

# Dog Watch Instructions

Thank you for volunteering to help make North West Leicestershire a cleaner and greener place to live. Your support will help to make a positive impact on your local area and will be part of the district-wide initiative - the Green Footprints Challenge.

The challenge aims to change the way we all think and act about the environment to make the district a greener place to live, work and visit — both now and into the future.

The dog fouling you highlight has typically been left by irresponsible dog owners. You can help to give them a message that it is not acceptable to leave dog poo in public areas.

## Your equipment

To help you with your Dog Watch scheme, we have provided you with the following equipment, which you can use to raise awareness of the dog poo issue in your community:

- Hi-vis vest
- Monitoring form
- Stencilling kit
- Signs
- Leaflets
- 'Report It' cards
- Window stickers
- Dog bags

## Guidance

As a Dog Watch volunteer, we would only advise you to monitor areas that are easily accessible.

You can:

- Monitor the dog poo issue on your street
- Report hot spots to our team
- Report people who leave dog poo to our team
- Stencil dog poo that has been left to stop other people stepping in it
- Display signs on your street
- Give leaflets your neighbours and friends
- Display window stickers and ask your neighbours to do the same
- Give 'Report It' cards to your neighbours, so they can report irresponsible dog owners
- Give dog bags to dog owners, to help them clean up after their pets.

## Clearance of the dog poo you report

We will use your reports to monitor the dog poo issue in your area.



## Storing your equipment

Please keep your equipment in a well-ventilated place where it won't spill easily, and:

- Keep spill clean-up kits nearby
- Minimise the amount of product stored
- Thoroughly clean the stencil after each use with the graffiti remover supplied.

## To use your equipment effectively, please:

- Read and follow manufacturers' guidance from the data sheets for both paints and cleaner
- Ensure the appropriate risk assessment has taken place
- Do not allow anyone under the age of 18 years to use the equipment
- When spraying, use the personal protective equipment provided, which includes high visual jacket, disposable coveralls, gloves, facemask and goggles
- Never use the equipment in windy weather as it can affect the direction of the spray
- Discard single-use gloves every time you take them off
- Wash your hands before eating, drinking or using the lavatory
- Keep the products away from children and animals and ignition sources
- If any product comes into contact with your skin, wash it off as soon as possible with warm, soapy water
- Do **NOT** use if you have eczema, breathing difficulties, dermatitis or other skin allergies
- If any adverse reaction occurs when using the products, stop using it immediately
- Make sure the area to be stencilled is on public highway NOT private land
- Make sure the area to be stencilled is dry and flat, and that the paint is dry before you leave the area.

## Disposing of waste

- Dispose of empty cans according to manufacturers' instructions.

## More information

Street Environment Manager - 01530 454600 or email [street.enforcement@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:street.enforcement@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) (equipment replenishment, protocol advice and general enquiries)

[www.nwleics.gov.uk/dogs](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/dogs)

[www.lovwereyoulive.org](http://www.lovwereyoulive.org)

[www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

For health and safety guidance [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)

For general council enquiries please visit [www.nwleics.gov.uk](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk) or email [customer.services@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@nwleicestershire.gov.uk)

## Your agreement

**This protocol has been set up as guidance only.**

**I have read and accepted the above guidance and agree to adhere to the manufacturers' instructions when using the equipment. I agree to replenish the equipment as required.**

<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Print name</b>	
<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Position in organisation (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	