

Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Warwick District Council

Public Spaces Protection Orders 2026-29

Dog Control 2026

Introduction

Public Spaces Protection Orders made under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Warwick District Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, makes the following Orders:

1. Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2026

Offence

- 1.1 If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:
- they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

Exemptions

- 1.2 This Order shall not apply to a person who:
- has a disability and who relies on an assistance dog.
 - has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, and is in charge of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which they rely for assistance.

Interpretation

- 1.3 For the purposes of this Order:
- a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge;
 - a person in charge of a dog who remove dog faeces must ensure that the faeces, whether bagged or unbagged, are either deposited in a suitable waste receptacle or removed from the restricted area for lawful disposal elsewhere;

- being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.

Application

1.4 This Order applies to all land in the Warwick district which is:

- open to the air (which includes land covered but open to the air on at least one side); and
- to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

2. Dogs on Leads by Direction Order 2026

Offence

2.1 A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on land to which this Order applies, they fail to comply with a direction given to them by an Authorised Officer of the Council to put and keep a dog on a lead, unless:

- they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

Conditions for Direction

2.2 An Authorised Officer of the Council may only give a direction under this Order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to:

- prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person; or
- prevent the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

Interpretation

2.3 A person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

Application

2.4 This Order applies to all public land within Warwick district which is open to the air and to which the public have access.

3. Dogs on Leads Order 2026

Offence

3.1 A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, they do not keep the dog on a lead unless:

- they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.

Interpretation

3.2 For the purposes of this Order, a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

Application

3.3 Where only parts of the location/park are subject to this requirement, the extent of the restricted area is shown on the maps in Schedule One (Maps of Restricted Areas).

- Jephson Gardens, Royal Leamington Spa
- Leamington Cemetery
- Milverton Cemetery
- Warwick Cemetery
- Kenilworth Cemetery
- Pageant Gardens
- Victoria Park (Parts of) - see Schedule One
- St Nicholas Park (Parts of) - see Schedule One
- Abbey Fields (Parts of) - see Schedule One
- Victoria Park bowling green spectator area
- All other sports grounds, fields, and pitches not subject to the Dogs Exclusion (Warwick District Council) Order 2026, when in use for authorised sporting purposes.
- Footpaths and pavements adjacent to public highways
- Council owned car parks

4. Dog Exclusion Order 2026

Offence

4.1 A person shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, they take a dog into, or permit a dog to enter or to remain in, any of the areas listed below, unless:

- they have a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their doing so.

Exemptions

4.2 This Order shall not apply to a person who:

- has a disability and who relies on an assistance dog.
- has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, and is in charge of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which they rely for assistance.

Application

4.3 This Order applies to the following areas:

- Any clearly demarcated children's play areas, paddling pools, bowling greens, multi-use game areas, tennis courts, or putting greens, skate parks, crazy golf where signage indicates a dog exclusion zone (whether through text and/or symbols).
- The main racetrack surface at Warwick Racecourse, except when directly crossing the track via designated public access points.
- Mid-Warwickshire (Oakley Wood) Crematorium, excluding the car park when used to access Oakley Wood directly.
- Newbold Comyn – Learn to ride area

4.4 Note: Under the Warwick District Council Act 1984 Section 4(5)(b), Warwick Racecourse has the authority to close public footpaths for the entirety of a race day and up to four days prior. In practice, closures are usually limited to three hours prior to and one hour following race events. Temporary signs will be erected on race days to notify the public.

5. Enforcement and Penalties

A person who is guilty of an offence under any of these Orders shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000), or a Fixed Penalty Notice of a minimum of £100, as determined by the Council.

6. Right of Appeal

Any interested person may challenge the validity of this Order in the High Court within six weeks of it being made, or varied, on the grounds that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or that procedural requirements were not complied with.

7. Duration and Review

These Orders shall come into force on 23 September 2026 and shall remain in force for a period of three years, subject to review and renewal in accordance with statutory requirements.

THE COMMON SEAL of
Warwick District Council
Was hereunto affixed on the 23 September 2026
In the presence of

Authorised Signatory



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