North of England, Dogs Trust]

[The video interview is a head and shoulders view of Denise who is standing to the left of the picture facing right. She has long blonde hair and is wearing a black outdoor jacket. Open parkland with trees and people walking along a path with their dogs are behind her. A male Mallard duck is sitting on the grass near the path.]

[Denise Kelly]

[As Kelly speaks the following video clips are shown:

Two very young children, in an enclosed play area, swinging back and forth in chair swings.]

A black and white Sheepdog type dog wearing a pink leader harness and laying down barks twice [no sound]. It is waiting with its tongue hanging out beside a slingshot ball toy in an open wooded area.]

We're in full support of the council because not only have they cleaned up the environment for children and we all want to be safe and clean environment but they've also looked after the dog's well-being and keeping the dogs safe. So it's a win win for us.

[Ian Hoult]

[As Ian speaks the following video clips are shown:

A person's forearm with the hand inside a green plastic bag picks up dog faeces from an area of ground with close cut grass.

A person putting a green bag of dog waste into a green lidded small wheelie bin. The bin is enclosed by a fence with the lid showing above. On the fence are two signs which read: 'Dogs must be kept on a lead during the hours of 9am to 6pm daily' and 'Pick up after your dog. It's the law.'

A person walking along the entrance path for Hardwick Park with their dog on a long leader.]

We're introducing a number of offences. Firstly, we're continuing with it to be an offence to allow your dog to foul but without picking it up. It will be an offence for you also to allow your dog to stray. It'll also be an offence to fail to put your dog on a lead when you're asked by an authorised officer and that could be a police officer, or it could be a neighbourhood warden as an example.

[Text on screen: Kendra Milne, Neighbourhood Warden]

[The video interview is a head and shoulders view of Kendra who is standing in the centre of the picture in front of a hedge. Kendra has tied back long blonde hair and is wearing a Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Warden uniform.]

[Kendra Milne]

[As Kendra speaks the following video clips are shown:

Kendra and another man, who is also a Warden, walking along a wide path through a wooded area.

Kendra writing on the top form of a pad of fixed penalty notices.]

If do not comply with the Public Space Protection Order, there will be a fixed penalty given. If the fixed penalty notice isn't paid within the time scale given, they will be taken to court which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000.

[Ian Hoult]

[Ian is being interviewed in front of a fenced in children's play area which has slides and swings. As Ian speaks the following video clips are shown:

A yellow sign on a fence with the Durham County Council logo and black text which reads: 'Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control. No Dogs are allowed into this fenced off play site. [A large 'No dogs allowed' symbol and then in smaller text] Help keep play spaces safe for children and young people. Enforced by a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100. (Reduced to £60 if paid within 10 working days.) The maximum fine is £1000. #FollowOurLead Be a responsible dog owner. www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol '.

An adult lady helps a small child walk on the elevated board walk, within the fenced off play site.]

We're introducing from the 1st of June, a ban from certain play areas that are fenced off. They'll be signposted at each of the sites. The Public Space Protection Order will mean that it'll be an offence to let your dog be in one of these play areas and that'll mean a £100 fine, a fixed penalty notice, that could be issued to you.

[Denise Kelly]

At all our events we get across that the five freedoms which is your Animal Welfare Act, telling people what they're supposed to do if they've got a dog and one of them will be to check on websites to make sure where they can exercise the dog and where they can exercise the dog off a lead.

[Ian Hoult]

[As Ian speaks the following video clips are shown:

A lady has a black and white sheepdog type dog that is wearing a pink harness. The dog is on a lead as she opens the path gate, goes through with the dog and then closes the gate behind her. A sign on the gate reads 'Dog Exercise Area'.

The lady lets the dog off the lead once they are inside the exercise area.

The dog runs and catches a ball and runs towards its owner.]

I'm here at Hardwick Park. We already have a dog exercise area where dogs can enjoy themselves, for the rest of the park they'll need to be on a lead. But it's good that the dogs have time to enjoy themselves free of that lead sometimes. And we are introducing two new dog exercise areas, one at Riverside Park in Chester-le-Street, and the second one on Waldrige Fell.

[Image with a yellow background and black text which reads '#FollowOurLead Be a responsible dog owner. For more information about the Public Space Protection Order for dog control and free Dogs Trust events visit: www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol'. A Durham County Council logo is in the bottom right corner. A group of different breeds of dogs are sitting in a line at the bottom left of the image.]

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