



Summary of Dog Fouling Audit carried out from Friday 2nd October to Tuesday 6th 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, later held on Sunday 11th October, had an effect, with its responsible dog ownership message. A further audit will be carried out during the weekend of 23rd October.

The last time an audit was carried out was in Feb 2014 and details can be seen on www.troopers-hill.org.uk/clearUp/DogFoulingFeb14.htm

The table of this year's results can be seen overleaf.

This year's audit started on Friday and Saturday by clearing all dog faeces visible on and beside the paths listed in the table overleaf. 79 piles were picked up, 18 on the Hill and 61 on the Field and in the Woodland. New piles counted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday over all 3 areas were 22, 27 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 20 piles with new piles of 7, 7 and 1 on 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. Bristol City Council dog wardens will be asked for anti dog fouling plates or stickers to attach to the kissing gates.

The Field was the area with the highest count, the Woodland next and the Hill (the Local Nature Reserve) the lowest with counts on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of new fouling amounting to 6,4,6 and 5. 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 volunteers who carried out this exercise, Susan and Terry. 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 2pm - Troopers Hill cleared of faeces	Saturday - 2pm field and woods cleared of faeces	Saturday 2pm count on Troopers Hill	Sunday 3pm 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 two columns
Square Chimney to junction with righthand path	2		1	1	0	0			2
On up to Troopers Hill Field entrance	5		1	1	1	1			4
Wheelchair access path to top chimney	2		1	1	2	1			5
Path from Troopers Hill Field entrance to Greendown	5		0	0	0	0			0
Greendown to steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd	2		1	1	1	1			4
Steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd	0		0	0	0	1			1
Top of steps that end opposite 115 Troopers Hill Rd to square chimney path	0		0	0	0	0			0
Greendown through gulley to join square chimney path	2		1	1	2	1			5
Through Sally's Glade, down Little Elizabeth's steps and through the woodland to Lamb Hill		5		2	3	0			5
Lamb Hill to Troopers Hill Field		20		7	7	1			15
Track, tarmac path, by wall and allotment fence round Troopers Hill Field		31		7	10	13			30
DOE Steps (from black bench in Field down into the woodland and through to foot of Little Elizabeth's steps)		1		0	0	0			0
Number of full bags found		4	1	1	1	0			3
TOTALS	18	61	6	22	27	19	0	0	74