



EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Public Spaces Protection Order 2026

Control of Dogs

This Order is made by East Devon District Council ("The Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Section 59 ("the Act") and remains in force for a period of 3 years from the date of the Order.

1. This Order relates to:

- (i) All land which is in the administrative area of the Council and defined by the line edged red on the plan attached to this Order and which is open to the air (which includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment), (" the restricted area"),

And

- (ii) the designated areas described in the Schedule below and defined in each of the plans attached to this Order being public spaces in the Council's administrative area to which the Act applies:
- (iii) Except land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioner under section 39 (1) of the Forestry Act 1967

2. The Council is satisfied that the 2 conditions below have been met, in that:

- (a) Activities carried out in the restricted areas as described below, have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public places and that they will have

such an effect. The said activities being dog fouling, dog(s) off lead, dogs in exclusion areas.

- (b) The effect or the likely effect of the activities described above, is, or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

BY THIS ORDER

3. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements at all times:

In the restricted areas any person who does not comply with the following requirements commits an offence:

Fouling

If within the restricted area a dog defecates at any time on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, and a person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith and properly dispose of it, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless

- (i) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so: or
- (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

Dog(s) on lead on roads and pavements

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time within the restricted area, he does not keep his dog on a lead less than 2m in length whilst on a public road or on a pavement adjacent to a road, unless he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

- (i) Failing to have a lead in his possession at the time shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

- (ii) In this order 'a road' is a 'highway with a right of passage for motor vehicles'.

Dog(s) on lead by direction

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time within the restricted area, he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the council or a Police Officer to put and keep the dog on a lead unless

- (i) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so: or
- (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

An authorised officer or Police Officer may only give a direction under the order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

- (i) Failing to have a lead in his possession at the time shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

No more than 6 dogs

On land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, the maximum number of dogs which a person may take onto the land is 6 unless

- (i) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

Dog(s) on lead Areas

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time on land designated as a Dog on Lead Area detailed in the Schedule below, he does not keep the dog on a lead unless

- (i) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so: or
- (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

- (iii) failing to have a lead in his/her possession at the time shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

Dog Exclusion Areas (except Beaches)

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land designated as a Dog Exclusion Area detailed in the Schedule below unless

- (i) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so: or
 - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
4. The Order will remain in force for a period of 3 years from the date of this Order, unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers.
5. A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale or a fixed penalty notice of £100.

Liability to conviction for the offence may be discharged by the payment of a fixed penalty notice issued by an authorised officer or police officer. The amount of the fixed penalty notice shall be £100 and it shall be payable to East Devon District Council.

Where a fixed penalty notice is issued no proceedings will be taken for the offence before the end of the period of 14 days following the date of the notice. The person served may not be convicted of the offence if the fixed penalty notice is paid before the end of the 14 day period.

An authorised officer means an employee of the Council, or other person who is authorised in writing by the Council, or a Police Officer for the purpose of giving directions or carrying out enforcement under this order

For the purposes of this Order:

- (i) A person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 shall not be guilty of an offence if they are alone with the dog; or

- (ii) A person with a disability affecting their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or move everyday objects or who relies upon a dog trained by any prescribed charity (and is clearly identified) for assistance shall not be guilty of an offence if they are alone with the dog. A 'prescribed charity' including but not limited to:
- Dogs for the Disabled (Registered Charity no. 700454)
 - Support Dogs (Registered Charity no. 1088281)
 - Canine Partners for Independence (Registered Charity no. 803680)
- (iii) Any person in charge of a police dog or fire dog shall not be guilty of an offence. The term 'police dog' or 'fire dog' is deemed to be any dog, which is trained, or is undergoing structured training on behalf of the Chief Police Officer or Chief Fire Officer for the relevant service's dog unit.
- (iv) Working dogs: Any person in charge of working dog(s) shall not be guilty of an offence when they are working. Working dogs includes dogs that are being used in connection with emergency Search & Rescue, Law Enforcement, the work of HM Armed Forces and for agricultural activities (including activities regulated by the Hunting Act 2004).

All reference to the term 'dog' also includes bitches and puppies belonging to that service that are subject to any separate contractual conditions and arrangements.

- (v) Taking the faeces away from the land for proper disposal elsewhere or placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land, either a litter bin or dog waste bin, shall be sufficient removal from the land.
- (vi) Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.

THE SCHEDULE

The following designated areas are Dog exclusion areas and Dog on lead areas (other than on the Seashores and Promenades):

Axminster

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Land at First Avenue (to rear of Millwey Rise shops)	Axminster cemetery
Millwey Rise play park and football field	St Mary's churchyard
Bonnars Glen play area	The Old Court House Gardens (Church Street)
Foxhill play park, field and triangle	Loretto Road/ Cridlake recreation ground
North Street / Willhays play park and field	
Lynch Close play area	
Axe Valley Community College (entire grounds)	
Axminster Community Primary Academy (entire grounds)	
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	
Land at Woodbury Park	
Jubilee Field play park (N)	
Jubilee Field play space (S)	

Axmouth.

Dog exclusion Areas	Dog on lead Areas
Jubilee Playground Chapel Lane	From the junction with B3172 to 'The Old Harbour House'
	Boat yard and car park at Axe Yacht Club, The Harbour

Beer

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Jubilee Memorial Garden play area	Jubilee Memorial Gardens (Sea Hill)
Ash Hill play area	Charlie's Yard
Underleys play park	

Branscombe

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Branscombe play park	Branscombe playing field

Broadclyst

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Holly Close playground, Broadclyst	Holly Close recreation field, Broadclyst
Tennis Court, Broadclyst	Allotments, Broadclyst
BMX Track, Broadclyst	Hillside Gardens Allotments, Westclyst
Redhayes Playground, Tithebarn	Saxon Brook Allotments, Westclyst
Redhayes MUGA, Tithebarn	Pincourt Allotments, Westclyst
South of Stone Barton Road Playground, Tithebarn	Norrish Lane Allotments, Tithebarn
Hutchings Drive Playground, Tithebarn	Minerva Country Park Play Trail, Tithebarn
Playground next to Westclyst School, Westclyst	Skate Park and Playground between Holland Drive and B3181, Westclyst
Holland Drive Playground, Westclyst	
Farley Grove Playground, Westclyst	

Broadhembury

Dog exclusion areas	
Broadhembury Primary School site and playing field	
Broadhembury play park	

Budleigh Salterton

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Greenway Lane play area	Greenway Lane playing field
Lime Kiln skate park	
Lime Kiln play area	
Norman Crescent play area	

Chardstock

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Chardstock play area	Chardstock Community Hall car park

Clyst Honiton

Dog exclusion areas
Play area adj. old church hall

Clyst St Lawrence

Dog exclusion areas
Foretown Estate play area

Clyst St Mary

Dog exclusion areas
Clyst St Mary playground (adjacent to village hall)

Colaton Raleigh

Dog exclusion areas
Play park, Church Road

Colyford.

Dog exclusion areas
Whitwell Lane play park

Colyton

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Peace Memorial playing field	
Road Green playground	
Colyton Picnic site (Hillhead)	

Cranbrook.

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Hayes Square play space	Access path leading to wheeled sports facility (Skatepark) off Tillhouse Road
St Martins play park	Cranbrook Nature Reserve, Great Meadow area south west of river
Ingrams Sports Centre	
Stone Meadow play space	
Crannaford allotments play space	
Northwood Acres play area	

Southbrook Meadow play area	
Platinum Park play area	
Wheeled Sports facility (Skatepark) off Tillhouse Road	

Dunkeswell

Dog exclusion areas
Dunkeswell New Century Park
Dunkeswell sports field, BMX track and allotments
Churchill playground (Old Dunkeswell)

Exmouth

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Carter Avenue play area and MUGA (King George's Field)	The Pavilion Grounds
Children's Play Area -The Maer Exmouth (Maer play trail)	Manor Gardens
Imperial Recreation Ground play area	The Strand
Phear Park skate park and BMX area	Warren View playing fields
Phear Park play park	Truro Drive land surrounding children's play area
Withycombe Raleigh football field	Carter Avenue playing field (King George's Field)
Cheriswood Avenue play area	Food and drink outlet space within Queen's Drive Space, Queen's Drive
Ashfield Close play area (Liverton Copse)	
Brixington Lane play ground	

Ivydale play area	
The Crescent play area (Littleham) and MUGA	
West Down Lane play area (Littleham Village Hall)	
Durham Close play area	
Truro Drive play area	
Keats Close play area	
Brittany Road play area (Lady Byron)	
Byron Way play area	
Betjeman Drive play area	
St Sevan Way/ St Malo playground	
Redgates' play area at Hadrians Way	
Thomas Close play area (Poets Corner)	
Whitman Close play area	
Queen's Drive space play area	
Queen's Drive Event Space, Queen's Drive	

Exton

Dog exclusion areas
Exton play area (opposite The Puffing Billy)
Goosefield

Feniton

Dog exclusion areas
The Signals play area

Coventry Close play area and allotments
Ely Close play area

Honiton

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Upland Chase play area	
Willow Walk play area	
Biddington Way play area	
Heron Road playground	
St Leonard's play area	
Langford Avenue play area	
Jerrard Close play area	
Millers Way play area (Davey playing field)	
Mountbatten playing field	
Allhallows sports pitches (School Lane)	
Allhallows play area (Northcote Lane)	
Allhallows skate park (School Lane)	
Charles Road play area	
Pale Gate Close play area	
Glen Farm play area	
Dove Close play area	
Whitebridges play area (Honiton Bottom Road)	
Cherry Close play area (Old Elm Road)	
Butts Close play area	
St Marks play area	

Woodmans Park (Crosscut Way)	
Brand Lane play area	
Phillips Square play area	

Kilmingington

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Kilmingington play area (Whitford Road)	Kilmingington Playing Field

Luppitt

Dog exclusion areas	
Luppitt sports field	
Millrise play area	

Lympstone

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Candy's field children's play area	Candy's playing field

Membury

Dog exclusion areas
Playing field

Newton Poppleford

Dog exclusion areas
Back Lane play park and playing field

Otterton

Dog exclusion areas
Behind Hayes playground

Ottery St Mary

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Land of Canaan play area	Land of Canaan
Winters Lane play area and MUGA	
Elliot Close MUGA	

Rockbeare

Dog exclusion areas
Rockbeare playing field and play area
Rockbeare Primary School playing field
Rockbeare Village Hall grounds
Grass verges opposite school entrance (Stoneylands)

Seaton

Dog exclusions areas	Dog on lead areas
Cliff Field Gardens	Tower Hill picnic site
Seafeld and Festival Gardens and play area	
Underfleet play area and skate park	
Meadway play area	

Elizabeth Road play park	
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Sidbury

Dog exclusion areas
Furzehill play area

Sidford

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Byes Lane play park (Sidford recreation field)	Sidford playing field (Byes Lane) – pitches 1 and 2
Stowford Rise play area (Andrew Close)	
Bakers Close play area	
Lindemann Close play area	

Sidmouth

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Manstone Lane play area	Coburg Lawns
Manstone Lane skate park	Putting Green and Three Cornered Plot (The Triangle)
Long Park play area (Arcot Road)	Blackmore Gardens
The Ham play area (Rosedale)	Connaught Gardens including the pathways down from Peak Hill to Jacobs Ladder beach
	Glen Goyle (Glen Road)
	Long Park recreation ground
	The Ham recreation ground
	Sidmouth Cemetery, Temple Street

Stoke Canon

Dog exclusion areas
River Close playing field
River Close play area

Uplyme

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
King George V play area and playing field (adjacent to Hall)	King George V playing field footpath

Woodbury

Dog exclusion areas	Dog on lead areas
Woodbury Village Green play area	Woodbury Village Green
Woodbury recreation ground	
Woodbury Cricket field (seasonal ban from 1 May-30 Sept)	

Woodbury Salterton

Dog exclusion areas
New Way/ Stony Lane play area – grassed area only

By resolution of East Devon District Council dated 3rd December 2025

The Common Seal of the

East Devon District Council

Hereunto affixed this 16th day
of March 2026 in the presence of



Anira Williams
Principal Solicitor/~~Strategic Lead – Governance and Licensing/~~
~~Chief Executive~~



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please date and sign