

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL ORDERS

On 1 October 2013, South Hams District Council (SHDC) will introduce their Dog Control Orders across the District, as empowered by The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

There are five Orders as follows:

- 1. Dog Fouling.** It will be an offence for a person in charge of a dog who fails to remove any dog fouling. This applies on all land open to the air in the District, to which the public have access with or without payment. There is an exception on Forestry Commission land.
- 2. Dogs on Lead.** Dogs will be required to be on a lead across the District in all car parks, near retail premises and in cemeteries and churchyards. Leads will also be required in all fenced, hedged or walled ponds, areas of water or nature reserves, together with all marked sports fields whilst organised sport is in progress.
- 3. Dog Exclusion.** Dogs will be banned from fenced, hedged, walled children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts, skateboard/BMX parks and putting greens. Also dogs will be excluded from sporting or recreational facility pitches when sport is in play.
- 4. Dogs on Lead by Direction.** Any officer authorised by SHDC (including certain external officers) can request a dog owner place their dog on a lead in any open public land, to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person. This also applies to prevent the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.
- 5. Beach Exclusions.** Between 1 May to 30 September, dogs will be banned from the following beaches between 1000-1900 hours; Salcombe South Sands, Hope Cove (Mouthwell Sands), Challaborough, Bigbury (part of), and Bantham (part of). Wembury beach will apply 24 hours a day between 1 May and 30 September annually.

Arrangements are being made to ensure the locations covered by these orders are suitably signed. A £80 Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued to offending dog owners, with an option to summons the person to Magistrates Court.

Full details of these Dog Control Orders can be found on South Hams District Council website.

The SHDC Dog Warden (Tel 01803 861117) and other council officers will be enforcing these orders. Email StreetScene@southhams.gov.uk