

11th April 2025

The Village Residents
Rosemarket Village

Dear Village Residents

DOG CONTROL MEASURES / DOG FOULING PROBLEMS

The Community Council has recently introduced dog control measures on the Upper Beacon, requiring that (a) dogs are kept on leads on the Upper Beacon, and (b) dogs are kept away from all play equipment on the Upper Beacon. This decision followed the survey of Village residents carried out last summer, which confirmed an overwhelming majority of support for this. The measures are aimed at enabling all users of The Upper Beacon to do so in an enjoyable and controlled way, while leaving The Lower Beacon available for dog owners who wish to exercise their dogs off the lead (measures are in place to install a litter bin on The Lower Beacon to assist dog owners who are affected by this).

It is hoped that all residents will respect these measures as proportionate, reasonable and necessary. However, this has not been universally the case so far, leading some residents to ask what steps they should take if they observe someone disregarding these measures, by either allowing their dogs off the lead on The Upper Beacon, or allowing them on or around play equipment. The Community Council would recommend the following steps in this eventuality :

- 1) Note the date, time, number and types of dog, and name of offender if known;
- 2) Email this information to the community council at rosemarketcommunitycouncil@gmail.com ;
- 3) In the email, please include details of any effect this behaviour has had on you, such as causing alarm or distress, making you feel unsafe, threatened or intimidated, making you feel less likely to visit The Beacon because of fear of a repetition, or because you feel the ambience is being spoiled, etc. These factors can be used to build up an overall picture, and inform any decisions by Pembrokeshire County Council on possible further formal measures directed against individuals who refuse to respect these basic and reasonable measures.

Another ongoing problem throughout the village is inconsiderate dog owners who let their dogs foul in public places without clearing this up. If you observe anyone allowing this, please email the Pembrokeshire County Council enviro-crime team at enviro-crime@pembrokeshire.gov.uk, including dates, times and names of dog

owners. This will enable them to consider action, including issuing of fines to offenders.

It is hoped that by all working together as a community, we can maintain the precious open spaces we enjoy in Rosemarket for the benefit of all. Please be assured that the Community Council will continue working towards this end on behalf of all village residents.

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL