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Dear Sir / Madam,

Parish Liaison Meeting – Dog Fouling

I am advised that the issue of dog fouling was raised at the Parish Liaison Meeting on 11 June and a request was made that all town and parish councils be advised as to the number of fixed penalty notices that were issued last year. There were three fixed penalty notices issued last year for dog fouling, two in Norton and one in Malton.

In addition to the fixed penalty notices there are a number of other initiatives the Council are trying to maintain the issue of dog fouling as high profile. The Council have arranged for stenciling of footpaths in areas where dog fouling is a known issue, working with Safer Ryedale on a scheme called 'Doing It Right', whereby responsible owners observed picking up after their dog are put into a draw and can win a prize. We continue to provide signs on lamp posts regarding dog fouling, on the side of some refuse vehicles and have village and poster campaigns. In addition we work with other organizations on a range of dog related issues. For example we have been working with the Dogs Trust recently to arrange venues for free micro-chipping of dogs.

I am arranging some further leaflets on dog fouling which I will circulate to all parish and town councils, when they become available. In the meantime I would urge you to contact Brian Dunn, Dog Warden and Animal Welfare Officer, (ext 208) or E mail: <u>brian.dun@ryedale.gov.uk</u> if you have any issues in relation to dog fouling, wish to run a village campaign etc. Brian can provide advice as to what level of evidence is required for the service of a fixed penalty notice or what other approaches are available for any identified offender.

Yours faithfully

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