

Summary of Dog Fouling Audit carried out from Friday 23rd October to Tuesday 26th October 2015

Thank you to all responsible dog owners particularly those that not only clear up after their dog but also clear up after others and pick up litter. Many of these dog owners were met and chatted to during this dog fouling audit.

This dog fouling audit was carried out to identify how serious an issue dog fouling is on Troopers Hill and to see if a dog show, held on Sunday 11th October, had an effect, with its responsible dog ownership message.

An audit was carried out before the dog show, from Friday 2nd October to Tuesday 6th October. The results of that audit can be seen on

www.troopers-hill.org.uk/clearUp/15audit01.pdf

The table of results of the audit taken after the dog show can be seen overleaf.

The audit started on Friday with the clearing all dog faeces visible on and beside the paths listed in the table overleaf. 65 piles were picked up, 33 on the Hill and 32 on the Field and in the Woodland. New piles counted on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday over all 3 areas were 28, 36, 15 and 19. Each new pile was circled with a ring of spray paint to highlight the problem and help with counting. A different colour was used on each day of the count.

A particularly bad area was the path behind Malvern Rd, linking Troopers Hill Field and Lamb Hill. The initial clear up found 12 piles with new piles of 5, 9, 4 and 1 on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. There are no anti dog fouling stickers on the kissing gate at each end of this path and posters that were put up during this exercise were torn down. A call has been logged for Bristol City Council dog wardens to ask for anti dog fouling plates or stickers to attach to the kissing gates.

The Hill (the Local Nature Reserve) was the area with the highest count, the Field next and the Woodland the lowest, with counts on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of new fouling amounting to 5, 10, 4 and 3. It should be noted though, that the Hill covers 20 acres and the paths, where the count was carried out, only cover a small fraction of that area.

Overleaf is the table showing the detailed results. Thank you to the volunteer who carried out this exercise, Susan. Many thanks to all the dog walkers who expressed their appreciation of the work that Friends of Troopers Hill are doing.

Section of Path	Fri 23/10 2pm - Troopers Hill cleared of faeces	Saturday 4.45pm count on Troopers Hill, Field and Woods	Sunday 8.30am count on Hill, Field and Woods	Monday 8am count on Hill, Field and Woods	Tuesday 8.30am count on Hill, Field and Woods			Totals ignoring clear up count in first column
Square Chimney to junction with righthand path	5	4	0	0	4			8
On up to Troopers Hill Field entrance	0	4	1	0	5			10
Wheelchair access path to top chimney	3	0	2	0	0			2
Path from Troopers Hill Field entrance to Greendown	4	0	2	0	0			2
Greendown to steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd	13	0	0	3	2			5
Steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd	0	0	4	0	0			4
Top of steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd to square chimney path	6	0	3	1	1			5
Greendown through gully to join square chimney path	1	1	6	1	1			9
Through Sally's Glade, down Little Elizabeth's steps and through the woodland to Lamb Hill	1	0	1	0	2			3
Lamb Hill to Troopers Hill Field	12	5	9	4	1			19
Track, tarmac path, by wall and allotment fence round Troopers Hill Field	20	14	8	6	3			31
DOE Steps (from black bench in Field down into the woodland and through to foot of Little Elizabeth's steps)	0	0	0	0	0			0
Number of full bags found	1	0	1	0	0			1
TOTALS	65	28	36	15	19	0	0	98
Troopers Hill ONLY totals	33	9	19	5	15	0	0	48

Rain until approx 3pm
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